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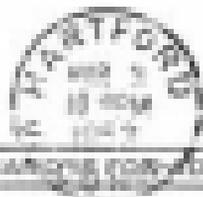
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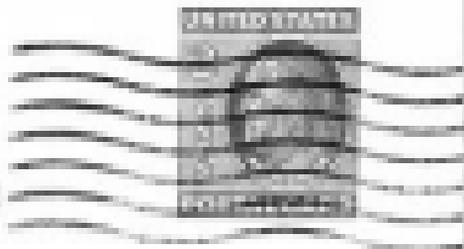
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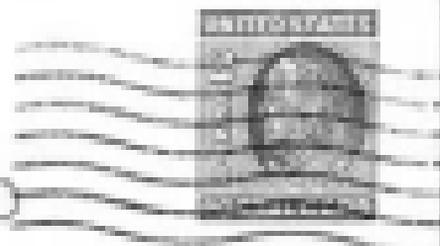
E. STORY HILDRETH
BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT

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

The week-end itself was rather a
tired expedition but it really was good
to get off a long way away from
Hartford! You could feel the ease
of the week just drop away from you
with every mile that passed. Hadn't
seen so much basketball in years.

Kate & Aunt Dennis both sent
their love to you. Hope you're feeling
fine, - as I do.

I'm ever so pleased to get to
watch back. I have really missed
it recently. Must close now.
Love to you both & hope I may
see you late Saturday... (not
sure yet, but probably will be free in the
afternoon. Love, Joe



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rev. & Mrs. E. Story Hildreth
Brooklyn
Conn.

Hartford, Conn.
March 9, 1953

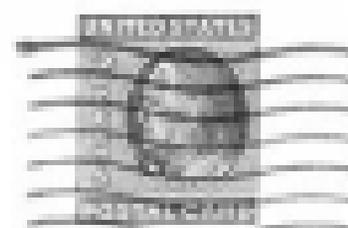
Dear Folks,

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.

Love,



*B. Thanks for the dinner. It was
delicious. Jlt*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

E. STONY HILLOUT
BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT

Mon. Mar. 16, 1953

Dear Dad,

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 week-end--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,

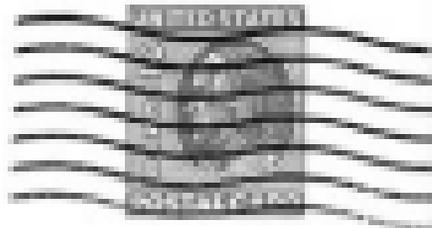


1905 letter

May 7th - Elena



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



E. STORY HILDRETH
BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT

Apr. 8, 1953

Dear Galka

I've stashed 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 during a scene in which
I have to move a table during one
of our East Hartford performances.
It is going well, but there's just too
much to do. You survive through
we'll probably be able to survive
next week too. I 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
suffered in getting back from Hlyde
in time for your class! The lunch
you supplied for me was delicious. Kate
& I shared it. I can't eat without any
etc. & then finished it Monday.
Thank you very much. Love, Galka

Jay Hildreth
316 Pearl St.
Hartford, Conn.

Apr. 11, 1953

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 + 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 + the kids are coming soon. That week we are playing W. Springfield + 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 Aunt Fannie... three of us were planning to stay over, with her on Thurs. night, but Thurs night was the night Aunt Fannie was planning to see the show. I don't know what will

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
Flanniv used to teach in W. Springfield.
Which is that called?

Thanks for the package. It arrived
last week but I couldn't get it for days &
days, 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,

When we know
what day it please
to return we will
let you know.

Maybe Ray will
get me for you.

of the committee
of the former set

what?

what time
time is when
at Chicago?

Mrs. John L. Hildreth
185 Bleeker St., Apt. 17
New York 22, N. Y.

Jan 16, 1947.

To
Dear Mother + Dad.

Thank you for the many
notes - letters and clippings
as well as for all the generous
and useful gifts at Christmas.
None of the women misplaced the
Xmas list (hope D. L. hasn't
done something with it) so that
it is nearly impossible to summarize
all the many, many presents
from you to all of us.

Dey was transferred to his
new library this Monday, Jan 14.
He is now at "Cathedral Branch"
which is on Lexington Ave at about

50th st (One main lib. was at 5th &
58th st.) so he takes the same subway
to the same stop and has now only
~~one~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks to walk since the
2nd. Sub. stop is lex at 5th 3rd st.

This is a small general branch
with a collection of cook-books
as well as Pelizzoni Books predomi-
nately on catholicism - This I
guess because St. Patrick's
Cathedral and the Cathedral
High School are next door neighbors.
This library is also served by
neighboring office buildings for
reference questions - Jay seems
so far to find it pleasant. The
main lib gave him a farewell
Party and a lonely Roman
cigarette lighter complete with
mini bottle for a farewell gift.
We miss the folks at that library.
They were so friendly but there

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

Church went well. We sang an anthem
(a 3 part Canon) by Virgil Thompson,
very dissonant but very lovely &
very much appreciated by the
congregation. Kates Scalloped
Scallops were a hit at the meal.

I have written an anthem for
the choir here & we expect to
sing it at the Maundy Thursday
service.

