

Ernest A. Hulburd

Correspondence (1958-1972)

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The following pages contain what little correspondence has survived by and/or regarding Ernest A. Hulburd. These letters and notes were written to his great-niece Betty Hulburd-Hine-Alderson who stored and kept them. Most were written by Ernie however some were authored by his wife Alice and by his nurses at The Belles Lodge (nursing home) late in his life. There is nothing earth shattering contained here however the letters reveal most of what little known of his life.

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03/06/58 From Alice - Page 1

Mrs. E. A. Hulburd • 2210 N. 16th Avenue • Phoenix, Arizona

March 6th 1958

Dear Betty

Forgive us for not acknowledging your wonderful Christmas Card and the pictures of your three handsome sons. We do appreciate receiving them and thank you so much.

Its a gorgeous photograph of your home with a winter setting. And I am sure you are very proud of the painting. What a talented friend and neighbor you have. The style of your house is very much the same as many of the new homes in Phoenix and throughout Arizona. Ernie and I had talked of a ranch home (just talked) but decided all the good looking ones were entirely too large for two people and the problem of finding someone to help with the work. There just aren't any folks around here willing to do domestic work and the ones who will are not worth hiring. Oh Well, the smaller the house, the less work and less of a problem. There are so many thieves and robberies here, especially if you leave on vacations that when one comes home from a trip, they are never sure just what they will find left in the house. Two years ago, when we were away at Christmas two teenage boys jimmed one of our windows and got in and took quite a few things. They both came from good families and lived in the neighborhood. We have learned our lesson and now when we leave for two or three weeks, we store our TV Set. We have a 21" Colored set and would hate to have some one carry it away. Its done every day in this town.

Well, to get back to the other Hulburd Family. It must be exciting to have three active boys around the house and how happy you must be. Something exciting every minute. Its strange to hear you talk of Maine. You always seem so close and yet Maine sounds so far away. We have been in most of the states, except the North East. They always sound so cold but it must be wonderful country. We haven't been East since '39 when we visited the New York Fair. It would be a real delight to see your family and also Harriet's but outside of seeing you all, we just haven't any desire to go East. The West to us is all so wonderful and we are never tired of it. We are so close to California and

our own state has many beautiful things to see and enjoy. We have been all through our State many times but always marvel at the ~~gorgeous~~ (maybe I should have stayed with a pen) gorgeous scenery and places to visit. Even Mamie Eisenhower has discovered our State. They will probably make her beautiful.

We had a wonderful Christmas Holiday. Being with my sister was a treat for all of us and then getting once again in the North and snow country was something for us coming from a Southern climate. We had just enough snow to get a thrill out of it and yet not too unpleasant. We didn't drive, but too a train as we both enjoy trains. We were glad we didn't attempt to fly as the weather was so bad all the planes were grounded and we couldn't get a plane out for Green Bay.

Write about this ↓

I had almost forgotten until Ernie reminded me. When we were in Yosemite last July, your Dad's Aunt Lula died. You will remember, she used to live in Moberly and had moved to Trenton when your Dad passed away. She was really Ernie's and Henry's Aunt but Earl thought a lot of her. Remember we discussed whether we should tell of your Dad's death to her and decided not to. Well after the funeral, some one told her and her daughter wrote us asking why they were not notified. She was a lovely old lady and we always marveled at her sweet disposition and her interest in life. She was quite old. I believe in her late eighties. We felt badly about not being where they could get in touch with us as we certainly would have attended the funeral. Also, my sister in Kansas City passed away about the same time and we were not notified until our return. Of course we would not have been able to get back from Yosemite to Kansas City for the funeral as we were driving. She was badly crippled with Arthritis and it affected her heart.

We love hearing from you, Betty and would love to have a visit with you.

Much love from both of us

Alice

Mrs. E. A. Hulburd

2210 N. 16TH AVENUE

The last day of '59

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Dear Betty

We were happy to receive your nice letter and the Dec. Calendar of the Christmas House. We loved it and it gave added pleasure as we have a good friend, a school teacher who asked to have it after we had finished and she took it down to her class, youngsters in the Fourth Grade and they too got a lot of thrills from it.

We also thought your Christmas card rather clever. The card makers seem to think of everything and what could be more appropriate for a ski loving family. Its wonderful that you all agree about the sport and are sure you all enjoy your winters.

With us, its different. I love winter sports, but my skin is so thin and tender, it just doesn't take to winter sports. We have for a number of years spent the Holidays in Northern Wisconsin but its a sort of hardship going from a 75 degree temperature to 14 below. I came back last year with snow burns on my face and legs. Ernie ruled the trip out this year and after looking at the records, we found we haven't spent a Christmas at home since '51. When we didn't make the trip to Wisconsin, we went over to the Rose Bowl for New Years and also had the great pleasure of seeing the Tournament (a) of Roses with all the gorgeous floats made entirely of flowers. This year, we intend staying home and viewing the Tournament of Roses on TV. We have a color TV set and it will be like seeing it again in person - well almost.

We have had quite a rainy spell. Rained hard the day before Christmas, all night and all day Christmas. Looks like we are going to have some of the same for New Years the way it has started.

Its grand that you and Harriet live close enough to spend

all the Holidays together. I imagine your boys adore her children. We are not so fortunate as poor Ernie has noone and my two sisters are too many miles away to make it possible to visit frequently.

We both wish you and yours much Happiness in the new year.

Love from both

Aunt Alice

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Mrs. E. A. Hulburd

2210 N. 16TH AVENUE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Sunday - June 5

1960

Dear Betty

I am sending this letter to St. Louis as we were late in receiving it and we didn't know just when you were leaving your home.

You are a wonderful girl, so thoughtful and so willing to take over some one elses responsibilities. Alice and I knew we should make a trip to Moberly. We had finally decided to start our vacation by going there first and then onto Northern Wisconsin after we had taken care of the problems in Moberly.

We had intended making the trip to Moberly for Memorial Day, but figured they had had so much rain, it would have been impossible to do all the work that would be necessary.

I don't imagine much could be done in the two days you planned on being there and anyway, why should you be called upon to spend your time there. You are sweet.

The latter part of June or the first part of July, we will go to Moberly as we had planned. There is the Plot where Nan, Henry and your Dad are buried. We will get in touch with the Sexton, I believe his name is Hall. Have "Perpetual Care" arranged for for this plot. Then there is the Lot where my Mother and several Uncles are buried, also several of your Dad's sisters, probably you never heard about. This I intend to have receive the same care.

Aunt Lulu and her husband are buried in the same cemetery. We will also find out about their graves and what care they need. Aunt Lulu has a daughter living in Trenton, Mo.

We will get in touch with her and maybe she can make the trip to Moberly while we are there. We will probably be there a week at least as we would stay until all the

(over)

work is completed. When it is all completed, we will take snap shots and send them to you.

It was wonderful of you to want to do this, but it surely is not your responsibility.

We know you will get a big thrill from your 25th Reunion with your former classmates. Your family will miss you while you are gone, but will love you all the more when you return.

Much love from both of us.

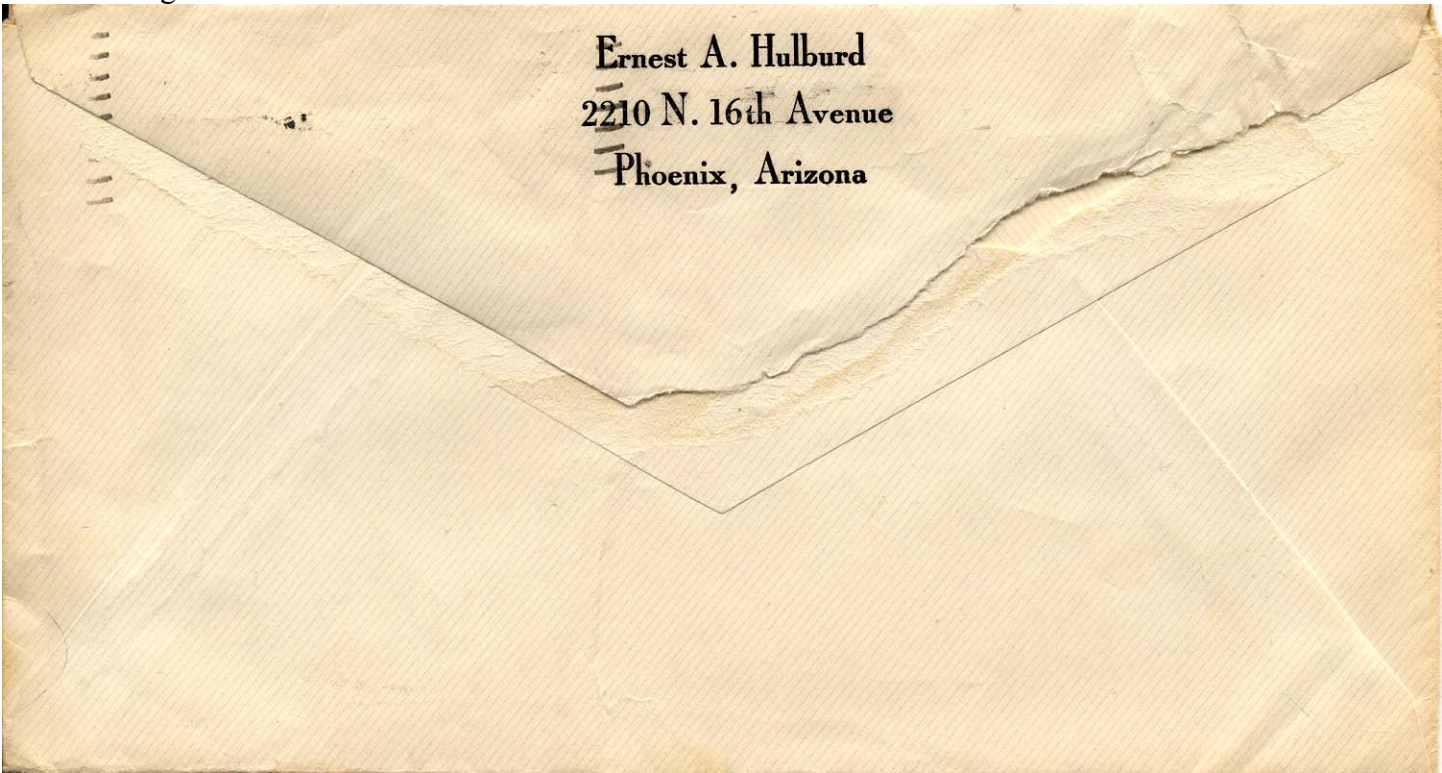
Uncle Ernie



Mrs. Kirt Hine
c/o Mrs. Stanley Hampton
93 Lake Forest
St. Louis, 17 - Missouri

Please Hold

8/17/60
over. + added
for family history



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2210 N. 16th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

09/10/62 From Alice - Page 1

Mrs. E. A. Hulburd
 2210 N. 16th Avenue
 Phoenix, Arizona

September Tenth.

