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Darling:

The convention has been rather fun so far. I can only hope that you are getting a good rest.

We have about 90 commissioners present and they range from amiable old nobodies to some very keen and able lawyers. Tweed really did a selling job for me. Several of the older and more important members here looked me up and said that they did so at "Harry Tweed's suggestion". Old Joe Burnett, who as head of the Executive Committee really runs the show, said that he could tell by "Harry's story" that I was "his boy". Don't you think that an interesting

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sidelight on the road. He must have an unexpected fund of sympathy and kindness - I mean more of those qualities than I suspected in a chap of his position. Mr. Luther has been friendly, but too preoccupied with his duties as host commissioner to give any time to a freshman.

I am delighted to report that almost all the commissioners are quite objective and seem eager to get help. I gather that a new commissioner seldom gets an important committee for several years, but I have already been asked on two. This is of course due in part to the New York City prestige and in part to the fact that on two important problems I happened to have had some very intensive experience. A real piece of luck.

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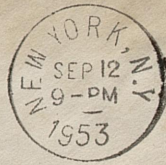
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The Buergers, the McKenzies of Ohio and the Schmutz of Boston and I dined last night in a queer little restaurant near Faneuil Hall - which is now a public market. It reminded me of the Battletower Inn but bigger and noisier. The roast beef portions were even larger. Tonight Henry Fraser and I dined at the Ritz-Carlton and explored Boston Common - passing up the baseball game.

I think that I shall have to stay over for the Saturday session as a very important act comes up that day. I have to be back not too late that night, but it may be 11 or 12 P.M.

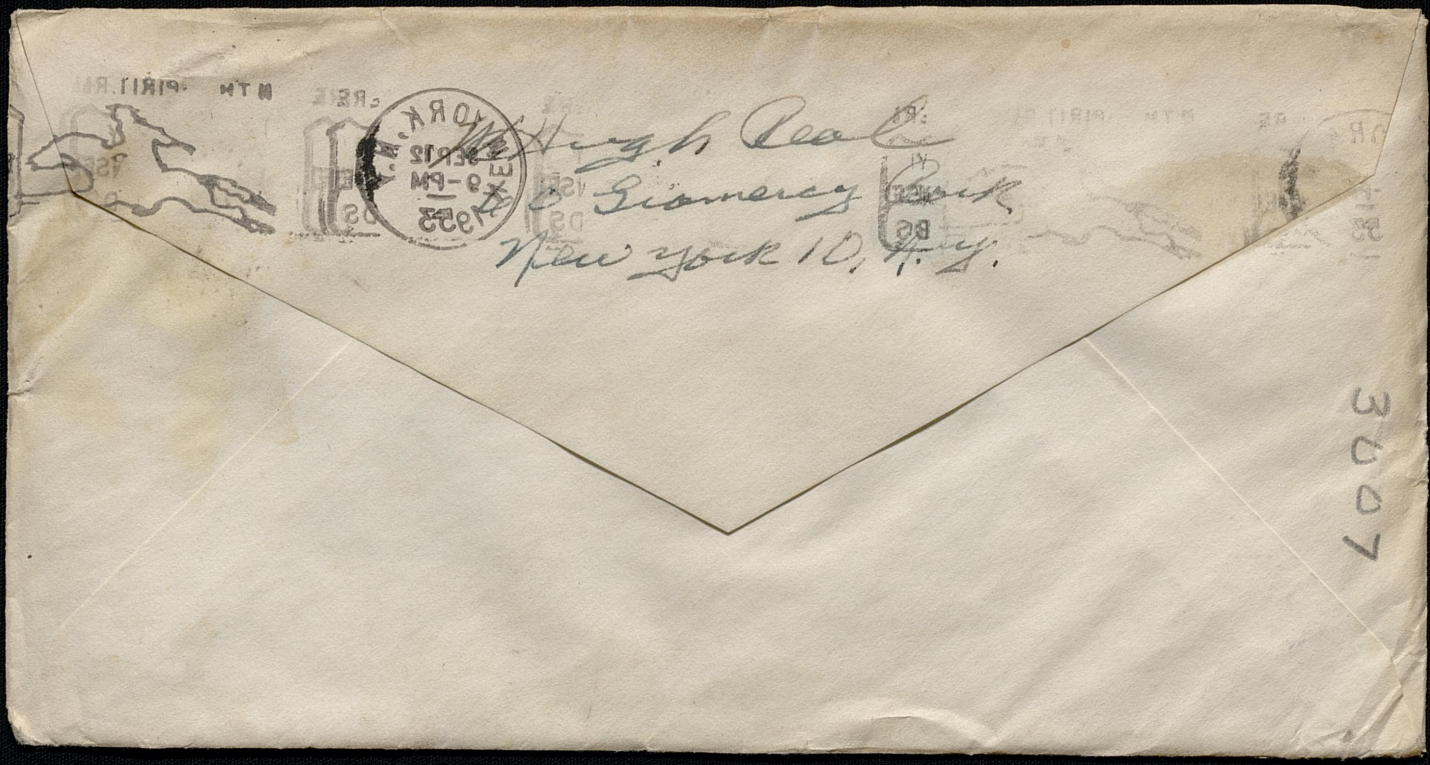
I do wish that you were with me. Mrs. Buerger is also campaigning for New Orleans next winter.

