



## Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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Brooklyn by Jane R. Draught.  
June 1920

Capt. Raymond

Present

Letter from Arthur Fisher.

March 18 - 1864.

Taunton Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

My dear George,

I am most happy to report that Libby passed safely through her trial this morning & has presented us with a charming boy. She was taken about twelve o'cl. but we did not send for the doctor to come until about half past one, tho I went down to see if he was at home. the child was born half past two. so you see she was mercifully spared a protracted state of suffering. thanks be to God for it. The nurse was there, also my Aunt Mr. Tassar. Libby has slept well through the day. and we think she is doing splendidly. The little fellow seem perfect in everything. And the nurse declares he is a remarkably handsome baby. as if there could be anything else in our family. Willis is tremendously tickled. & when introduced to his little

brother wished to go down stairs & bring up  
his blocks for him to play with. But  
good bye. will write again in a day or  
two - Love to Mary.

Yours

Ben.



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT,  
MINING ENGINEER,  
25 BROAD STREET,  
New York  
TELEPHONE 2068 BROAD.

611 West 137<sup>th</sup> St. New York,  
November 9, 1909

My dear Lou,

It seems like rushing the season to be called upon for a Christmas letter, while the red and yellow leaf of autumn is still on the trees, and the Thanksgiving turkey is still at large, but the mandate has gone forth from one who shall be nameless, but who is noted as an originator of good ideas, and who, moreover, is accustomed to being obeyed, that we shall all contribute to a Round Robin Christmas letter to you. Again we recognize the excellence of the idea, and obey with alacrity.

It is really hard to know how to discuss the anticipated joys of the Christmas season with one who will then be experiencing the contrary kind of weather, and just getting ready for summer. In fact it is a rather topsy-turvy condition of things, and I guess the best thing I can do is to wish you a Merry Christmas, and let you secure it as best you can, with due regard to the season and the customs of the country!

Since you left, I have been trying hard to get away for a trip to El Paso, and Candelaria, but a succession of things has prevented, though I am now beginning to feel that I am getting near the time of starting. It has been decided to increase the sewing plant at East Helena, and John Knox will start tomorrow for that place to draw up the plans. He has just finished the drawings for a large machine Type E, 42" x 26 1/2", and it is proposed to put in one of these

as quickly as possible, and a second as soon as the first can be tried to see if any improvements can be made in its manufacture. The Great Falls people are beginning to talk again about putting in a plant, and there are other possibilities in sight. You will be interested to hear that the Tennessee machine has been making a great record for itself. We thought at first that it would be necessary to mix some sulphide ore fines with the fluordust to sinter it, but this was gradually cut out, and before Stith left he had the machine running on straight fluordust (8-10% Sulphur) and making over 75 tons per day (Speed of pallet about 25" per minute). Messiter came up from there a few days ago and said that they had the machine running at 33" per minute, which would mean about 100 tons per 24 hours, and although the sintered product wasn't as perfect as it was at a somewhat slower speed, it was good enough for all their requirements, and they preferred the high speed. The big accumulation of years is fast disappearing, and I fear the old machine will eat itself out of a job!

Stith, and John Knox have been off all day today on a visit to the New Jersey Zinc Company's works at Franklin Furnace, N. J., to inspect a very complete plant they have for drying and conveying ores. I wanted John to see it, as he will be expected to get them up a drying or thawing plant at East Helena in connection with the sintering.



I am sorry we have not yet had a chance to read your chronicle <sup>of</sup> ~~from~~ the voyage, but it has not yet been sent us by your brother George. I did receive the letter you sent me from Honolulu and was much pleased to know that you were enjoying the voyage in spite of the drawbacks and inconveniences of a crowded ship. I am sure you will enjoy also the novelty of life in Australia, and will want to hear all about it.