1962

Dear Betty

We have been away. My Sister, living in Gree n Bay Wis. died of a heart attack and it fell to us to take over and do all the things necessary in a time like this. We still haven't completed everything but expect to get her affairs straightened out soon.

I know yours was a hard letter to write. It came as a shock to us as we always visioned the Hine Family as Perfectionists when it came to being truly happs. Just how do those things happen, but we, see it happen so often and when one least expects it. How can a man leave a fine wife and three wonderful boys? I always thought of Kirt as being level headed and will he be sorry after a while? It all remains to be seen. How can a man expect his sons to have any respect and love for him? Maybe this is not important to him - just at this time - but he has gotten what he wanted regardless of how much misery he brings on others.

I know you have too much pride and spunk to let it spoil your life. You have your boys and I am sure you will always have them to turn to and love.

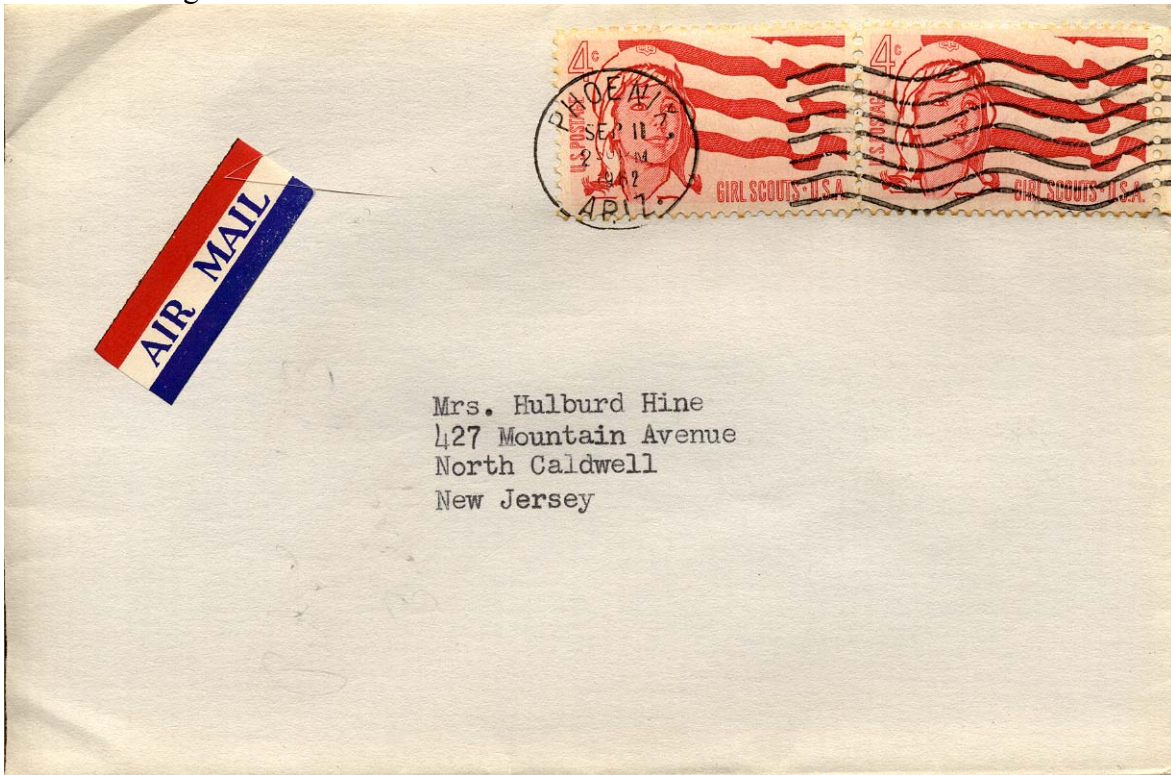
There isn't much I can say. I offer no words of advice. We both are truly sorry this had to happen but happen it did and there is no one that can work out other peoples problems. I am sure you are big enough in spirit and strength to carry on and as you say, "with your head up".

We will be glad to hear from you whenever you are in the mood to drop us a line.

Love from both of us

Aunt Alice

09/10/62 From Alice – Page 2



Mrs. Hulburd Hine
427 Mountain Avenue
North Caldwell
New Jersey

09/10/62 From Alice – Page 3





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September 27, 1965

Dear Betty,

This is a most difficult letter to dictate as my bursitis will not let me write or scribble. You will know it is an awful ordeal.

In the latter part of June I suffered a terrific accident by falling, caused by the weakened condition of 'flu recovery' and broke my back and it was a complete fracture. Fortunately we have excellent bone specialists here and very complete treatment facilities so I did not have to shuffle off to Mayo's in Rochester, Minn. After nearly three months strapped in bed I was permitted to take a few steps with help of cane or nurse. I guess I am a tough guy as I am now surprising my several specialists by my (what they call) a good recovery.

When in bed and could hardly move "dear Alice" suddenly passed away (a bowel block). I tried to locate you in St. Louis with your address and phone number but the phone company and my friends did not have any success so you now know the reason for me getting so delayed in advising.

The Bells Lodge meets my every treatment and nursing needs so am happy in the thought that God is really helping me along the road to almost a complete recovery.

Please do not worry a bit as my financial and business affairs are in perfect and excellent condition and I can not want for the least care or item.

Now it comes to me as to all men. My lawyer prods me and says I should give my "Will" attention right now. My attorney is Wayne Legg Of Phoenix and Mesa, Arizona. His law partner is John Rhodes, our congressman from Arizona. He will write you as I have nobody else to write to as I do not know where your sister Harriet is at present. Atty. Legg will want certain data as to you and sister Harriet. I imagine he will only want correct present legal name and address. Be sure your sister Harriet gives you the data he wants promptly because I want her as a beneficiary also. I have no other living close relatives that I know of.



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Data as to records and location herewith. The Hulburd Crypt #310 is in a section described as "The Garden of the Lillies" in the Mausoleum. Crypt #310 contains Alice Lillian Hulburd's casket and #310 also contains casket of Ernest Albert Hulburd. Alice made the selection of Crypt #310 about four years ago when she had a choice in the new mausoleum being built. The "Will" is filed with the Valley National Bank & Trust Co. Please remember 'well' that everything has been paid for in full as A. L. Moore Mortuary have complete records and the State of Arizona supervises such transactions and contracts very strictly and all expense money is in the bank. Alice even arranged for professional pallbearers.

Alice's dear friend Mrs. Toothaker has typed this for me. Bursitis, stiff fingers and hands (me no write) see!

May God love you both, dear nieces.

UNCLE ERNIE

P. S. Since this letter was dictated and written, Atty. Legg's secretary has advised me they have been informed by you, Betty, as to data they wanted in reference to your and Harriet's complete name and present address so I am merely adding this note to the letter as I want the letter and this P.S. note to bring you up-to-date.

Forgive me for being a moocher but do not forget that linen (name HULBURD) calendar for 1966 of the kind you usually send me. I think it is simply wonderful.

With much love,

ERNIE



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October 14, 1965

Dear Betty,

I pray that this letter will not appear to be an imposition on your kindness.

Last December when we received that beautiful 1965 calendar from you, Alice and me too admired the artistic and practical value of it, so that she asked me to make a note in my memory book for this early part of December to request some information from you as to the details back of this issue and design. Is it promoted by some church or charity or just put out by some calendar maker?

Either way it would be a great favor if you would advise me how to get in line so an order may be placed by me for six or maybe a dozen copies. Alice thought it would be a splendid idea (borrowed from you) and a rather unique way to remember us to some of our friends during Holiday times and the beginning of a New Year. So Betty, when you have a little spare time, please ascertain how I may have such an order carefully placed. Advise as to order blanks, addresses, Air Mail postage, if possible, as air mail projects more in the December rush and stickers to show clearly who sent the same.

Now, one very and most important matter is to have the big "RED LETTERS" painted in the middle of the front showing name of person receiving. This idea knocked everybody here bow-legged. The expense for it all to last detail does not matter. Just name the amount and a check will be promptly forthcoming. Doing this for me (and Alice) will be a grand favor and kindness.

Regards and love,

UNCLE ERNIE

P. S. My bursitis and injured back prevails so this is dictated by Ernie and typed by Alice's and my dear friend Mrs. Toothaker.



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ZIP # 85015

" POST SCRIPT " TO ATTACHED LETTER.

MRS. TOOTHAKER JUST HANDED ME THE ATTACHED LETTER WHILE A GOOD FRIEND WAS VISITING ME. THIS FRIEND A MR. JOSEPH HAS BEEN THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE A LONG TIME. I ASKED HIM TO READ MY LETTER AND ADVISE ME ABOUT THE PART AS TO MAILING THE CALENDARS. HE DID NOT LIKE MY IDEA AND STRONGLY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.-----

WHEN CALENDARS ARE ALL READY FOR SHIPMENT, HAVE THE CALENDARS MAKERS WRAP ALL THE CALENDARS IN BULK PACKAGE STRONGLY WRAPPED AND MAIL SUCH PACKAGE TO ME HERE AT BELLS LODGE. BE SURE TO HAVE IT SENT BY " PARCEL POST " WITH A " SPECIAL HANDLING U.S. POSTAGE STAMP " THERE ON. HE SAYS IT WILL COME THROUGH PROMPTLY AND SAFELY.

HE POINTS OUT THAT WHEN I RECEIVE THEM, I CAN HAND THEM TO FRIENDS WHEN THEY CALL. THE FRIENDS THAT ARE FAR AWAY OR A WAY OUT HERE CAN BE SERVED BY OUR VERY EXCELLENT " MESSENGER SERVICE ". THIS MESSENGER SERVICE COMPANY DELIVERS MESSAGES, PARCELS AND PACKAGES AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS VERY PROMPTLY AND SAFELY IN GOOD CONDITION.

I LIKE THIS PLAN VERY MUCH AND AM SURE YOU WILL APPROVE AND CALENDAR MAKER WILL BE HAPPY AND WILL LIKE IT MUCH BETTER THAN HIM TAKING THE TROUBLE OF ADDRESSING AND MAILING THE CALENDARS SEPARATELY.

WHILE MRS. TOOTHAKER WAS HERE AND MR. JOSEPH WAS PRESENT SHE PICKED UP MY TYPEWRITER FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET AND BATTED OUT THIS " POST SCRIPT. I DICTATED AS SHE WROTE ON THE MACHINE. ALICE'S LOYAL FRIENDS ARE SURE LOYAL HELPERS.

" THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER BETTY DEAR AS WE ARE TRYING TO FOLLOW OUT AN IDEA ALICE SUGGESTED LAST DECEMBER AND SHE SAID AT THE TIME SHE WAS BORROWING THE IDEA FROM BETTY. "

IT LOOKS LIKE I AM POST CRIP T HAPPY WITH MY LAST LETTERS TO YOU. HAVE RECEIVED BETTYS HAND WRITTEN GREEN INK LETTER AND IT MAKES OLD, OLD BATTERED UNCLE ERNIE FEEL GOOD AND HAPPY. REGARDS AND MUCH LOVE,

UNCLE ERNIE

DEAR BETTY:

WHEN I FINISHED TYPING THE ABOVE , UNCLE ERNIE ASKED ME TO ADD THESE LINES AND QUESTION. " HAS SISTER HARRIET ANY CHILDREN??? " HE THOUGHT SHE HAD A BABY DAUGHTER BUT IS NOT SURE.

" TOOTHIE " *Toothie*

AUNTIE ALICE AND UNCLE ERNIE ALWAYS CALLED ME " " TOOTHIE " " SO I WILL SIGN THAT WAY.

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NOVEMBER 10 1965

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DEAR BETTY:

YOUR PRETTY GREEN INK LETTER OF NOVEMBER 8th RECEIVED THIS MORNING. YOU CERTAINLY SENT ME COMPLETE DATA AS TO THE CALENDAR MATTER. OUR GOOD FRIEND TOOTHIE JUST CAME IN AND YANKED MY TYPE WRITTER OUT OF MY DRESSING ROOM AND TOLD ME TO START TO DICTATE. SO HERE WE ARE. I CAN NOT WRITE YET BUT MY BACK AFTER 4½ MONTHS INTENSIVE TREATMENT BY TWO ABLE SOECIALISTS AND MASSUER (A MAN) HAS ABOUT REACHED NORMAL. NOW I AM IN FOR SOME STRENUOUS INJECTIONS AND POWERFUL MEDICINE AND MY " DOCS " TELL ME THEY WILL HAVE MY HANDS AND ARMS ABOUT NORMAL IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AND I WILL BE IN "BUSINESS" IN ABOUT A NORMAL WAY. ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND ORDER BLANK AND LIST OF TYPE WRITTEN NAMES TO BE PLACED ON CALENDARS. CAN NOT SIGN CHECKS SO WILL SEND \$21.00 IN CURRENCY BY REGISTERED AIR MAIL, FOR 14 CALENDARS AT \$1.50 EACH WITH MY FRIENDS FAMILY NAME ON THE LINEN 1966 CALENDAR FOR TOWEL # X. P. 593-7 AT A \$1.50 EACH BY MILES KIMBALL. BETTY PLEASE ADVISE ME OF ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AS I NOTE THAT SOME CATALOGUES ASK FOR POSTAGE EZTRA. HAVE THEM MAIL THEM IN BULK WITH " SPECIAL HANDLING U. S.. POSTAGE STAMP" THEREON TO ME HERE AT BELLS LODGE. AM SENDING THIS TO YOU SO YOU MAY CHECK IT ALL OVER SO AS TO BE SURE IT IS PROPERLY PREPARED, AND THEN FORWARD TO MILES KIMBALL COMPANY 41 WEST 8th AVENUE, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN.

THANKS BETTY SO MUCH, LOVINGLY,

UNCLE ERNIE



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LIKELY WRITTEN
FALL, 1965

**** A KING SIZED POST SCRIPT ****

BETTY AT THIS MOMENT I AM RECEIVING A SPECIAL BACK TREATMENT FROM A SWEDISH MASSUER AND PHYSIO-THEROPIST (A MAN AND NOT A GOOD LOOK-ING GAL) AND MY AND ALICE'S LOYAL FRIEND " TOOTHIE " JUST CAME IN TO RETURN SOME LETTERS SHE HAD TYPED FOR ME. ONE WAS TO MY DEAR BETTY. TOOTUIE GRABBED MY TYPEWRITER FROM THE DRESSING ROOM AND EXCLAIMED (WHATS TO DICTATE BIG BOY) SO I SAID BEING RELAXED THAT MAYBE I COULD UTTER A FEW LINES. HERE GOES--THE PICTURES OF TWO OF YOUR SONS (GREG AND HANK) CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED BY ME AND I CAN NOT DETECT ANY " COWLICKS) ". OUR DEAR HENNIE AND I WAS TOLD BY OUR DEAR MOTHER THAT SOME OF THE MEN OF OUR ANCESTERS HAD TWO OR DOUBLE COWLICKS WELL FORMED AND PERFECT. SHE SO COMMENTED AS OUR DEAR EARL YOUR DAD SPORDED TWO WELL FORMED AND PERFECT COWLICKS. THEY WERE AT THE HAIR LINE JUST WHERE IT MEEETS THE FOREHEAD. ONE EXACTLY OVER THE LEFT EYE AND THE OTHER EXACTLY OVER THE RIGHT EYE. WHEN HIS HAIR WAS THICK AND IN FULL BLOOM AND HAD NOT THINNED OUT IT WAS QUITE SOME HAIR SUITE ADORNMENT. I WAS KIND OF JEALOUS AS THE GOODLOOKING GIRLS LIKED VERY MUCH TO RUN THEIR FINGERS THROUGH HIS HAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF TED, GREG OR HANK DO HAVE SUCH AS THEIR GRANDFATHER. AT THIS POINT IT COMES TO MIND THAT ALICE AND I WERE VERY FOND OF GRANDFATER & GRANDMOTHER COUDY AS WELL AS YOUR CHARMING MOTHER, HAZEL. THEY AWAY BACK THERE VISITED US MUCH AS THEY CAME TO CHICAGO QUITE OFTEN AND WE ALL HAD MUCH FUN AT THE EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL. WE LIVED VERY CLOSE BY AND ENJOYED THE HOTEL ELEGANT BEACH, SWIMMING, DANCING AND WAYNE KINGS WONDERFUL MUSIC AND PALATE TEASING DELICIOUS DINNERS. ALICE LOVED YOUR MOM HAZEL AS SHE WAS QUITE SOME LOVELY PERSON. IT LOOKS LIKE I AM POST SCRIPT HAPPY SO WILL BLAME GOOD TOOTHIE AND QUIT NOW.

MUCH LOVE TO A DANDY NIECE,
A SHELTERED CARE NURSING HOME
UNCLEE RNIE.

Uncle Ernie

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NOVEMBER 13th 1965

DEAR BETTY:

THIS A THANK YOU NOTE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE
YOUR MENTIONING THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNAL ARTICLE ABOUT
" GOOD OLD ST. LOUIS." IT IS NOT FOR SALE HERE IN THE
FAR WEST ON NEWSTANDS OR AT BOOK STORES. I SENT SCOUTS OUT
TO LOCATE SOME ONE WHO SUBSCRIBED TO THE GEOGRAPHIC. THEY
WERE ABLE TO BORROW A NOVEMBER ISSUE FROM A FRIEND SUBSCRIBER.
BETTY DEAR, I ENJOYED READING IT SO MUCH " THANKS AGAIN ".
I SPENT MY HAPPY BOY -HOOD DAYS IN THAT GRAND OLD CITY AND
LOVE IT " OODLES "

THIS IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU AND YOU ALONE TO GIVE " PERSONAL,
CONFIDENTIAL AND VERY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO.**** I WILL MAIL TO
YOU IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO , A COPY OF MY WILL AS I WANT
YOU AND YOU ALONE TO HAVE SAID WILL CLEARLY IN YOUR
MIND AND MEMORY AS IT WILL ENABLE YOU (AND ONLY YOU) TO
PLAN AND STUDY THE MAPPING OF YOUR FUTURE. NO COPYING
AND YOUR EYES ALONE. RETURN WILL AS MY ATTORNEY WAYNE LEGG
DESIRES TO FILE WITH THE "TRUST DEPARTMENT OF VALLEY NATIONAL
BANK HERE IN PHOENIX, AT ONCE.

THANKS DEAR NIECE AND MUCH LOVE,

UNCLE ERNIE
ERNEST A. HULBURD

(BY TOOTHIE)

ERNEST A. HULBURD
THE BELLS LODGE
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A SHELTERED CARE NURSING HOME

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November 15, 1965

Dear Betty,

Most men do not let even their loved ones know what their wills provide before they pass on but I am not a slave to custom. You know I love you very much and have great confidence in your good judgment and level headedness and have your feet on the ground and that I cannot say for everyone.

Please treat this letter as strictly very confidential and very personal. Do not leave it laying around where others can read it as it is our secret only.

Enclosed is a copy of the will for you to remember and keep in your mind only. Do not make a copy or a photostat of it but return it to me right away. When I pass on you will have a nice substantial reserve.

NOW -- Take a little to help your 'Boy' get a medical education and become a Doctor of Medicine. It was my ambition to become a doctor but when in high school, I had to quit and go to work to bolster the family income. Hard times came upon our country and believe me things were rough, but it helped me learn a lot that was helpful to me in my future and in the formative part of my business life. Help your son through medical college but don't do it all, give him a chance to earn a little money vacation times and appreciate what a dollar is worth.

Now, another suggestion. Do not let any relative or so called good friend tell you how they can invest your money and double or triple it. You usually lose your friend and money.

Do not forget to return this copy of my will as I will file it with The Valley National Bank (Trust Department) for attention at the proper time.

May God Love you,

UNCLE ERNIE

P. S. Dictated to and written by my good friend, Mrs. Toothaker as my bursitis prevents me from writing.

A SHELTERED CARE NURSING HOME

ERNEST A. HULBURD
THE BELLS LODGE
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DEAR BETTY, PHOENIX ARIZONA DEC II I
I 965
AM VERY BUSY RIGHT NOW SO THERE WILL BE SOME DELAY IN WRITTING
A LETTER. 14 DANDY BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS ARRIVED DECEMBER
7th IN PERFECT CONDITION AND IN VERY VERY GOOD LOOKING
TUBE CONTAINERS. THEY ARE WRAPPED SO NICELY I AM GOING
TO SEND THEM BY AIR MAIL SO THEY WILL NOT BE SIDE-
TRACKED IN THE OVERLOADED TRAIN MAIL.
MILES KIMBALL SENT SOME NICE CATALOGUES IN BOX WITH THE
CALENDARS AND I NOTICED TWO ARTICLES THAT SUITED ME.
ME JUST FINE FOR TWO OF MY FRIENDS AND SENT A REQUEST
FOR SAME, BYE, BYE BETTY DEAR AND TAKE CARE.
UNCLE ERNIE

TO MY DEAR NIECE BETTY AND THE BOYS. ✓
H I K I D S
ENCLOSED IS ONE OF UNCLE SAMS TICKETS FOR A
CHRISTMAS TREAT ON UNCLE ERNIE. MAYBE COCKTAILS
FOR MOTHER BETTY AND WHAT SHE THINKS WOULD BE
GOOD FOR THE BOYS.
MAY GOD BLESS AND LOVE YOU ALL,
E R N I E.

12/20/65



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December 20, 1965

Dear Betty:

Hi Kid! Fourteen nice 1966 calendars arrived the other day in perfect condition in pretty tube containers with names thereon. THANKS!

