STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
HELENA

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Helena, Montana. April 16, 1912.

Dr. Frank W. Cottom,

Fort Benton, Montana.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that Governor Edwin L. Norris, has this day commissioned you in the Medical Reserve Corps, National Guard of Montana, with rank of First Lieutenant.

I enclose herewith blank form 17 with request that you fill out the same and return to this office at the earliest date practicable.

Very Respectfully,

Phil Greene

The Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General
Washington

Sept. 11, 1918

From: The Surgeon General.

To: Lieutenant Frank Webster Cottom,
Base Hospital, Camp Lewis,
Washington.

Subject: Commission in the Medical ~~Reserve~~ Corps, U.S.A.

I am directed by the Surgeon General to inform you that you have this date been recommended to the Adjutant General of the Army for commission as Captain in the Medical ~~Reserve~~ Corps, U.S.A.

Bert W. Caldwell

Bert W. Caldwell
Col., Medical Corps, ~~N.A.~~ U.S.A.

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COPY OF DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE TO BE USED ONLY WITH CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

Honorable Discharge

FROM

The United States Army

[COPY]

To all whom it may concern:

This is to Certify, *That* _____

_____

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a Testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service, is hereby

Honorably Discharged

from the military service of the UNITED STATES by reason of _____

_____

Said _____ *was born*

in _____, *in the State of* _____;

when enlisted he was _____ *years of age, and by occupation a* _____;

he had _____ *eyes,* _____ *hair,* _____ *complexion, and*

was _____ *feet* _____ *inches in height.*

Given *under my hand at* _____, *this*

_____ *day of* _____, *one thousand nine hundred and* _____

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Commanding.

Form 545—Rev. Oct., 1921

ENLISTMENT RECORD
[COPY]

Name _____ *Grade* _____

Enlisted or Inducted _____, *19*____, *at* _____

Serving in _____ *enlistment period at date of discharge.*

Prior service _____

_____

Noncommissioned officer _____

Marksmanship, gunnery qualifications or rating _____

Horsemanship _____

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions _____

_____

_____

Knowledge of any vocation _____

Wounds received in service _____

Physical condition when discharged _____

Typhoid prophylaxis completed _____

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed _____

Married or single _____ *Character* _____

Remarks _____

_____

_____

Signature of soldier _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, literal, and exact copy of the discharge certificate of _____

_____

Notary Public or Summary Court Officer.

_____

_____

Commanding _____

My commission expires _____

(THIS MUST BE ATTESTED BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE OATHS)

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The United States of America

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CERTIFICATE No. 2565440

Date insurance effective March 26 1918

This Certifies That Frank Webster Cottom

has applied for insurance in the amount of $ 10,000, payable in case of death or total permanent disability in monthly installments of $ 57.50

Subject to the payment of the premiums required, this insurance is granted under the authority of an Act amending "An Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department,' approved September 2, 1914, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, and subject in all respects to the provisions of such Act, of any amendments thereto, and of all regulations thereunder, now in force or hereafter adopted, all of which, together with the application for this insurance, and the terms and conditions published under authority of the Act, shall constitute the contract.

W G McAdoo
Secretary of the Treasury.

William C. DeLanoy
Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

Countersigned at Washington, D. C.,

M. Rinkle
Registrar.

FORM 711

2—4175

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The insured may change the beneficiary without the consent of such beneficiary. This insurance is not assignable and is not subject to the claims of the creditors of the insured or of the beneficiaries.

Should a claim arise under this certificate you are requested to write direct to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., in order to secure a prompt settlement. There will be no expenses in connection with proving a claim and collecting the amount due, other than small fees to notaries. It will not be necessary to consult or employ an attorney, claim agent, or other person to secure benefits under this certificate.

