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E. STORY HILDETH
BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT
I enclosures received - Thank you very much. We had a wonderful trip with perfect weather. Left at the end of a afternoon game, about 6:00 o'clock. Stopped for gas, stopped to eat and stopped to see Aunt Hannie and then arrived about 11:30 after a leisurely trip.

The week-end itself was rather a mad expedition but it really was good to get off a long way away from Hartford! You could feel the cares of the week just drop away from you with every mile that passed. Hadn't seen so much basketball in years. Kate & Aunt Hannie both sent their love to your hope you're feeling fine, as I do. I'm even so pleased to get the watch back. I have really missed it recently. Must close now. Love to you both. I hope I may see you late Saturday... (not sure yet, but probably will be free in the afternoon). Love Jay.
Rev. & Mrs. E. Story Hildreth
Brooklyn
Conn.
Dear Folks,

Had a good trip home—arrived about 11:00 and met Lin Hubbell while unloading the sound equipment at the school. We had coffee together and I took him home, unloaded at the Y and then to bed. Back to work in the morning and it's so much quieter than last week when the Theatre Dept was here as well as the Art Dept. I dropped Alice a line asking her when the kid's vacation was, & now I can't find the card I was going to send you, so I'm sending this and will send that one later. Thanks again for a very nice week-end. Hope you're having a good trip and don't get too tired.

P.S. Thanks for the lunch. It was delicious.

Love, Jay
E. STORY HILDETH
BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT
Dear Dad, Mar. 16, 1953

I finally got your razor to Remington last Thursday and all it needed was "cleaning and adjustment", $1.00. They asked if you didn't want the case replaced, as that was cracking in several places, but it cost $4.50 and I thought you'd rather not have it done unless it went to pieces completely. But if you do want it, just let me know. I can get that done too--and I hope it won't take me so long. Busy as ever...don't know when I'll be home for another weekend--maybe this one, but I can't see that far ahead right now. As usual I only got my income tax done on the very last day--but at least it's done. Otherwise things seem to be going OK. Hope they are with you.

Much love,

Jay
1905 letter
May Faith - Ellena

E. Story Hildreth
Brooklyn, Connecticut
Dear Folks,

I've stood a card to you before - during a rehearsal that I've never gotten to finish it, and can't find it now. I am writing this letter during a scene in which I have no music cues during one of our East Hartford performances. It is going well, but there's just too much to do. If we survive this week we'll probably be able to survive next week too! Thank goodness the sun is shining yesterday it poured buckets while we had to transport the set, and the paint on the set won't take too much of that. Hope you weren't too rushed in getting back from Hollywood in time for your club. The bread you packed for me was delicious. Kate and I heard it. See, I've written a lot.

Thank you very much. Love, Jim.
Jay Hildreth
315 Pearl St.
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Folks,

I'm writing again in the middle of our last show of the week. Nine shows in five days is a heavier schedule than Broadway has. Some of them have been good and some of them have been bad. But we've been ready on time for all of them.

Thanks for your letter. I'm delighted to hear that Alice and the kids are coming soon. That week we are playing W. Springfield and Chicopee only. How would it be for them to see the Chicopee show? That is Friday, I believe, and it should be a good show. They might like to come on Thursday to W. Springfield, but if they should it might be more hectic if they are going to have a visit with Auntie Hannie... three of us were planning to stay over with her on Thursday night, but Thursday night was the night Auntie Hannie was planning to see the show. I don't know what we'll...
be doing on Wed. and on Sat. but on Mon. & Tues we have regular schedules at School.

I'll check those bridges. I don't know any of them by name but I'll try to find which is which. We usually use the big bridge right near where Aunt Fannie used to teach in W. Sprfields. Which is that called?

Thanks for the package. It arrived last week but I couldn't get it for days or weeks, because I never was in during normal times & the night man couldn't find it. The shirts & shorts were both a blessing. I had been trying to buy more but couldn't get to a store.

We're on our way to New Haven now. Must close.

Love,

Jay

Maybe we return to Chicago. What day are you back? What time is show at Chicago?
To [Name]

Mrs. John L. Hildreth
185 Bleecker St., Apt. 17
New York 12, N.Y.

June 16, 1929

Dear Mother + Dad,

Thank you for the many notes, letters and clippings as well as for all the generous and useful gifts at Christmas. We're at the moment misplaced the Xmas list (hope D. J. hasn't done something with it) so that it is nearly impossible to enumerate all the many, many presents from you to all of us.

Jay was transferred to his new library this Monday, June 14. He is now at "Cathedral Branch" which is on Lexington Ave. at about
50 Ave (The main lib. was at 50 Ave & 3rd St.) so he takes the same subway to the same stop and has now only two blocks to walk since the 2nd Sub. stop is 4th at 5-3rd St.

This is a small general branch with a collection of cookbooks as well as Religious Books predominately on Catholicism - This I guess because St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Cathedral High School are next door neighbors. This library is also used by neighboring offices buildings for reference questions. Say seems to find it pleasant. She said so far to find it pleasant. She said goodbye to him a farewell dinner party and a lovely Roman Catholics complete with cigarette lighters complete with mind maker for a farewell gift. We miss the folks at that library. They were so friendly but then...
Church went well. We sang an anthem (a 3 part Canon) by Virgil Thomson, very dissonant but very lovely and very much appreciated by the congregation. Kate's scalloped scallops were a hit at the meal. I have written an anthem for the choir here and we expect to sing it at the Maundy Thursday Service.

Must close to get this in the mail. Aunt Lu is much better. We are as swamped with things to do. The work at the library is going well. More later.