Several years ago and recently you inquired as to family data. I have been prodding and racking the old hazy memory and at the opportune time will send an epistle giving you bits of what was told Hennie and me in the long, long ago by grandmother Rachel Lukins and our dear mother Jane Lukins Hulburd.

Your long and welcomed letter of December 4th arrived and enjoyed learning about your boy family of three good fellows. Sorry about Harriet, John and family. It could be that this hard and rough experience will serve to season them and be most helpful so that when Harriet comes into a fortune she will be able and thoroughly in command and shrewd enough to handle every detail and avoid being a spendthrift or being swindled.

Pardon me if I seem to "Harp" on such a subject but I am only trying to help two little girls that I love very much. You and Harriet are well remembered by Uncle Ernie before you reached teen-age period. I am now pushing 84 years and have been seared by the fires of experience and am trying to be on guard so my dear nieces will be able to paddle their canoes in "ship-shape manner."

A broken back nearly healed with no serious or lingering conditions. It cost a small fortune and two top bone specialists to make a cure and prevent me being paralyzed as the spinal cord was involved. The doctors now are using more powerful and intensive treatment on the bursitis now that the broken back is about subdued. God was good to me in that I could go the limit to win the battle.

Must close now as I have to work a little bit each day to prepare Christmas cards that Alice admonished me to send our friends if she was not here.

Lovingly & Sincerely,

UNCLE ERNIE

Uncle Ernie

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MRS BETTY HULBURD HINE AND SONS

1112 TERRACE DR STL

DEAR NIECE AND YOUR THREE WONDERFUL BOYS: MORE THAN EVER YOU

ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AT THIS TIME. MERRY CHRISTMAS. LOVE

UNCLE ERNIE

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January 7, 1966

Mrs. Betty Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Dear Betty:

Well, Christmas, New Years and the Holidays are really over so we must chart our course for the year they number as 1966. Old 1965, as I look back was a real bitter year for me to take in several ways, however, as I meditate I try to be strong enough to be mindful that it is God's will and all men must have their grief as well as joys.

I thought I was keen when I tried to send you all a singing telegram but Western Union informed me that singing telegrams had been discontinued so that's why you got a Christmas night letter on special decorated paper.

Now Betty, you scamp, you trumped me with a surprising and (cheer me up long distance call) which I cherished very much. Thanks for the attractive Christmas stocking. Everybody admired it, especially my visiting friends as it had prominent space with very good drapes as a background.

The dandy name calendar as always, attracted very much attention and I thank you very much. The 14 name calendars which you helped me get made a great hit with our friends, especially as they learned Alice had requested me to be sure to note in my memory book so as to get busy in November 1965 and get your advice so I could send them to our friends that she put on a list. Some very smart gal was she.

Betty dear, you sent the "Mobiles" (a Star and 5 Gabriuls tooting horns hanging on strings) which looked very pretty hanging down from the center ceiling of my large room. The boys, three Window Vues, Ted Angel (pair), Greg Tree (pair), and Hank Star (flower) were expertly hung at large window so the sunlight made the colored glass very pretty. Caused much comment. Did not open presents until Christmas Night when some of our good friends came and we had a very nice dinner and a very modern tree in the big lounge. The tree revolved like a merry go round, colored lights of all rainbow colors flashing every few seconds. Music and a happy crowd and of all things Santa Claus came and cheered the adults as well as the kiddies.

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Mrs. Betty Hulburd Hine
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A New York couple that were our friends for many years had just heard about Alice and learned where I was so as they were flying to California stopped off here and spent New Years Day with me, then continued their flight to California. Real friends I would say.

Lots of rain here for desert country, 9 days all most steady, blew in from Pacific Ocean. Rivers on rampage, lots of floods, but did not bother our part of Phoenix.

Thanks dear Betty. Love to your own good self and your 3 fine boys,

Uncle Ernie

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February 11, 1966

Mrs. Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Dear Betty;

Your Uncle Ernie is a little bothered as after doing some thinking it seemed to me that my long distance call to you might give you some idea that I did not want to write letters to you. Now Honey, that is not what I had in Mind. It seemed to me, there I was that afternoon having the good fortune of making a fine and wonderful recovery and having a splendid time with two grand people at the club and you had that important and demanding duty of managing your home and guiding three fine sons through the formative time in their lives. Your letter and copies to the boys indicates you are doing an excellent managerial chore. Please know that I want to be helpful anddd not want you to be burdened with the really working overtime extra many minutes to write to me.

I love your letter and always have time to write to you but fret about the extra time you must put in for me. So thought might really enjoy talking to each other. Please know that really when I tell you about the Club, I am not bragging, I am breaking a strict regulation, as we are not supposed to talk about it. But I feel you should know, so you will realize that long distance talks and expense reversed mean nothing.

The Club requires that the few that apply for membership in this club must show that their quick assets and resources are at least \$500,000.00. This gives me an advantage of grand and powerful loyal friends which helped me to much success. Betty this letter is only for your eyes.

Say young lady, what do you mean for me to get out my reading glasses? Your Uncle is 84 years old and can read a newspaper with out glasses and my eye specil-ist advises me to protect my eye sight and use protective glasses when I read. I will spank you if you scold me to use reading glasses. Not bragging little lady, but I have all my natural teeth as well as my wisdom teeth. Why I served ou r beloved country in Uncle Sams Army long, long ago, and I am thankful as it made me a rough, tough powerful man.

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I love you much oh so much when you say you love the name Rachel. Everybody did as she was a real Queen. Now girlie we had another fine person and her name was Hannah. She was our beloved Sister of Hennie and me. Everybody loved her. Hennie, your Grand Father and I as well as, now your Grandmother, often said when you were a sweet little gal that we could see your GrandAuntie Hannah in your mannerisms. God love you.

Honey, I am a bit ashamed of my self as am sure now I did not tell you and your three fine sons how much I appreciated your "Handsome and Artistic Christmas Card" and your very special information and delightfully arranged "Holiday Letter".

Thanks so very much, but I loved it so much it was placed in "a stratigic and easy to look at place" in the room where all could see and admire it. Some how became so used to it my manners were overlooked. I know you will pardon your Old Uncle.

God Love Dear Betty and Her family,
Sincerely,

UNCLE ERNIE
Uncle Ernie
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4 July 1966.

My Dearest Betty,

Received your most welcome letter the other day.

I am delighted with the prospect of your visit; anytime that is convenient for you will fit perfectly into my schedule.

Five or ten days would please me far more than four or five hours. I have consulted with my very fine nurses and they advise me that my niece Betty would be very welcome to come and visit for as long as she wishes.



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I would count it a personal favour to me if you would advise me of all the expenses incurred on the trip, so that I might meet them for you when you return home.

Enclosing a couple of pictures taken a few weeks ago please observe I am in excellent condition to receive such a lovely visitor.

Speaking of mountain climbing your uncle Ernie is not an amateur, as I feel one of my greatest achievements was climbing Pikes Peak (14,200 ft) and returning

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The same day.

Don't forget you will be
more than welcome

Much love to you dear Betty
and your fine sons.

UNCLE ERNIE

P.S. This letter was written by
Bergie one of my very efficient
nurses as my tonsillitis still bothers
me.



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30 July 1966

Dear Betty,

We were so delighted with
your visit.

Received your post card this a.m.

Hope you will be able to
return before too long.

Lots of love,
Uncle Ernie,
Ann + Berrie



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9/21/66

August 23, 1966

Mrs. Betty Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

My Dear Betty:

Thanks for your wonderful letter of August 11th received August 15th. It is a real pleasure for me to advise that your flower arrangement of pretty yellow flowers looks just like the day they were received. I know that you will be pleased to learn same is prized by me very much and has resulted in many compliments, especially as my skin doctor has ordered that no natural flowers should be permitted. He was of the opinion that natural flowers were bad for my allergy.

I can imagine that you have been too busy to even think of writing so considering your project such as having the house painted, you did well to write as soon as you did. The arrival of your letter just beat by a few minutes my putting in a long distance call as I did begin to worry considering that when you left here you thought you might have to rent a car to complete your trip on account of the airplane strike in parts of the West. Am very happy to learn that you did safely complete your strenuous return trip. You will never know how happy you made me feel by your welcome visit. Dr. Conner and my Ace nurses remarked that for me it was better than a dose of medicine.

Now, my sweet Niece, there will be no itemizing of your expense account as it was a great delight to have you with me and may I say my friends enjoyed having the opportunity to meet an important and very fine member of the Hulburd clan. Enclosed is check for \$330.46 which is sent with a great deal of pleasure as it helped to make us both so happy. Happy days were here, so I will look forward to your next visit and, Honey, do not wait too long. You know your Uncle Ernie is 85 and Gabriel can toot his horn even though at present I feel great and am getting stronger in every way.

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A Chicago loyal, good friend, a coin collector with a big collection and has quite a few extras, sent me a U.S. flying Eagle one cent coin 1857, so this is a chance for Uncle Ernie to have it kept in the family. It is a rather scarce coin as I know of none of my friends that have seen a Flying Eagle cent. I will send it by registered mail soon. I thanked my Chicago pal by phone and he said he had another scarce coin that he could send me as he was sure I would be happy to send it to my Niece or Nephew. My, I never saw or heard of such a coin. Imagine Uncle Sam coining a "half dime" way back there. I do not think your son has a 1/2 dime, but if he might have one it will be good trading material with some other collector. When I get it, I will register it to you. So Betty Gal, you have Uncle mooching coins from an old pal who knows he is indebted to me and I would not let him pay me back until I thought of him being a rabid coin collector and you had mentioned one of your sons was interested in scarce coins. He is going to the West Coast so will stop off the plane here to see me and if he has any rare coins extra besides his valuable collection, Uncle will put the bee on him.

I advised Bergie to phone a friend of mine at the Western Savings & Loan Bank to mail you some data as to what they had to offer. I might say I have checked up on them several years ago with my banker friends and they rate very high. Resources \$210 million, conservative 5%, Federal insurance. Here is where Mother Betty comes in, as they give Green Stamps (S & H) on new deposits. I have the pleasure of being an old friend of the bank's president, also have a sizeable account with them. I am more than delighted to hear about your Fifth Avenue purse. What a wonderful remembrance of your happy visit.

Nurse Ann went to St. Luke's Hospital as Nurse Bergi told her she must go as we learned she - Ann - must have a major operation (gall stones). She was operated on August 4 and returned home August 17. Her surgeon told her if she had waited a few hours longer she would not have recovered as it was real serious. She is here all by herself as her only relative is a son on the high seas. He is a Marine fighting for his country on the far Pacific, so I and everybody felt sorry for Ann. I investigated and learned that the reason she did not have medical and hospital service, also a major operation, was that she did not have financial resources for such heavy expenses. It was my opinion that it was time for me to step in and take charge of things, so she was taken to St. Luke's, had operation by a top surgeon for gallstones. Bergi accompanied me today and we called on Ann so she is now home recuperating slowly

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but nicely. She now knows that we were right when we forced her to the hospital, surgeon and operation. When I saw her eyes turn yellow, it told me quickly from my insurance experience that no time could be lost. I explained to Ann not to worry that I had consulted the hospital and as she would be released August 17th, I gave the hospital a check for \$1,511.00 so they would release her. She had a lot of intensive care but now looks like a new gal. Will not, according to surgeon, return to her nursing duties for at least 4 weeks from now. (I am also keeping her on my payroll.)