2—4175

$ 300.00 Hilger, Montana, March 8th, 1918 191

One Year - after date, I, We, or either of us

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

Three Hundred and No/100 - Dollars

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

No. 11179 E

Due Mar. 8, 1919

P. O. Hilger, Mont.

May Cottom

Frank W Cottom

Rev Pd

Pd on Prin Apl. 23, 1918 $44.59
Pd on Prin. May. 13, 1918. $35.00
Paid on Prin Sept 21-1918 = $40.00
Paid as Interest 3/15-1919 = $45.00
Pd on Prin 4/15/20 $10.00

394.59
27.04
40.00
180.41
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170

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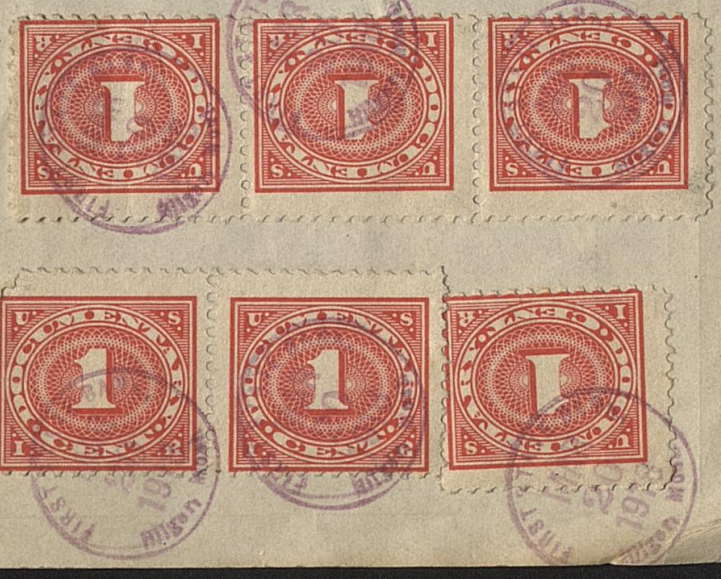

Mortgage.

Fergus County Democrat, Inc. Lewistown, Mont.

This Mortgage, made and entered into this 8th *day of* March, 191 8, *by and between* May Cottom and Frank W. Cottom, wife and husband,

of Hilger, *Fergus County, Montana, mortgagor* s, *and the FIRST STATE BANK OF HILGER, a banking corporation of Montana, having its principal place of business at Hilger, Fergus County, Montana, mortgagee:*

WITNESSETH: That the said mortgagor s, *for and in consideration of the sum of* ---------- Three Hundred and No/100 - - - - - - *Dollars, in hand paid by said mortgagee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do* hereby *mortgage and confirm unto the said mortgagee, and its assigns, forever, the following described real property, situate in Fergus County, State of Montana, to-wit:*

Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Ten (10) original townsite of Hilger, Montana.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, appurtenances, easements, water and all other rights thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

The said mortgagor s *represent* to *and covenant* with *the said mortgagee and its assigns, that* t*he* y *will warrant and defend said premises against the claims of all persons whomsoever, and the said mortgagor* s *hereby covenant* with *the said mortgagee, that* t*he* y are *lawfully seized, and in possession of said premises, and the same is free from all encumbrance.*

This mortgage is given to secure the payment of the following described promissory note of *even date herewith, payable to the order of the mortgagee, made, executed and delivered herewith by the said mortgagor* s *to the said mortgagee, to-wit:*

One note for $300.00 *Dollars, payable* One Year *after date*

One note for nil *Dollars, payable* nil *after date*

One note for nil *Dollars, payable* nil *after date*

One note for nil *Dollars, payable* nil *after date*

One note for nil *Dollars, payable* nil *after date*

each with interest from date *at the rate of* ten *per cent per annum until paid, payable* annually.