Love,

Kate, Jay & D2.
From Kate to Jay.
Mon. Aug. 29, 1960

Dear Folks,

We brought D.L. home Sat. & she is wonderful. So happy & so independent. She is thrilled with the moving & delighted with the painting of that we had done while she was away. (She walked up to the walls in her room & studied them & said "Beautiful. Beautiful.")

Michael & Ed Lilly went up with us - this pleased us immensely. We had a good trip even though the day was hazy & partly gray. The next day Ruth Harris' & her friend Wanda Serbin (both of whom have baby at four) came out for a "Welcome Home" visit. She has seen most of her friends on the streets tonight.

Roger de Brayn is arriving from Mass. for a few days. Pete is bringing him down so he can make a business trip. D.L. is bespectacled herself with delight. We took her to the beach yesterday again today but wish they were more things to keep her interested around the house.
We have had a wonderful time on vacation but I could use another 4 weeks of it with no trouble at all! It has been terribly humid & hot & it makes it hard to sleep & hard to get anything done at home. I hope you are all doing fine. Love to everyone who's coming for Labor Day. Must close & get busy again.

Much love

R. J. & D.L.
Dear Folks,

Can't remember my last card. Life has been so hectic since D.L. returned from camp.

We got her on Sat., Aug. 27. + we took another good roll of movies that day - mostly of her at camp with Michael + Ed Lilly, but also some of the kids reminiscing the camp site in the Catskills near D.L.'s camp where we stayed just before + after our previous visit to her.

She was very glad to get home. Ed + Michael both stayed over with us, + the next day Ruth Harris (who used to work in the Record Collection at Donnell) + her friend Ursula Serkin (who is going to be a Counselor at Lexington School this year) came out for a visit.
Such a welcome!

The next day (Mon.) Pati de Bruyn brought Roger down for a few days visit with D.L. while he had a business trip in Manhattan. Highlights of the 3 busy days included a trip to Chinatown where all 4 of us used chop sticks in a Chinese restaurant where Rog bought souvenirs for all his closest friends & relatives.

A rainy day trip to Perth Amboy, N.J. by their miniature ferry return by bridge (so D.L. wouldn’t be confused at our not having used a ferry to get home when we came back from camp) & prowling about on our own beaches & docks. We took some movie shots of
that too but not a great deal.
After Rog left on Thurs. evening.
we settled down a bit. Asked
Ruth to come out Fri. P.M. to
baby-sit for us so we could
go to a performance of Taming
of the Shrew at "Shakespeare
in the Park" free at Central
Park. It was a good show
but not great. But most
exciting was seeing thousands of
people line up to see Shakespeare
performed. I knew this had
been going on all summer!

D. B. was disappointed we
weren't taking her along but
she loves Ruth & they got along
finally once we went out right.
Several times we have been swimming & gone on picnics of one kind or another which we have enjoyed as much as she has!

The week is drawing to a close & we wish there were much more time. It will be hard to take her back to school. There are many things we want to do. We have found row boat available very inexpensively on a pond at Willowbrook Park, and Pony back rides available at Clove Lake Park & there's more swimming to be had! We can't do everything! So glad to hear you had a good time with the Ballgus. Wish we could have been there. Glad that Glad has a nice car. Hope...
Uncle Scot gets along well and can come home quickly. We will want to know when you are coming home. Do you have any special plans for fall. D.T. wants to see you and also wants to see Uncle Ray, Judy, Jim and Bill. This is quite a project! Must close.

Love from us all.

Jany
Naturestore
Tshirt Jay 18

Rev. & Mrs. E. Story Hildreth
Brooklyn Conn.
Dear Mother & Dad, Stone Mts. July 2, 1957

Getting ready for the 4th, I want putty nails & lots of such things so I can fix windows & paint & put in a "hose-reel" which a neighbor gave us in the NW gable of the attic, etc. It is hot we have to do what we can to make sleep possible at night. It gets comfortable outside, quite early but the house doesn't hit enough to cool the house as it is with only the windows we can open.

Mon AM 7/2/61

Dear Folks,

I picked this card up by mistake. Didn't realize I had started it once before.

D.L. saw me typing yesterday & insisted she might type a letter to you. She refused practically all help except setting me type her name so she could copy it until the envelope. She really wanted me to do it as it would get there. I insisted on reading candy too.

Love from all of us
Important

Mrs. E. Story Hildreth

SAVE Brooklyn, Conn.
Dear Mother

This is a very exciting time. I am so pleased about the eventual transfer to Lincoln Center - General Library of the Performing Arts. It is part of the N.Y. Public but will be very special. It will include its Circulation Department, the Music Library (from 58th St. where I started) and its Dance Section - now split off from it, a new Theatre Collection and a New Record Collection. I have been given the appointment as "Acting Supervising Librarian." I expect that later in the Advisory Board will review my
eligibility for promotion to be Supervising librarian. Then
I would neither an increase in pay, at least a noticeable one.

Now is the time when everyone is saying "Congratulations." I am very happy about it. I have waited a long time for something like this to happen, so from time to time had given up hope. It been a long haul, but now it's happened.

Kati on the other hand has never had a job fall up on her as this one just didn't she finds it very disappointing. She has on occasion lft a job for another before the job on folded. This time she stuck it out figuring it would be better to let herself be discharged as she would be eligible for unemployment insurance whilst she was
looking for the next one.
We are struggling to get
things arranged to have
something put up on our new
lot on the Cape. Every turn
makes it more complicated.
It may be out of the question for
this season but we'd still
staying.

The weather has turned
suddenly to mid-summer!
It is terribly hard at work
because the air conditioning is not ready
to work but the windows are
sealed just the same.
Hope you are comfortable.
Our plans are very erratic.
But we hope you have a
happy Mother's Day
together. Love
Jay