Now, Betty Dear, she is so lonesome and alone that it would be very nice and sweet if you would write her a nice little note.

Mrs. Ann Barrett
94 West Willetta
Phoenix, Arizona
85003

Thanks very much, Dear Betty.

Have told all friends you sent your regards and advised me to deliver a hearty Hello to all. Everybody said to tell you they all were delighted to meet and know you.

As mentioned before, will send coins by registered mail; it might be a little later.

I think you met Em Duncan. She called and wanted to know if I could lend her a couple suitcases. Yes, I told her so she will take off by plane for the New England States in a few days. She was a grand friend of your Auntie Alice.

Bergie sees Ann often and is really mothering her.

Got tired of food here so met a couple pals and used Wheel Chair Yellow Cab and we really had a delightful time and may I say, enjoyable food. Stingy Old Doc Conner won't let me have a high ball yet.

Enclosed clipping from a National Bank; also from Savings and Loan Association.

Well, Honey, By-By and Much Love,

Uncle Ernie
Uncle Ernie

29 September 1966

Dear Betty;


Happy to learn that the ski magazine arrived for you; it is a fine year subscription.

Thanks for the Birthday wishes. We had a wonderful party, two wonderful birthday cakes, four dinner & I enjoyed one excellent Minlet.

Your last letter before this one of 26 Sept gave great pleasure.

I received some beautiful flowers, & some practical presents like a dandy silk party robe, sport shirt, handkerchiefs, pretty linen, Candy very special & as a joke Bourbon Flavoured toothpaste.

Please take care of yourself and do not work too hard.

Very much love;
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October 11, 1966

Mrs. Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Dear Betty:

Enjoyed your last letter and air mail card so very much and want to impress you with the fact that your Uncle Ernie loves my Dearest Niece Betty, oodles and oodles. The Doctor gave me a very careful and an exacting physical examination today. Weight - 198 pounds, temp. - normal, blood pressure and pulse - normal, also heart, lungs and other organs - dandy. Now still have skin allergy and the flu left me with some weakness in legs, making a cane's use as a protective measure. Bursitis and skin allergy is about licked. Eyes and hearing good. The Doctor said I was in fine condition for a man of 85 and really belonged in the age bracket of from 40 to 50 years, even though I was wounded twice and nearly lost my left leg.

Now enough about me giving you a report about me, or maybe I am a bit BRAGGADOCIO.

Well, well, I have looked over again the photos of Ted, Greg and Scamp and may I tell you how very, very much Scamp looks exactly like your Father when he, (Clarence Earl), was about seven years of age. (Back of photo is marked November 1957 - 6 1/2 years) Scamp Hine. You should be happy with the thought of being blessed with such fine looking and handsome Sons and want you to know that Uncle Ernie is most proud of his Grand Nephews as well as their pretty Mother. Listen, Girlie, the foregoing is sincere and no banana oil. Am mailing in another envelope (REGISTERED MAIL) a very good looking Churchill Crown and an 1825 quarter of a dollar (U.S.). If your Son should have these two coins he surely could use the two for trading purposes with some other collector. My Chicago friend who is a large collector of coins sent them to me so I could pass them to your Son. I imagine you will put them in a safe place for him.

Your air mail card of 5 - October, 1966 made me feel good as I am happy the two boys have received the skiing mags. and I am sure they will really find them most interesting. Tell them they should be five year subscriptions.

Now, "Honey," the three sweet words at bottom of the card were grand and appreciated very deeply.

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Dr. Conner has advised me to be sure to have blood rare thick beef steaks in my diet very often. What a wonderful "Medicine Man," as I have always been crazy about very rare, almost raw, thick steaks since I served in Uncle Sam's Army. So, Gal, I dine quite often at the Beef Eaters and I as well as the good doctor are happy.

Uncle Ernie's next diplomatic step is to have a good friend of Doc's and your Uncle put a "Bug in his ear" to think about his letting me have nice Gimlet or a cocktail in a very moderate way - "Whoopee!" It would have pleased you to have seen how my good Nurse, Ann Barret, was pleased to receive the air mail card and letters, also get-well card, from my most thoughtful Niece. It was a very kindly act performed by you at the right moments as it encouraged Ann when she needed good moral and friendly support. Her operation was a major one and while she still has to wear a bandage about midriff she insisted to return to her nursing duties, although I advised her not to.

Our weather is now approaching what seems to me to be a delightful part of the year, so we find ourselves here at Bells Lodge in much better condition.

Must stop now as Nurse Ann has ordered me to get ready for skin allergy treatments.

With much devotion and love,

Uncle Ernie

Uncle Ernie

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The coin registered letter will follow in a few days when I can call myself at Main or Sub Post Office.

ERNEST A. HULBURD
THE BELLS LODGE
4202 NORTH 20th AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85015

27-OCT-1966

Dear Betty:

Enclosed are some photos you might like to have and if not send back to me or throw away, for I have extras. Found these going through some filing cabinets where Alice kept many treasures she wanted to protect. Our home stands like it did when the Fire struck us about 3 years ago. The newspaper clippings about my two wonderful and pretty Nieces might be interesting to you Gals. I do not expect to wear my Turpido, or Tails any more so I send enclosed studs as your Son may be able to use them and if not toss them out. Enjoyed your newsy and interesting letter of Oct 19, also part to the Boys and clipping re Gen Brodley. He saw the



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17 November, 1966

Mrs. Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Dear Betty:

Received a very sweet Halloween Card from a Dear Girl, that Alice and I love very much, and she goes by the name of Betty. My "Ace" nurse, Ann, took a gander at the very unusual Halloween card and sincerely and fondly said it was just like Betty to hunt up and select such a nice and kindly card. So, Dearie, you must know how you rate in the Wild and Wooley West.

Now for Tuxedo, Tails and Dress Shirts. It might be well to explain here the arrangement and plan followed by many businessmen and, of course, my close pals and buddies in Chicago. The large and progressive tailors there provided a super service. In addition to making and carefully fitting our business suits and social garments, they provided a service whereby all our wearing apparel that we were not wearing at the moment, was stored in their ample storing space, very near my office and such garments were kept clean and pressed for immediate use when a change was needed. A wonderful convenience that prepared us for quick action. About a year ago the building in which my tailor's office and big tailor business was located was gutted by a big fire and everything was a complete loss. The studs I sent in the box were extras Alice had in with some of her things. Don't laugh but besides several suits and etc. I lost my favorite commurbund and an extra white tuxedo coat that I really hated to lose. Now my tailor took some time to work out an adjustment with the insurance companies, as much data was needed from his many customers as to age and value of such clothing. After much dickering and quarreling, I and others decided to take quite a loss and get through with the darn thing. My tailor phoned me long distance that he could get very little for us various customers on our stored clothes.

I will get \$100 far below the value. So here is a happy thought, "Honey," when check is received, I will utter my own check to your order and suggest you buy something for your own good self, or as you please.

"S P E C I A L"

Have you a picture of Uncle Ernie about 8 inches wide - 14 inches high and am wearing nose pincer glasses and about 38 years of age?? If so forget it, if not, I will send you one I have just located in Alice's filing cabinet where she desired to protect pictures, papers or any records of importance. Let me know, "Please."

"Stanley Steamer" - Just think, Betty, the enclosed tiny cut or picture is of one of the models your Dear Mom Hazel and Dad Earl were brave enough to use for several steam trips to visit Alice and me in Chicago from St. Louis.

Mrs. Hulburd Hine

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17 November, 1966

Alice laid this away a long time ago.

U.S. TWO-CENT PIECE
100 Years Old!!!

Now Dear Niece, do not raise your eyebrows when I advise you a darn good looking Gal Friend of mine learned you liked old coins, gave me the ancient coin for you and yours. It was so old and moss covered or maybe mildewed that I had to appeal to another good friend, (funny, also a girl friend), to polish it so the date could be 'discerned.' Betty, maybe I am peppery than I realize.

Just a joke Honey.

Very much love,

Ernie
Uncle Ernie

P.S. Nursie, says I must go to bed.

PPS

POUND - \$2.80

Called Quid sometimes

CROWN - .70

SHILLING- .14

British Empire is gradually changing to decimal, decimal system.

LANCE - A Penny

An English friend gave me this information.



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ERNEST A. HULBURD
THE BELLS LODGE
4202 NORTH 20th AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85015

25-Nov-66

Dear Betty:

Your Monday letter of November 21 inquired if I had placed my towel order. Now here you are, Honey, a list of 15 and check for \$22.50. When you have a little time it will help me very much if you put it through for me. Kindly have box these calendars are shipped in mailed to this address. Thanks Betty
Dear x x x so very much.

Sincerely and Lovingly
Uncle Ernie

If you desire to remail this, here is the postage.

List of 15 names attached

Order list of names for each calendar.

Check for \$22.50 enclosed
addressed air mail envelope stamped to timber
enclosed

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Dec 28, 66

Dear Betty,

The Christmas Holiday is over, but, your nice gifts are here & will be used, & enjoyed the tie pin is very handsome, & the beautiful tie I will wear to the beef eaters; the ceramics, are pretty & are hanging in the window

We are having a new years party at the beef eaters, will write & tell you about it.

Happy New Year

Love

Uncle Genie

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January 6, 1967

*Acc.
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(working advice.)*

Mrs. Hulburd Hine
1112 Terrace Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

My Dear Betty:

Well, well, so we have at last finished 1966 and now looking forward in 1967 with much hope and great courage. The years of 1966 and especially 1965 were really very rough for me, so I am now sure better luck will prevail from now on. I am praying that my sweet and good niece will and all the rest of our family have the best of luck and splendid health from now on.

May I advise that those very nice looking and efficient colored, stained, leaded glass window VUES which TED, GREG and HANK sent me for Christmas 1965 were hooked up and hung on my curtains this 1966 Christmas and caused much favorable comment and praise as you can imagine how our brilliant sunshine would make a most vivid and pleasing display of happy colors about the room.

The swinging Mobiles which you also sent me Christmas for 1965 Christmas have been doing service again this Holiday Season. Our summer-like zephyr breezes cause the Mobiles to tinkle and jingle in a happy manner hanging from the ceiling.