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

Love,

Kate Jay & D.L.

From Kate & 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 movies & delighted with the painting etc. that we had done while she was away. (She walked up to the walls in the room & studied them & said "Beautiful. Beautiful.")

Michael & Ed Lilly went up with us & they played in the yard. We had a good trip even though the day was hazy & partly grey. The next day Ruth Harris & her friend Ursula Sarkis (both of whom have baby set from) came out for a "Welcome Home" visit. She has seen most of her friends on the street & tonight Roger de Bruyn is arriving from Mass. for a few days. Peter is bringing him down so he can have a business trip. D.L. is leaving herself with delight. We took her to the beach yesterday & again today but with the water not so high & 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. Hope you're all doing fine. Love to everybody who's coming for Labor Day. Must close & get busy again.

Much love

R. J. & D.L.

21. N. Y.
Sun Sept 4, '60

Dear Folks

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

We got her on Sat. Aug. 27. -
we took another good natured picnic
that day - mostly of her at camp
with Michael & Ed fully, but
also some of the fun of re-visiting
the camp site in the Catskills since
D.L. 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 with Record Collection
at Donnell) & her friend Ursula
Serbin (who is going to be a
counselor at Lexington School
this year) came out for a visit.

Such a welcome!

The next day (Mon) Peter de Bruyn brought Roger down for a few days' visit with Dr. White & 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 chow restaurant & where Rog bought souvenirs for all his closest friends & relatives. - A rainy day trip to Pearl Ferry, N.J. by train, minutes ferry & return by bridge (as Dr. wouldn't be caught at our not having used a ferry to get home when we were back from camp) - & prowling about our own beaches & dock. We took some movie shots of

that too but not a great deal.
 After Ray left on Thurs. evening,
 we settled down a bit. Paled
 Rath to come out Fri. P.M. to
 help out for us so we could
 go to a performance of Tanya
 of the "Shree" 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. & to know that had
 been going on all summer!

D.P. was disappointed we
 weren't taking her along but
 she loves Rath & they go along
 frequently once in a while of night.

Several times we have been swimming & gone on picnics of one kind or another which I 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 spot at Willowbrook Park, and pony back rides available at Clove Lake Park & there is more swimming to be had!

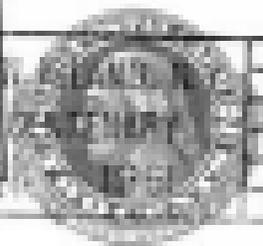
We can't do every thing! I'm glad to hear you had a good time with the Ballpus. wish you could have been there. Glad that Glad has a nice car. Hope

Uncle Scit gets along well &
can come home quickly. We
will want to hear when you are
coming home. Do you have any
special plans for fall. D.T.
wants to see you & also want
to see Uncle Ray, Judy, Jim
& Bill. - This is part of
project!

Must close.

Love for all.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS.

Walthamston
1 Street Jay
Brooklyn

Rev. & Mrs. E. Story HILDRETH
Brooklyn
Conn.

Dear Mother & Dad, States July 2, 1957

~~Getting ready for the 4th Annual party and
a lot of much to do. I am for a window and
a part in a house which I thought you
as in the N.W. corner of the other side. It is
but we have to do what we can to make things
possible at night. It is not comfortable
outside quite early but the breeze doesn't
hit enough to cool the house so it is
with only the window.~~

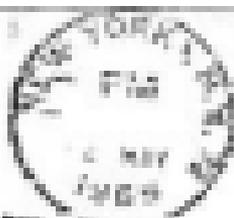
Mon. 7/2/57

Dear Folks,

I picked the card up by
mistake. I don't realize I had
started it once before. 4/2/57

D. saw me typing yesterday
& insisted she might type a
letter to you. She refused, partially
all help except letting me type
her name as she could copy it
until the envelope. I think she
wanted me to do it as it would
get there. I meant on reading
candy too. ©
Love for all of us
Jill

J. Hildreth
90 Laurel Hill Terr.
N.Y., N.Y. 10033



Important

Mrs. E. Story Hildreth

SAVE Brooklyn, Conn.

N Y C
May 3, 1963

Dear Mother

This is a very exciting time. I am so pleased about the eventual transfer to Lincoln Center - David Library of the Performing Arts. It is part of the N.Y. Public Library and will be very special. It will include in 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 of Acting Supervising Librarian. I expect that the Advisory Board will review my

eligibility for promotion to be
Superintendent Librarian. She
should receive an increase in
pay, at least a retroactive one.

Now is the time when Maynard
is saying "Congratulations". I
am very happy about it. I have
waited a long time for something
like this to happen, & for time
to time had given up hope. It
has a long hard pull but now
it happened.

Kate on the other hand has
never had a job folded up on her
as this one just didn't she
finds it very disconcerting.
She has on occasion left a
job for another before the
it is folded. This time she
steal it out figuring it would
be better to let herself be
discharged as she would be
obliged for unemployment
insurance which she has

looking for the next one.

We are struggling to get things arranged & 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're still trying.

The weather has turned suddenly to mid-summer! It's really 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 hectic. But we hope you have a happy Mother's Day anyhow.

Love
Jay