We like our quarters on Riverside Drive very much indeed. The outlook from our windows takes in a great sweep of the river, and there is always something of interest to catch the eye, while the varying moods of the water, and the Palisades opposite us, are always attractive. It has been quite a task getting settled, and the mud is not yet, but we are gradually getting there. The inefficiency and stupidity of the workmen of this enlightened country are beyond belief. I am reaching the belief that the much abused Mexican workmen is a jewel in comparison. First thing we know the labor unions will cause us to lose our supremacy as a manufacturing nation.

We have greatly enjoyed Reed's presence in our household. He seems to have taken hold of his College work in the right way, and is apparently making a good record in his class. Analytical Chemistry is his particular joy, and as might be expected his highest marks were in that subject in the report that has just come to hand of some recent test examinations, but all the subjects showed up well. It is pretty chilly on the river these days in a necktie and a pair of slippers, but we encourage him all we can to train with the freshmen.

scrub crew. Whenever he comes in from rowing, his skin is clear and his face glows like the moon in the skies. On the whole, your boy is getting ~~fast~~ along first rate, and is likely to do himself credit.

We had Alice with us for quite a long visit commencing very shortly after you were here. She finally had to hurry home on account of Fred's mishap, where I have no doubt she will be able to help considerably in the present emergency in the Joliet household. You will, of course hear a great deal more, directly from them about Fred's seizure than we here can tell you. I can well imagine how trying it must be for a man of his active temperament and habits to be laid up in this way.

Well, I hope to hear soon of your safe arrival in Australia, and your first impressions of this new continent. You will never know what a trial it was to send you there instead of going myself! Give my love to Phil Moses, and wish him the compliments of the season from me, though it is probable that he will receive a letter of his own. Here's to yourself for a Merry Christmas, and a happy and Prosperous New Year - from

Yours affectionately  
Arthur J. Wright

To Mr. Louis H. Hyde,  
C/o Philip S. Morse,  
Boulton, N. S. W.,  
Australia



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT,  
MINING ENGINEER,  
25 BROAD STREET,  
New York  
TELEPHONE 2068 BROAD.

New York City, May 10, 1910.

Mrs. L. H. Hyde,  
502 Eastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Mary:-

I have your letter in regard to the arrears of Lou's salary. I regret exceedingly that in the press of other matters I have overlooked sending you this money at the regular intervals, as I should have done. I hasten to correct the oversight by sending you herewith check for \$150. to cover the proportions of Lou's salary for February, March and April, 1910 as per his order, viz: three months at \$50. per month. I shall try and not over-look the matter another time.

I had a letter from him yesterday at Port Pirie, and he seemed to be still struggling with the problem there. I feared he might be a little off the right track in one respect and, therefore, cabled him to try a certain remedy which, from our other experience, I hope may help the situation there.

I can readily understand his anxiety to finish the work and get home and I sincerely hope that he will be able to clean everything up in short order.

I do not know as I told you that I had sent word to him that he was at liberty to make his return trip via Suez. At least, the Company is ready to pay for his return passage that way. I am sure it would be a great satisfaction to him to circumnavigate the globe, and I really hope he may decide to do it.

I suppose you are beginning to look forward with anxiety to seeing Reed home from his first year of college work. I believe you will be highly pleased with the progress he has made both mentally

Mrs. L. H. Hyde-2.

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and physically. It has been a pleasure to see him hardening up in muscle and brain; in fact, you could almost see him grow. I have talked to a number of his professors about him and he seems to have impressed them most favorably. Certainly his marks bear witness to the excellent work he has done, and it is gratifying to add that he has not had to make a slave of himself to do it. He has been methodical in taking his work at the proper time and by not getting behind-hand in anything, has been able to take it with apparent ease. At the same time, he has been ready when opportunities came for relaxation and an evening at the theatre or opera <sup>now and then</sup> ~~to take advantage of it~~ without losing ground in his studies. I think you may be very proud of your boy.

This coming Saturday, May 14th, is the great day when his boat competes in the class races on the River, and we are all planning to go over and witness the event. I wish you were here to go with us. There is a chance that the motor boat may be launched by that time and, if so, we will go in style.