Then I delight to mention here about the nice large white Christmas stocking you sent me a year ago, as it is at top of our bright curtain with sun shining through; which lights the whole decoration. The name at top of stocking has also caused much comment. I thought you might really like a description of this nice display you and yours so nicely planned. Please note it is so well liked it is doing duty again, together with the pretty three ceramics you sent recently. Ann thinks the house is really darling and I like the other two very much. Now to say Ann was delighted with the "Treepin and Hanky" was to put it mildly. She showed them around and told everybody about how she was thrilled with such dandy presents. The presents for Bergie were sent to her by a special messenger and I am certain she will be happy. I thank you for ceramics, handsome tie pin and a lovely cravat. I enjoyed them all New Years Day. I followed my custom and opened Christmas presents on Christmas morn as they were placed under my lovely tree.

Thanks to you all, my lovely ones, and other friends. I enjoyed an unusual Christmas Day and also a very special New Years Day. Ten sweet and most loyal friends got together with me and we had a wonderful and royal New Years Day dinner. Dearest Betty, do you know that some of the gal "scamps" grabbed

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my arm and twisted it and made me take several drinks, (my "Doc" gave special permission for the occasion). "Whoopee" - Black Russian Vodka - Creme De Cocoa - So you see, Honey, your Uncle Ernie is really getting better and stronger day by day.

My "Doc" gave me a complete check over day before Christmas, (December 24), and said my "Army life in the Indian and Spanish-American Wars" had made me a rather tough guy and he placed me in the "bracket" of men in the 40 to 50 year class; as I mentioned after his exam a few weeks ago. Just before December 25th received a lovely card from your Dear Sister, Harriet, Nan and Husband, which gave me a great boost. Was so nice of her to remember an old battered chap like me. The yellow flowers you brought me are still fine looking on my large new colored T. V. Set and I am most proud of them.

Thinking about the dandy colored 25 inch T. V. set here reminds me of Channel 10 here on Sunday night, December 18th at 9:00 P. M. Mountain Time, as it showed a most interesting picture called "America" every Sunday night. The picture that Sunday night showed Colorado's great skiing section, at and about ASPEN, Colorado, and some skiing performers. I hoped your two skiing sons sojourning in Colorado might have been lucky enough to see such wonderful performances.

Now, Betty, maybe you can help solve a small bit of worry of your Uncle Ernie. Searching through my house on 16th Avenue here, I discovered some old papers Alice had in an old filing cabinet and therein I found a photo about 8 inches x 12 inches of a good looking, very-handsome, young man and I have an idea it might be that of your Brother. The only clue I can give you is a name that might be that of the photographer which was taken with it when picture was taken. The name is "FORBES" and that is the only clue I can find.

If it is of St. Louis, it might be our "Boy." If it is your Brother I will be happy to send it to you as it might be lost around here. Let me have your idea.

On January 2nd, we had a room full of friends as we all enjoyed the Rose Bowl Parade. Alice and I had seen it so often in person at Pasadena. We had a dandy time as one of the orderlies in a very diplomatic manner kept out persons that were not our close friends. Honey, do not tell anybody on Uncle Ernie as I certainly would not break my rules here, but by some old - and quiet manner cocktails were served in coffee cups and saucers. Wonder how that happened?? DOC - LET - ME - HAVE - TWO until a later date.

Yes, Betty, the name HULBURD is very clear in red ink or paint on the very pretty pure linen calendar which is also very legible. I wonder how a sharp Gal like you got an idea that the nice red circle around the numeral 27 in the month of September had been overlooked. It is there and am happy to comment that everyone that enters that room makes mention of their especial interest and favorable remarks are expressed as to its beauty and extreme usefulness.

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January 6, 1967

Now the last order of 15 calendars 1967 were received December 17th, 1966 and each calendar was enclosed in the most common cardboard paper loose ends so calendars fell out and looked very sloppy as compared with 1966 order. Disappointed I really was. Had my Nurse fix them up with Christmas paper and strong Holiday tape and mailed them as time was limited, and mailed distance ones by Air mail for fast services and protection. Note my letter to Alberta and reply. Just throw these letters away about my belly-aching. I am soothed.

Now about your important question. My expert Nurse Ann and I composed the following paragraph as I thought two heads would be needed:

"Inasmuch as I do not know Hank, I can't state about how he would need you at home, or, react to your working. He most assuredly would not object to waiting at home for the few hours; he would be there after school; as, to his swimming and baseball, I'm sure he will have many cheering spectators. It is something every mother, alone, has to face some time in the bringing up of her family. Some one has to be left alone, some-time. He, I am sure, is a fine sensible young man and he will show you how well he can manage."

"It is my opinion from a distance, and meager knowledge of his temperament; that anyway, it would be, well, helpful to have him develop his own ability and that it would be wise for you to at least try out this job."

Betty, Dear, one of my Christmas ideas went sour on me. I wanted to give you a little surprise. For several months Phoenix has in use Trimline telephones and everybody loves them. Through our Phoenix Telephone Office we placed an order so you would have a Christmas present for your home, a Trimline phone to be delivered before Christmas, at time you wanted it and color desired. Please note picture and description of the Trimline enclosed. Well, what happened? The party at the business office here did not know what they were talking about and assured me the Trimline could be installed at once before Christmas for you in your home. When I got busy today with their intelligent Manager of the business office, I was then astounded to ascertain that Good Old St. Louis did not have Trimline Phones, but they hoped to have them in due time. I told the good man in St. Louis he had better wake up as a more modern phone would crowd them as one is now being planned that will show the person making a call a picture of the person to whom they are talking. Honey let us put the Trimline idea on ice and let me make you a present by installing a Trimline phone. I am sure Good Old St. Louie will catch up someday. Maybe I advised you before New Years Day that my friends were planning a New Years party. It was a lovely affair, enjoyed by all and I am thrilled to brag that it was just the prescription I needed.

Mrs. Hulburd Hine

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January 6, 1967

Maybe I may be repeating when I comment about how happy you made me by calling long distance just at Christmas time. That was a wonderful boost.

Your letter of January 2nd, 1967 is deeply appreciated, as it is from a real loyal relation as you. May the "Man Above Love You Much."

With much devotion and Love, I am,

Your Uncle Ernie

Ernie

EH:vr

PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY
7 1967.

MY SWEET, SWEET BETTY : IN ONE OF YOUR LAST LETTERS YOU MENTIONED THAT FEBRUARY WAS ONE OF YOUR GLOOMY MONTHES. NOW YOU LOOK HERE MY VERY DEAREST, SWEETEST, HONEY GAL, SURELY YOU DO NOT THINK YOUR UNCLE ERNIE WOULD NOT DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOU UP AND BE VERY CHEERFUL AND HAPPY AND CHASE THE FEBRUARY " BLUES " AWAY.

HERE IS MY VALENTINE AND A NOTE WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND ANOTHER LITTLE NOTE, I AM SURE YOU MAY SECURE SOME PRETTIES TO PLEASE YOUR GIRLISH FANCY. IN ONE OF YOUR LETTERS YOU DESCRIBED THEM AS UNDIES. I AM SURE THE GOOD LOOKING NOTE WILL HELP TO PUT KNOTS IN MR. GLOOMS HEAD AND KEEP HIM AWAY FROM MY SWEETHEART.

TO SHOW WHAT MY DEAR BETTY RATES TO ME, THIS IS BEING WRITTEN AT ONE O' OCLOCK IN THE MORNING AS I AM REALL Y BUSY RIGHT NOW WITH INVESTMENT MARKET MATTERS.

DO NOT WORRY A BIT AS MY FINE DOCTOR IS HAPPY WITH MY WHOLE, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION. ALSO MAY I SAY MY FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ARE STRONG AND VERY SATISFACTORY. MUCH LOVE, ALL FOR MY , SECRET PAL,

SINCERELY AND MUCH LOVE, FOR
MY GAL E L I Z A B E T H.

THANKS FOR LETTERS OF
JANUARY 2"nd"1967
THREE SONS PICTURES&
POST CARD JANUARY 19th
1967 AND A DANDY LETTER
OF JANUARY 28th 1967.

E A H

UNCLE E R N I E

Uncle Ernie

PHOENIX, FEBRUARY 7th 1967.

A VERY SPECIAL PRESCRIPTION BY DOCTOR ERNIE
FOR HIS VERY, VERY DEAR NIECE ELIZABETH. A VERY
SURE CURE FOR FEBRUARY GLOOM IF APPLIED BY DOCTOR
ERNIE PERSONNALLY.

(A VERY REAL KISS AND A BIG BEAR HUG)
ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND MY SPECIAL LOVE NOTE TYPED
BY YOUR HAPPY UNCLE AND A GREEN NOTE BY A
MOST FAMOUS ARTIST WE ALL LOVE.

THIS PRESCRIPTION IS STRONGLY GUARANTEED, RECOMMENDED
BY THE (AMERICAN MEDICAL
SOCIETY))

DOC-- E. A. H.

Ernie

*Half
clubs
&
bal x
Club*

This is just for you and you alone - E.A.H.

The pretty Mobiles you sent me
are still hanging in my room Phoenix,
and look dandy & they jingle &
gongree so everybody said leave Feb 8th 67
them up.

Dear Betty:

A favor I am requesting of
my "Nony Chile". My Aun Curse
Ann underwent a "Major Operation"
in early July and was really in
good health again in the early part
of this last January. She had a
ball stone operation but no good
luck after recovery.

The last part of January a
young man "Hit and run" driver hit
his car and Ann is just now
able to be up and do a little to
serve me.

When you have a few minutes to
spare please write her "Just a few lines"
as it will help her so much as she really
adores you so much. Thanks My Dear

Sincerely & Cordial Love,
Mrs. Ann Barrett

Uncle Ernie

94 West Willetta
Phoenix, Ariz - 85003

P.S. Emma Duncan, does much of my errands is getting the picture of Brother Bud ^{and} me, so we will have ^{THEM AND} photo envelopes to mail

8 Feb '67

My Dear Betty: — them to you shortly.

This is to inform you that on January 12th 1967 I paid for and ordered The Arizona Highways Magazine for the year 1967 to be sent to you, Monthly. Not having any advice of from you, I wonder if my check reached the Main Highway Office here so that 1967 issues would & should ~~be~~ be reaching you. The first issue should have reached you. You in one of your past letters said you enjoyed the "Mag" so much. Let me know as I have cancelled check and am ready for battle if some "boat" has fallen down. Sincerely & Best Regards,
Yvonne Cornie

Phoenix
12 February
1967

My Dear Betty:

Maybe you will recognize this fellow as it taken when Alice wanted a picture of me just at the time Our Dear Uncle Sam put the finger on me during the First World War and I was getting ready to push off for the South Pacific.

Permit me to suggest that you have it framed to suit you and let me know cost and I be happy to mail you a check. Honey Chile, much love and great devotion to my sweet niece and fine family.

Sincerely
Uncle Ernie

Pictures in Photographer's mailing envelope will follow.