And these presents to be void if such payment be made. The said mortgagor s *do* hereby *further covenant and agree to and with the said mortgagee to pay and discharge at maturity all taxes, assessments, liens or other encumbrances now subsisting or hereafter to be laid or imposed upon said mortgaged premises, or which may be in effect a prior charge thereupon to these presents during the continuance hereof, and to keep fully insured against all risks by fire the buildings which are now or may be hereafter erected thereon, loss, if any, payable to the mortgagee as its interest may appear, and to pay a reasonable attorney fee on foreclosure of this mortgage.*

It is agreed that if the said mortgagor s *or maker or makers of said promissory note* secured *by these presents, shall fail to pay the principal, or any part thereof, or any interest, after the same becomes due; or any taxes or assessments, or insurance, as required, or otherwise fail to comply with any one or all of the conditions of this mortgage, then all of the said debt secured hereby shall become due and collectible, and all rents and profits of said property shall then immediately accrue to the benefit of the said mortgagee, and this mortgage may be foreclosed for the full amount, together with costs, taxes, insurance, cost of abstract of title, attorney fees and any and all sums advanced or expenses incurred on account of the said mortgagor for whatsoever purpose, and any and all advances shall draw interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum and be liens under this indenture.*

A release of this mortgage is to be made at the expense of the mortgagor s *on full payment of the indebtedness secured hereby.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said mortgagor s *ha* ve *hereunto set* their *hand* s *and seal* s *the day and year first above written.*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:

May Cottom (SEAL)

Frank W. Cottom (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

State of Montana, } ss.
COUNTY OF FERGUS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 8th *day of* March, *191*8, *before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared* May Cottom and Frank W. Cottom, wife and husband,

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

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

C. L. Jarrett

Notary Public for the State of Montana.

Residing at Hilger, *Montana. My commission expires* Dec. 23, 1919

C. L. JARRETT
NOTARIAL SEAL
STATE OF MONTANA

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No.

MORTGAGE

May Cottom and Frank W. Cottom, wife and husband

TO

FIRST STATE BANK OF HILGER
a corporation

Dated March 8th, 1918 191

Filed for record the 18th *day of* March, *191*8, *at* 30 *minutes past* 1 *o'clock* P *M., and recorded in Book* 6 *of Mortgages, page* 230

W. M. Sheaton
Clerk and Recorder.

By J. E. Brown *Deputy.*

50 1st State Bank Hilger

HILGER, MONTANA, Aug 1 1917

M Rs Cotton

IN ACCOUNT WITH

J. M. PARRENT

DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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FIRST STATE BANK OF HILGER

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS $ 43,000.00

M. L. WOODMAN, President — J. M. PARRENT, Vice President
F. W. RUZICKA, Vice President — L. E. KOEHMSTEDT, Cashier

HILGER, MONTANA,

May 21, 1920.

Statement on Dr. F. W. Cottom note on House in Hilger:

Note dated Mar 8 1918	$300.00	Interest to first endorsement	$ 3.83	
1st End Apl 23 1918	44.59			
Bal	255.41	Interest to second endorsement	1.42	
2nd End May 13 1918	35.00			
Bal	220.41	Interest to third endorsement	8.01	
3rd End Sept 21 1918	40.00			
	180.41	Interest to 4th endorsement	28.24	
4th End April 5, 1920	10.00			
	170.41	Interest to May 22nd, 1920	2.17	
		Total Interest to May 22, 1920	$43.67	

Interest Paid on note Mar. 15, 1919	$45.00
Interest owing May 22, 1920	43.67
Balance interest overpaid	$ 1.33
Balance owing on Note May 22, 1920	$170.41
Insurance premium on policy	5.00 Paid by bank
	$175.41
Less balance interest overpaid	1.33
Balance Owing Bank May 22, 1920	$174.08

First State Bank of Hilger PAID MAY 25 1920 Hilger, Montana

Please Send Book to change
180.00
174.10
5.90 Sue Mack

Mace

June 2 - 1923.

Dear Frank.