Love,
Henry



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Darling:

Your charming letter was an oasis in what might otherwise have been a lonely day. As you say I can really use a week-end of complete rest. My only adventure has been a trip to Duober & Fine where Mr. Duober had half a dozen rather remarkable letters for me, including three short ones from Howells and one from Whistler signed with his butterfly which he used on his paintings.

Prof. Reeves came by for dinner and an evening with me Thursday. He brought me as a gift the first page of the Silver Wedding Journey (I have about a third of the

manuscript) and a fine letter of Howells. Don't you think that that was a nice gesture from a college professor who would no doubt have liked very much to keep it for his own collection? Reemas is at Columbia on some kind of scholarship. I offered to put him up but he says that his expenses are paid on this trip and asks for a rain check.

The three enclosed letters are the only important mail received.

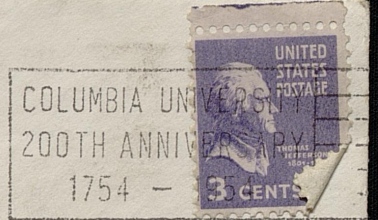
Malcolm telephoned yesterday, having just returned to the office. He had been back at the office, however, for several days during his vacation as an insurance company he had not represented before had asked him to represent it on a private placement of securities. He hopes to complete his vacation by a trip to see Mary Ruth. I cautiously and aggressively

suggested a week-end with us in Virginia but couldn't tell whether or not he wanted to come.

I saw Bette White Thursday and Bill yesterday. They invited me to dinner Thursday, but of course that was the evening Reeves came.

Ella arrived back Thursday, I think, and I plan to see her tomorrow. Bobette's husband is trying to get some money from her.

Alma is back on the job. She had left her key by mistake. I shall tell her about the bees.



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May 30, 1954

Darling:

Everything in connection with my Houston trip has gone according to plan, and I am leaving at 4:15 this afternoon. Fine flying weather. I may be able to return Monday night.

Jim Clark tells me that he and June are planning a Southern trip in the fall and may spend a night with us. Please write June at once, turning on all your charm, and ask her to make Longfields their headquarters. Both of them are shy but he at least is fond of us.

I think that our elderly friend has double-crossed us and has in effect made his own arrangements. Just why he used cloak and dagger business to gain ends he could have had by simply asking is a mystery. I think, however, that we have caught on in time to make our own peace. In other

words we have lost the ally we
thought we had, but our position
is about the same as before he
appeared. My worst problem at
present is to keep my hot-tempered
friends from precipitating a fight
before we are prepared.

These two days of rest have
been good for me. I managed to
sleep until 8:30 this morning.
The house is very lonely without
you, however.

Give my best to our friends

With all my love,
Hugh

Sunday, June 20, 1954

Darling:

This is a progress report - or perhaps I should say a retrogression report. Bankers Trust business claimed me all Friday morning and it was 5 P.M. before I heard the vicuspid fall into McBroth's pan. He treated the place yesterday morning and I am all right, except very tired. I am almost certain that the one remaining molar in my lower left will go quickly, but for the moment I am saved the horror of a full plate. By a fortunate miracle the spare denture fitted over the remaining teeth so that I am saved the cost of an entirely new fitting. I can even eat without too much discomfort. The worst is that I have no energy. I slept two hours yesterday and expect to repeat the dose today.

A postal from Dorothy and a letter from Mary Emma are enclosed and two other letters, one from Rowson,

are being forwarded. I shall leave
a key for Dorothy on the 22nd. Do you
think that we can house Mary Sue and
Jimmy? Minn will be here but I
suppose that we can rig up a
bed somehow for Coral Sue. We can
take them out for all meals except
breakfast. If you think you can
manage it, please write Mary
Emma. Her full name is Mrs. James
K. Whittaker.