March 8, 1967
Phoenix, Arizona

My Dear Betty,

Received your long +
newsy letter, so happy to hear from you

Now about the nurse
situation, you seemed to want to
know if I am being cared for
properly, I am having, in my
opinion, the best of nursing
attention, in every possible manner.

I have asked Ann to write
this for me, Dr. Connor was
just in for his weekly visit
this is written because you may
have been misinformed, as to the
very fine attention I am receiving
Betty Dear, please don't worry,
am getting along fine
Uncle Ernie

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Phoenix,
June 10
1967

My Dear Sweet Betty:

Have been somewhat delinquent as to my correspondence recently as I have been so happy but busy since the middle of May because good Old Pals do not forget and on their travels to the Far West and Pacific Coast and Islands stop off a day to see me and that is a time taker. It reminds me very forcibly that vacation time is here and that a vast army of pleasure seekers are on their way merrily hoping to relax from their routine tasks and daily labors as well as refresh themselves & they tell me this mountain country really improves their health.

Your letter June 5 tells me that my "honeymoon" is over, so the above paragraph explains that reason for delays. I'm very sorry to have caused you any ~~worry~~ but ^{you} ~~want~~ ^{to} know that I really have the best of energy in every way. My Mamma done

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Told me it pays to have the best. The fact that I am in very ^{good} conditions now shows that I ^{WAS} TO have a Socialist fly from Chicago to direct & consult with my 3 local doctors. Expensive yet ~~but~~ my how it pays dividends. Must stop now for my doctors to make a check up. Next paragraph will have their report right from the "Horse Mouth".

Doctors say all my vital organs are in fine conditions. Dr. Conner says I check up like a man of 45 instead of 85+. They are all amazed that my blood pressure is normal. My fractured back is in perfect condition when at first there was danger of being paralyzed. Their Report is good news.

It really hurts me to think of my ^{Niece} good ~~having~~ to pull weeds. We sow Bermuda Grass in this area and weeds do not thrive so much. Must say here I am so happy you and your delightful family are doing well.

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Imported Irish Jams
(Strawberry, Raspberry, Blackcurrant)

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The Alamo Fruit have filled requests by me for 2 years so nicely and perfectly that I can not criticise them. I know that if they used their usual box like shipping containers it was well packed & protected and the Post Office then must have used a steam roller to smash it. They will make good. I ~~immediately~~ immediately air mailed them to make it good chance. Pack 34 - War Strawberry - 1 D&R Raspberry & 1 D&R Blackcurrant - 3 JARS - IN - ALL. I know you will let me hear from you when they make good.

Ann has put me right as to the Easter Phone Call and I remember very well. Doc Conner says the only thing I need now is my annual check up by my Dentist (Still have all my TEETH). Dr Mackoff says to have my lenses checked as my Annual eye glass lens ^{check} is due. (Then your Knee is done for a while.)

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It is well to advise you that several close friends of Alice and me came here to be present at Greenwood Cemetery and the Mausoleum and I am most pleased to advise that the Cemetery and all minute details were in the best of condition and presented a very satisfactory appearance in every way. I was very proud. It just had to be that way as it is owned and operated by the Masons of Arizona. The favorite flower of Alice is the Yellow Rose. They were handsome as I like so often and the inside of Mausoleum is nicely protected from the elements. Our friends especially those from Chicago and Keokuk were very complimentary as to the Cemetery in every manner and manner it is managed. By the way the Yellow roses you kindly presented to me over a year ago and which are a beautiful decoration on top of our 25 inch R.C.A. Color T.V. SET

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are looking just as fresh and clear and clear as when you brought them in.

Thought you deserved a report and you know I really love them so much coming from my Dear Darling Friends compliment your yellow roses and also your personal calendar you sent me last Christmas.

As Dr Conner finally told me it would ~~be~~ be good to have a little beer a day so I thought I would be practical to learn something about the very best real small portable refrigerator. Decided on a General Electric Co which is small but a little giant, gives satisfactory service. It is white enamel and rests on small table at side of bed and has more uses than just beer, such as cartons of ice cream, fresh fruit and etc. Cost \$104⁰⁰ only and is a honey. WIDTH - 18 ins HEIGHT - 18 ins and 20 ins DEEP. My Lady friends want to grab it as they say it is so cute.

Enclased is a Two Dollar bill, old fashioned, Series 1917 very close to some bodies year of birth. I wonder Who???

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Note - I had to change to a red ink pen because the gal I am thinking about, has a very deep warm sentiment in my heart and really love most dearly. Now put this Old fashioned Green Note in your collection as some day it will be more scarce than they are at present.

Also find the green Two Dollars ^{NOTE} here with what collectors call an uncirculated \$2.00 bill as it was given to me by a good ~~of~~ girl Vice President of the Grant Valley Bank just before it was put in use, and at the moment word came from Washington that all \$2.00 bills should be returned to the U.S. Treasury in Washington as they would not be used any more. Hold on to it. Almost forgot. The Big 1917 two dollar bill ^{WAS} given to ^{ME} by your Dear Sweet Grand Mother NANNIE Long, long ago. I know she would be happy if I passed it on to my sweetheart as Ma said

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As often said you ELIZABETH had many traits of the HULBURDS.

Must close now as my Dear Nurse Ace Ann is after me to get ready for bed. I notice that at night if I am writing a letter to you I always have more leeway.

Ann is "flowering the Room" so must close.

Sincerely and much

Love & Devotion

Yvonne Erine

ERNEST A. HULBURD
 THE BELLS LODGE
 4202 NORTH 20th AVENUE
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85019

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Phoenix

August 11TH
 1967

Dear Betty: You I am sure will enjoy to learn that much fun is being had by me from the toy refrigerator as all my several friends would like to grab it. It seems to be made to order for my room an furnishings therein. Ann shopped about for it, so you know it has to be most suitable in every way. She hustled about at the General Electric Appliance Store and secured a picture of it so you would have a good catalog description of the little giant. My what a real "comfort". I am very ^{HAPPY} that you have invested in some golf clubs as Alice and I found it healthy and interesting. By the way your Auntie was quite some athletic Gal, dancing of course, skating much ice, roller, swimming, bowling, etcetera making for a very strong girl. She sure loved golf and we resided for many years in a neighborhood made to order for anyone athletic minded for any kind and type of all games.

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Alice went to a woman's gymnasium and among gals was quite some wrestler and clever boxer as she was very quick with her eyes and movements other ~~wise~~ wise. August 1st Dodie's Birth Day. August 1st came along so imagine my surprise when several friends came by as they said they wanted to go to the mausoleum to pay their respects to Alice. We all were proud as every thing was very handsome and in excellent condition and the gardeners, ground keepers had out done them selves. Green wood Cemetery was really beautiful. I was elated that they could have a "good look see" when nature was in her glory. The Wonderful Yellow roses on the crypt are beautiful & perfect.

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Just glanced at the T.V. SET and noted the Yellow-Roses you gave me look just like the dog you so kindly presented to me.

Enclosed is a General Electric Co catalog of our happy little giant refrigerator ^{YOU CAN} and ~~see~~ see for yourself.

Kay Shaper a daughter of Alice's sister and her mother Cornelia will stop off to see me in the next few days as they will be motoring from home in Tulsa Ok to Calip. Doctor advised me to keep my feet on a ^{AGE & BOSS} stool so my ^{NURSE ANN} ~~shopped~~ shopped about and now I rest my feet on an avocado leather stool with much comfort. Keep me posted as my friend Emma Duncan is after the magazine Office about the SKI subscriptions. She is like a mosquito when she gets after

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any body, so she is after them again. Just have a notice from Alamo Fruit that my account for a credit for smashed jams so have sent a check to pay my bill in full. Better for me to wait a little bit and when I see some goodie will send to you.

Went to Mausoleum to visit Auntie Alice's Crypt and everything super fine and Alice's family relatives were exceeding pleased with beautiful Greenwood Cemetery and manner in which ^{EVERY} detail was cared for.

Sincere Love & Affection

Auntie Ernie
x x x

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Phoney,

Nov 1st 1967

Dear Betty, I love you much,
 You can not realize how your surprise visit gave me very much joy and extreme happiness when you arrived here on Monday September 4th. I look back on it as one of the sweetest and most joy filled days of my of my Western Life. May I say that your visit really seemed quite short and you will be happy to learn that our friends were sorry to see you leave. They were happy to meet my real nice and very sincere about it.

We all realize about the family you have to supervise and the operation of your home is really a business to perform with great care. I am proud & happy that that you do it so efficiently in every

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detail. Be happy Dear Girlie as you seem to me to have all the real credit due which makes me most happy in every way.

Have many happy and still have loving thoughts of the sweet bouquet you gave me from your purse of little yellow flowers you gave me on your ~~enormous~~ late arrival here. The bouquet is in a prominent place at top of colored t.v. Set where it may be seen from all angles of room also much of the much traveled busy hall. We all love it so much and it looks good to us as a very loving thought. Would have praised it before but the Great Ace & good Lee Tollies has taken over all fine entertainment. Then along came all A.C. t.v. and everywhere the Great World Series, Ball Games, that stopped every thing showed up in this part of

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of the country as the Westerners
 feel like the Cardinals belong to them.
 And of course you know your Uncle Ernie
 spent his young years in ~~the~~ Old
 St. Louis. My, what a King
 Size celebration every ~~one~~ one had!

Beer (St. Louis) Rum, Vodka, Champagne was
 drunk with great joy. It was glorious
 reminded of days long ago when we
 went to St. Louis (I think it was 1928 when
 the Cardinals beat the Yankees & took the
 World Series and Al Capone would come
 to New York & St. Louis from
 Chicago. So Honey I know you
 will be generous if mail slowed up.

I have received two letters and
 two cards telling me to get the
 lead out, and best of all the fine
 looking girl in the photo that now
 rests on top of the T.V.

Please write to me and I will
 try to do better. Big Love from Uncle Ernie

12/20/67

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MAILED 12/20/67

DEAR BETTY:

TO MY SWEETHEART DEAREST ELIZABETH H., WHOM I WANT YOU TO
REALIZE THAT YOUR UNCLE ERNIE IS DEEPLY DEVOTED TO AND
LOVES YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. I ENJOYED YOUR LAST LETTER DECEMBER
6th VERY MUCH AND WAS SATISFIED THAT THAT NONE OF THE
TONGUE WAGGERS GOSSIPERS ^{HERE} UP ^{NOT} HAD ^{ME} DISTURBED MY INTELLIGENT NIECE
A LEAST BIT. SO HONEY LET ^{ME} ASSURE YOU THAT HAPPY DAYS ARE
WITH US AS ALWAYS. THERE IS A BIT OF SUGAR IN HEREFOR MY
DEAREST ONE. ALSO A LITTLE LUMP FOR EACH ONE OF YOUR BOYS
WHICH MIGHT HELP ALONG THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT A LITTLE BIT.