I had hoped that you would send us some money when you felt able, but you seem to have forgotten that you have two children who need some little thing almost every day. I have not been a charity case altogether, as I have been able to do enough wherever I go to feel that I have at least paid our board, but I cant expect these people to clothe them when they have a father who is more able to do it

Do you remember going to McKenna just before I came away and asking him to make out separation papers, and telling him you would send me $125 a month? I have not asked you for a thing, thinking that whenever you had any money to spare, you would think of your family. Frances broke her glasses and had to have new ones - she has grown so, she needs all new clothes for summer. They need shoes and hats

and about everything else.

School was out last Friday and they both got through fine. Frances had an average of 97.9. - she took some of the eighth grade work and Mr. Tifer said if she had been a little older he would have passed her for High School. It is my ~~last~~ time

Mary

Dec 29 1928

Dec 29

We opened your Xmas box Xmas eve and all the presents were lovely. I appreciate them a lot, especially the book of poems. I am glad you sent the Sladels such nice presents - they have been so good to Becky. I don't know what we'd have done these last five years if it hadn't been for them. But I was disappointed you didn't have a little something in for mamma. She has been mighty good to you and I think it looks pretty cheap not to put a little something in.

I guess you think this is a funny letter to write after Xmas, but I have been feeling pretty blue since I came home. It's not much fun to live in one room. We've been living here for five years looking for the time to come when we could have things just a little bit better, but that doesn't seem any nearer now than it ever did. It's pretty discouraging. It was alright when Becky was little but she'll be in High School pretty soon - and it's not much fun being in " " when you're ashamed to have any of your friends come and see you. We have all we can do to get along in one room much less to move into a better place. When you were here you said you didn't know how we were living and that

up to that time you hadn't been able to send any more money than you had been sending. But you know now how we are living and you have money to keep Mary Rhodes out there all winter, but mamma and Becky are still getting along the best way they can. Of course I appreciate your sending me to school, but you know I wouldn't want you to do so if I thought you couldn't do that and send mamma & Becky money to live on too. I guess you haven't done any more for me than I'd be willing to do for you but that's more than I can say of the Rhodes.

You must enjoy having that whiney person around you. She writes letters about what a wonderful time she's having and about her liking to stay out there and take nursing. The Rhodes are letting everybody she's keeping house and you want her to stay out there to be company etc. If mamma ever had a nephew of hers around for five months she'd certainly hear about it. If you need company you have a family that would be perfectly willing to have a decent home. I've never been able to see why it should be such a hardship for a man to live with his family anyway.

I know that she isn't in any worse health than I am, and I think the Rhodes have plenty of guts to send her out there. They know how we live & they know that mamma has to work every day but they don't care as long as they can get something

for nothing, I don't intend to sit and let her camp out there, and if she won't come back here where she belongs you needn't have anything more to do with me. I don't know whether Becky thinks that way about it or not, but I think she ought to.

I had looked forward to going to school a lot, but Mary Rhodes has taken a lot of the pleasure out of it for me, and if it wasn't for people thinking that I couldn't keep up, I'd quit & get a job.

I can't help what you think, but this is the way I feel. You needn't blame this on my mother as she is at work and this will be mailed before she gets home. Hope to hear from you soon

~~Hate~~ Love. M. G.

have roasted & had our Xmas dressing for some time. Thought they would be of interest. The medal will have to be seen to be appreciated. Becky is getting to be quite a young lady - her long suit as pretty thing to wear.

Am quite worried about Frances. Something will have to be done about her this spring. The doctor at Weston told her she might not be in school, but should have a good rest. I have done all I can for her -

she needs you.

How are you feeling? Dreamed of your Face last night, as I've been thinking about you. Mind you write you get a few lines - please.