The creeping New Jersey scandal
will, it seems to me, inevitably
involve our friend, Walter Margetts,
at least as a gullible fellow. One
interesting thing is the transfer
of large sums of State money
from interest bearing accounts in
the Trenton Banking Company (Syd-
ney's bank) to non-interest-bearing
accounts in Trenton Trust Company
(Mrs. Roehling's bank). Over a
period of years the losses to the
State can be very large and
the pay-off can also be great.
I wonder whether Sydney was ever
approached. Probably everyone
recognized his incorruptibility.

At any rate he should pick up some handsome balances now as a re-education from the shenanigans of the past.

I hope that Thurston arrived all right yesterday in good health and spirits, unless I hear further from you I shall expect you on Thursday. If Thurston wants some serious work you might have him do some painting. As I recall it, we never did get the back porch roof painted. The front porch floor could stand another coat.

With love,
Hugh

July 28, 1954

Darling:

The Goodall Sanford check came in yesterday, so you are well out of that. May the money flourish and multiply in Woodbarn. I have decided to sell my American Tobacco, which is in Hallgarten's name, but to hang on to yours. That will still leave me short about \$7,000 so that I am looking over the list very carefully.

Your friends, the Giants, seem to have fallen over their own feet. I heard on the radio this morning that their lead is reduced to two games.

The last three days have been busy for me - and hot. I dined with Jack Burditt last night and got home at 10 P.M. My Crowell-Collier loan is to be closed Monday. The Chemical Bank's lawyers have been so worried over the whole thing that they seem to be glad for me to take the lead.

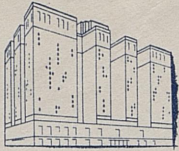
I should get a good fee, but the company is losing so much money that it may be sticky, especially as it will have a substantial bill from the chemical's lawyers and its own.

The New York newspapers are full of complaints about the drought and the Advance reports the same in Kentucky. I hope that you got some rain Sunday.

Irene is a wonderful chauffeur. She got us to Washington in one hour and twenty minutes.

I miss you a lot.

Till Monday,
Hugh



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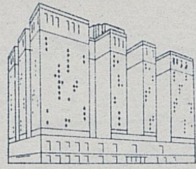


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August 13, 1954

Darling:

The news about the weather in Missouri and the effect on Lawson's flock is very sad. Is the trouble from the temperature alone or has the feed and water problem complicated it? I hope that the family are well.

By contrast, our weather has been extraordinarily cool. My room, not air-conditioned, is so cool that I am a little uncomfortable after a bath.

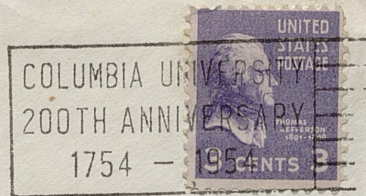
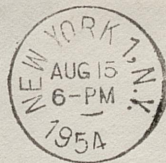
I couldn't reach the Telioferos by phone - which was just as well as we have had a very hard week. Monday night we worked until eleven. Tuesday I was so tired that I crept into bed after a short dinner relaxation with Henry Fraser. Wednesday night we worked until eleven.

thirty. Last night we had the annual commissioner's dinner and I got in at about 1:30 A. M., Chicago time. The reason for the great push of work is that I have been helping in the revision of a uniform act on financial responsibility for accidents by non-scheduled and private airplane operators.

I shall write again from New York on Sunday.

Love to uncle Ed, Aunt Emma et al.

yours,
Hugh



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August 15, 1954

Darling:

The enclosed is the only mail that seems to be worth forwarding. Min left a thank-you note and an address for sending a note of her telephone charges.

My week was a good one, although somewhat of a strain physically and mentally. I had a large part in a comprehensive redraft of one of the important acts promulgated by the conference this year. It is encouraging to see how grateful the members are for a little hard work. But at its lowest level, business-getting, I am certain that the post is worth-while.

The conference meets at Philadelphia next year and it seems to me that that would be an ideal opportunity for you to make your debut as

a lovely member of the New York contingent. You will see little of the commissioners, even me, except for the one night of the commissioners' dinner, but Philadelphia should be one of the most interesting places to visit. And some of the wives are interesting and charming ladies. For instance, Mrs Rogers of Mobile, a Bostonian married to an Alabamian, seems to me to combine in a remarkable degree the charm and culture of both North and South. Mrs. Wright from Arkansas and Mrs. Merrill from Oklahoma are both unusual and worth-while. Mrs. Buerger is not the brightest of gals but I have decided that she is quite a good sort. Al was too busy this time to give her much scope for entertainment.