EVERYTHING IS PRETTY MUCH PARALIZED HERE AS IT HAS RAINED HEAVY
MUCH. IT IT KEPT ME INSIDE THE LAST IO DAYS AND STILL AT IT.

EVERY BODYS X- MAS CHORES ARE WAY BEHIND SCHEDULE. WITH ALL MY
HEART I PRAY FOR YOU. MAY GOD LOVE YOU AND

YOURS.

ERNIE ~~++~~



Merry
Christmas

Phoenix
 March 28th
 1968

My Dear Betty:

Tell me, did you get my St Pat card. The card looked good to me, as it was a long unusual, I thought cards. I love your "LUCY" CARD VERY CUTE. Your very pretty card of March 13 indicated that you were worried about ancient me, so let me assure you that I am pecking along much to the surprise of my top doctors. True correspondence delayed but considering bur-sitis acting mean again and having a strong arm & hand which refuse to submit all the way, I can write with heavy hand and little bit. Nurses check daily, Doctor complete every 2 weeks, their reports make me happy, so don't want to be a boss but thought physical and mental report due. Will be glad to see you ^{Will make} most of the time. Have travel this great country all over and have found ^{no} better COUSINE than here.

Love Uncle Ernie

12/15/68

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as dictated to C. Martin H.M. Nurse

Dec 15/1968

Dear Mrs Alderson.

Enclosed are snapshots taken of your uncle Ernie on his last Birthday. the Barber comes from Good Samaritan Hospital to shave him orders from the skin specialist.

Your Uncle also states: his packages from you arrived yesterday. they will not be opened until Xmas

Uncle Ernie has been very busy preparing for Xmas. feels exceptionally well.

Much love to my Dear Sweet Betty, your loving Hubby John, and all our loved ones,

Uncle Ernie

4202 N. 20th Ave
Phoenix, Arizona
Jan 9, 1969

My Dear Betty + John,

I hope you had
a good Christmas + that your big
family escaped the flu, I know I did,
because, I had a Hong Kong flu shot about
three weeks ago, haven't even had the
sniffles.

It has been very cold here at
night, but, the days are warmer, and,
of course we have had some rain
every thing is so green + pretty

Thank you for the handkerchiefs, +
the bird the boys sent was put on
the Xmas tree.

I have not heard from you
since I sent you a second Christmas

card, air mail special delivery,
there was a check for \$100.00 dollars
in it, did you get it?, I have been
anxious to know that it arrived safe
& sound; the check was made payable
to Mr. + Mrs. John Alderson.

I will close now, & write soon
as you get time

Uncle Ernie

1/28/71

Dear Betty^{Ed} & John

I'm writing to tell you that your calendar has arrived. Ernie was pleased - said the scene reminds him of his childhood days. People stop to admire it and invariably ask where he got it and it pleases him very much to say my "Niece sent it to me."

The doctor has been very pleased with his physical condition recently. The doctor & I both are envious of his blood pressure.

I imagine with your trip & the holidays behind you, that you are ready to sit back & relax for a while.

Fond Regards
Katherine "Brownie"

3/26/71

Dear Betty,

I took this picture of Ernie at St. Patrick's Day. The glass holds green (also stale) beer made by the Schilz Brewing Co. for a party where my son-in-law works. The hat was made by the Barber's daughters for Ernie - a pin on it says - "Kiss me, I am the Blarney Stone in disguise"

Ernie is doing well considering the report from his teeth X-rays - pus pockets at the root base. One half are to be removed 4/15 at the Dentists office with Dr. Conner assisting - if he does not respond well the rest will be done in the hospital

I sang your message for Ernie and we decided the tone & lyrics were fine, but my projection left something to be desired - oh well!

Hope you are both well & happy
Fondly
Brawnie

4/16/71

Dear Betty,

It appears Ernie has come through this portion of his dental surgery fine. Had a small amount of persistent bleeding, probably due to the fact that he keeps irritating that area with his tongue.

I think Dr. Conner's theory in having it done in the Mrs office was to keep his (Ernie's) daily schedule as normal as possible. It seems that too much deviation tends to confuse him and he then thinks he is back in Chicago or on a train trip. We have had episodes of this before & it is hard on him and he is very apprehensive @ these times.

I will try to keep you posted as more is done.

Love
Brownie

07/27/71

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July 26. 1971

Dear Betty:

I received your letter & postcard in which you say that you are leaving to Mt Rainier -

I hope that you folk are having a good time out of the heat.

Don't worry about me letting the dental work get me down - "nothing keep old uncle Ernie down for long" -

we are having some real hot days & nights here - In spite of all the cloud seeding "rain makers"

Happy to hear that the boys are doing fine - I am doing fairly good - and I am very proud of my three nieces.

Much love to you and your good husband and all the boys.

Dr Conner was in to see me for a check up and he seems well pleased. Much love - Uncle Ernie.



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Aug 6-71

My Dear Niece:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am doing fine, and I hope you folks are back home safely. I went to the Dentist again Aug 4- for more work. now after two more trips to his office and I will be finish with the tooth extraction then come my denture plates.

Dr Conner was in to see me today and he seems pleased with every thing. So this makes me happy - I am always happy when I get mail from my Nieces.

We had a few nights of rain here but it didnt seem to help the heat any.

Well here comes my tray so must get ready to eat. will be looking forward seeing you & John. hope to be soon.

Say hello to the boys & you & John

Best wishes -

Love Uncle Ernie

Hi, from me to
Connie



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Sept 26-1971

Dear Betty

Received your letter Thursday which you say that your husband took ill. I am sorry to hear these news - But then again I am happy to hear that his is doing better.

I am looking forward to seeing you folk soon today I am feeling fine and I had a nice visit with Kay & Gene. They both look fine. Thursday 23rd. I received a picture of Kay for my birthday.

Today Sunday. Some friends of ours - come in to see me - as they are working tomorrow on my birthday, we will celebrate today. These people are friends of mine & Alice

It is getting close to my nap time so I will smoke a cigarette & then take a short rest. I have another dental appointment on Oct 14th. I will let you folks know how it goes.

Love Uncle Ernie

10/14/71

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Oct 14 - 1971

my dear niece & family

Sorry I haven't written sooner but I haven't been feeling well for nearly three weeks - my doctor was in to see me yesterday - he thinks I have a cold. But he doesn't seem worried about any thing else -

The weather here is still hot in daytime and cold at night - I haven't been to the dentist this appointment for Oct 13th - my nurse Connie cancelled it - few Mr Conner orders due to my cold - How is your husband doing better I pray. and the boys - give them all my love -

I haven't any news to write about as you see I don't get out any more -

I still go out in the patio some times when I feel like it - I must say good bye for now - as it is time for my lunch

So again all my love & blessing -

your uncle Ernie



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Nov 7 - 1971

My dear niece:

Just a few lines to thank you for the lovely card - also to tell you that I am doing fine - went to see the dentist Nov 1 seven teeth were extracted - I was a little under the weather for a couple of days but I am feeling fine now.

Well there isn't much to write about only that we are having some nice weather now - I go out in the wheel chair when the sun shines & warm some days.

Dr. Conner was in to see me Thursday he didn't seem concerned with my blue & black jaw after my visit to the dentist.

How is your husband & the boys doing. I hope your husband is up & able to get around without any ~~problems~~.

I must get ready for a nap. So I must say good - bye

Love
Uncle Ernie

12/7/71

Very dear Uncle Ernie,

Held up on writing until I received a copy of the notice in the New York Times to send to you. John was an exceptionally brilliant + wonderful man. We will miss him very much. = Am so glad that I went to U. Y. C. - Sister was in a state of shock + unfortunately John had left his financial affairs in one hell of a mess. Fortunately my John + I were able to step in + help tide sister over until things get straightened out up there.

When I left to return home she was feeling more like her normal self + ready to go back to work.

As soon as I arrived here, John + I purchased green wool so that I could start on a small afgan for your lap! My Knitting needles are working away but I doubt that I will complete it before Xmas.

It was so wonderful to see you even tho' our time in Phoenix was cut short. Obviously we shall have to return to finish our visit with you.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I love you,
Betty.



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Jan 6 - 1972

Dear Betty:

Nothing much to write about as you know I never get out any more I don't feel like going any place -

Thank you & John for the lovely gift & card. You both look like you are ready to talk in the picture -

I am feeling fine right now some day I feel better than the others, Mr Conner came in to see me last week - I was sick I guess with the flu - Connie call him and he came in and put me on new medicine for 4 days I can't complain now, only I get tired very easily - But she puts me down for a short nap - and I get up feeling fairly good afterwards.

Did you receive the check for the holiday Harriet, wrote & said she was going to get a new coat for her daughter with her money and it makes me happy to hear that. Well I must say good - by - just a short letter so you can hear from Uncle Ernie.

Love
Uncle Ernie

Thank
Betty & John
for my gift
Connie

05/22/72

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May 22 - 1972

My dear Niece,

I am sorry for not answering your letter sooner. But I have been kind of sick for quite awhile now. That I feel better I will try and stay up in the chair long enough to have Connie for this letter for me.

I hope you folks enjoyed your trip & back home safe. I don't have any news I am thankful that I feel some better altho I am awful weak. My doctor is a fine man is doing all he can to help me.

Forgive me for such a short letter my best wishes to you & husband & family
Hope to see you soon.

Love Uncle Ernie

P.S. Ernie is not
doing so good any more
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June 27-1972

Dear niece

just a few lines to let
you know that I am getting
fair well - I don't get out of
bed much any more - I can-
not move my feet so it is kind
of hard on me to get in & out
of bed because I am getting sore
seems like it. I take medicine
for pain but it's really ~~not~~ much
good it only makes me sleep
So Connie don't get it to me unless
it is really necessary.

we had some heavy rain
here - But it's all over now I
hope you folks were not in any
flood - So must say good by &
get to be I can't stay up in chaw
very long at one time - you see
I am weaker now that the
last time I saw you.

Blessing to you & husband &
the kids
Love Uncle
Connie

July 17, 1972

Dear Mrs Alderson,

I will drop you a line to let you hear from Ernie as he is unable any longer to answer in his own words.

His condition appears is "progress" poorly - He is completely bedridden take fluids poorly & eats poorly

Mr Conner comes over frequently to see him and is doing every thing possible to keep Ernie comfortable - Ernie has periods of confusion. I read his mail that he get but to Ernie it means nothing - But I am sure you wont hear from him. Dont worry about nursing care he still has good care

Mrs Sofia Muller is not here she took 2 week in May & left again June 17th and at present has not returned - But we have plenty of nurses 24 hrs Ernie sleep most of the

time and get very disturbed
when he has to be turned from
side to side -

If you like I will keep
on dropping you a line now & then
to let you know how he is doing

Sincerely

Mrs Duke -

P.S. I don't know what you
are going to say or think about
this. But for two days Ernie
ask me to do him a favor

To go and place some
roses on Alice grave
Order from Bonifas florist
shop -

You decide -
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