Sorry such a bad writer - more sorry than I've been for years - I might use words in Hungarian & then - neither you Londoners & Lancashire

Will Tim

Ilkeston 9 a.m. Mar 7 - 1929

I have so much work to do, I was debated whether or not I should cut the next class. It is so deadly that I wouldn't mind a bit, but with exams so close I'd hate to miss anything. I have my schedule made out for next year - subject to change - Greek, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, Public Speaking (required), Math. I think I will like it pretty well, though it plenty hard. I guess I would do better to study harder next year, but I am not sorry for taking the time for having a good time.

We had our Freshman picnic Monday. I have not fully recovered from it yet. We had three hayrings full of Freshmen, badly sunburned, and got wet caught in the rain & sacked to the skin coming back. Had a wonderfully good time.

I guess I won't be able to get home for Bishop commencement. I'm still wondering what to get her. ~~[illegible]~~

Dear Daddy -

Well, this is the last week of real school, and by this time next week will be having examinations. Have been trying to get a letter off to you, but haven't been able to get to it, and haven't been in the mood, either.

It's getting pretty close to the first of June, and you haven't shown up yet. You didn't mention your coming in your last letter, but I hope you still expect to make it before school lets out here. You had better hurry, because I expect to be on my way home a week from tomorrow, or maybe the day after that, (Thursday or Friday), depending on when I get through

with my exams. I dread to think of them. I can hardly realize that we're almost through with classes.

Everyone else is anxious to be getting home, but I don't feel that I have a whole lot to look forward to. The truth of the matter is that Becky and I don't have a home like other people — at least I can't call one room a home. I am trying to get Mamma to come out there this summer to live. She isn't well enough to work day in and day out like she has been doing, and ~~its~~ there's no end to it. If we had part of the money you squander on people we'd there I guess we could manage to get along, but you don't seem to realize that it takes money for a family to live, too, or cake bread we are living. Becky is getting ~~to the age where~~ into High School where it count a whole lot whether you can bring friends to your home or not, but you can't do it there. I can't see why you are so anxious to be rid of us — in fact I would be very glad to have a wife like my mother after seeing those other dames they have out there. That's what I think — I guess ~~it would do him good~~ you it wouldn't be bad if you could hear what some of your friends think, too — the ones that haven't anything to get out of you.

I wish I knew for sure whether you were coming or not — would be awfully disappointed if you didn't.

I guess I would do well to get a large bulletin board or a calendar in my room so I can keep track of my dates because I've certainly been lost lately. I can't understand how it could be December already. It doesn't seem any time at all since the leaves were still on the trees. The kids have a calendar out on the bulletin board and every night they black out one more day and sing "one more day to vacation" — kind of a ceremony like. I guess that what's going on now tho it might also be a rite.

Had to go down town today ~~to get~~ with a couple of things to get some things, and came home to ~~figure~~ figure up my accounts and fig out how much I've lost on bad debts. It isn't very much but it makes you feel kind of disgusted the way some people always want something for nothing.

Yes January Fourteen Years

Dear Daddy - I guess I had better be getting a letter off to you or you'll be wondering how you rate. Am glad ~~you~~ the the business of the teeth is over with for you and ~~I guess~~ you must be, tho I guess it did not feel so good while it lasted. You probably would have saved yourself a lot of trouble if you'd had it done a lot sooner, but anyway I hope you feel better after this. In the meantime how do you eat?

I got mixed up about the same way you did on the matter of Thanksgiving & they were talking about it in chapel for about a week beforehand, and I thought it was on the Thursday of that same week. Stayed here and did not have a bad time - church in the morning, a banquet, and came home and read George Bernard Shaw all afternoon - that it did not seem very much like Thanksgiving. Since I do not set the paint in merry one sitting at the long table just for the sake of wasting a half hour or so for every course I enjoyed the G B Shaw very much in companion.

1922 OCTOBER 1922

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10 out	11	12	13	14
15 out	16 talk	17	18	19	20	21
22 talk afternoon " night	23 Office Monday a.m.	24	25 Office afternoon	26 Mrs Cook home	27	28
29	30	31 left Lewistown	1	2	3 at Dayton a.m.	