We had luncheon yesterday at the university of Chicago and I was fortunate to be seated with Wilbur Katz, who left Quat, Clark with Charlie Gregory. Wilbur is one of

that fine Jewish type that mellows as ^{it} ~~he~~ gets older. It was a delightful reunion. He has asked me to write an article for the University of Chicago Law Review.

The Commodore Vanderbilt was as cold as an iceberg last night. If you return by train make the porter adjust your air conditioning and heat control to a comfortable room temperature.

Give my love to all the family. The apartment seems very big and lonely without you.

Love,
Hugh

MRS. WILLIAM H. CRAVENS
ROUND HILL FARMS
ROUND HILL, VIRGINIA

12 August 1954

Dear Hugh and Margaret:

It was so nice to see you two people last Sunday,
but much too briefly!

This is to ask Hugh to forward this note to his
Kansas spouse, please!

Margaret, if you are planning to come back B & O
through Martinsburg on Monday, August 23, please
let us know what time and let Bill or me or both
meet you!!! We do not care what time - it may be
one of those early morning trains. That is quite
all right and it will save you so much energy and
time to get to Round Hill. We MEAN this!!!
Be sure to give Daylight or Standard time.

We have had a littlerain this week - it came down
in torrents, but it was some moisture.

Monday night, we were at the Freds to dinner and
Bolivia. Tuesday night, Bill and I were at Irene's
to dinner and Bolivia with her and the Duchess.
All great fun!

Love and in haste,

Marie



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August 22, 1954

Darling:

Thurston telephoned last night and I told him he could stay at the house. It seems Betsy Louies was giving a party. He has been in the hospital with infected kidneys. For some reason illness seems to pursue him.

I have spent a part of the day cleaning out the storeroom. Two boxes turned out, respectively, to contain twelve bottles of yellowstone and twelve bottles of the good sherry. I also found two pairs of pioneer pants and two pairs of levis - which took me back in fancy to Soda Springs Ranch. Also about 2000 pounds of yellowing magazines, theatre programs and a souvenir of a festival year in India. I seem to remember that Josephine sent it to us.

Prof René Frechet, a rather

mouldy Frenchman, came to lunch with me yesterday. He had tracked me down as the owner of some Barrow letters and manuscripts. Isn't it interesting that the person now working on Barrow, gloomiest and crankiest of Englishmen, is a Frenchman? My scrappy manuscripts have a mass of critical notes with them, signed "H. W." Trecheat identifies "H. W." as Herbert Wright, Clement Shorter's assistant in the preparation of the Harvill edition of Barrow's works.

Mabel Durrin's father is dead. I wrote as good a letter as I could to Mrs. Durrin, but was parivicky for fear that I had misspelled Mabel's name. I hope it is Mabel and not Mable. I am sure that Streater's book is "Dere Mable" but who's who yielded "Mabel Walker Willebrandt."

I wrote to Mr. Duer last week asking permission to put curtains in the basement and move some small plants.

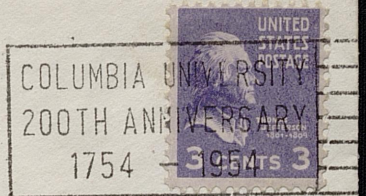
He replied immediately and very graciously. I had told him that Mr. Kilton would have charge of the farm and he spoke most highly of Kilton. I am not sure that it was tactful of him to say that he was delighted to know that Woodburn would be in such good hands. It seemed wise not to go into the matter of droppies etc in the first letter.

Do you remember Mougham's play "The Constant Wife"? I heard it on the radio this afternoon. I warn you that, if you ever get such ideas in your head, you will find that you didn't marry a gentleman.

I can hardly wait until Wednesday.

Love,
Hugh

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Mrs. W. Hugh Deal
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Virginia

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Sept. 13, 1954

Darling:

I think that I had better let you know at once that I see no chance of getting to Virginia before Friday night. Jim Clark has a solid list of conferences lined up to and including Thursday night.

Roy Lockwood has been made a member of the administration committee of Manufacturers Trust Company - the six senior officials of the bank. I am delighted because I was afraid that Roy had been passed over.

I hope that you are feeling better and that Joan is having a good time.

Herbert told me in Round Hill that Cols. Shipp and Leigh thought the price fair, but that Col. Shipp wanted to look about a bit more before making a decision.

Love,
Dugh