We greatly enjoyed Fred's visit when he came up over Sunday from Washington but, on account of other guests, did not have a very satisfactory chance to talk over Joliet matters with him.

With love to all the circle, I am

Yours very truly,

*A. G. Dargh*

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT,  
MINING ENGINEER,  
25 BROAD STREET,  
New York

TELEPHONE 2068 BROAD.

New York City, June 10, 1910.

Mrs. L. H. Hyde,  
502 Eastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Mary:-

I beg to enclose herewith check to your order for \$50.00 in payment of portion of salary of Louis H. Hyde for the month of May 1910 as per his order. Please sign and return the enclosed receipt.

You will be interested to hear that I received a cipher cablegram yesterday from Louis dated Port Pirie, South Australia, which translated reads as follows:

"Succeeded beyond expectations. G.D.Delprat assures me recommending strongly Board of Directors. Today will leave for P. S. Morse, Cockle Creek; important work elsewhere."

I had a letter from him the other day, calling my attention to the desirability of his giving a banquet to the officers of the Broken Hills Company, in consideration of their many courtesies to him, and that he ought to do this, whatever their decision regarding the D&L process. As he did not feel justified in incurring this expense without authority, he asked me to cable him, which I did about a week ago, and told him to do it up in style! I took occasion also to ask him to cable me as soon as a decision was reached and also when he knew he could start for home. I suppose he will have to see Mr. Morse before he can answer the last question.

I am very much pleased that Louis has carried his point for, aside from the benefit I hope it will be to the Company, it will give him a sense of success without which his long journey and absence from



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home would be more or less of a hardship.

We have had a couple of very brief postals from Reed since he went to Camp Columbia, but we are not worrying about him, for we know he is busy and doubtless having a good time.

Yours very truly,

*A. G. Dwight*



COPY

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY, LTD.,

PORT PIRIE, S. A.

9th June, 1910.

(Private)

A. S. Dwight, Esq.,

DWIGHT & LLOYD SINTERING COMPANY,

25 Broad Street, New York, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Hyde is leaving us today, and I just drop you a line to thank you for sending to us such a capable, hard-working man; he has worked night and day to prove that your process is an improvement on our process, and I do not think any one could have done more than he did.

I am communicating the results of his trials to my Board of Directors, with a view of getting their instructions with regard to the future. Until then, I cannot say anything more definite, but I thought I would just like to let you know how pleased we are with the way your representative has carried out his trials.

As soon as I receive my Board's instructions, I will communicate with you again.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

C. W. Delprat.

General Manager.

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25 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK

A. S. DWIGHT  
PRESIDENT & TREASURERNew York City, April 7, 1911.

Mrs. L. H. Hyde,  
502 Southeastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Mary:-

I received this morning a cablegram from Lou, dated  
Townsville, Australia, April 6th, which when translated reads as  
follows:

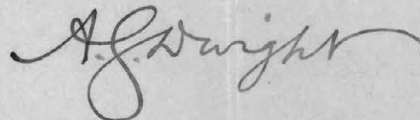
"Complete success. Will leave today, reaching New York  
June 27th Cunard Line."

I hasten to send you this good news, knowing well how much  
it will gratify you as, needless to say, it does me also.

I have inquired of the Cunard Line what steamers they have arriv-  
ing on June 27th and find that there are two, viz: the "Coronia" from  
Liverpool and the "Saxonia" from the Mediterranean. I suppose we will have  
later advices, indicating which of these he will take. I hope he is plann-  
ing to come by way of England, so as to get a little glimpse of that  
country.

We are getting ready to go up to Boston tomorrow for a two or  
three days' visit.

Yours affectionately,



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

New York City, December 14, 1916.

Mr. Louis H. Hyde,  
502 Eastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Lou,

Jane received this morning the enclosed letter from Mr. W. G. Malchow, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Wilder, Minnesota, in regard to a project for a general drainage ditch which will drain certain lands on the Wilder farm. Remembering my conversation with you about the desirability of draining certain parts of the Wilder farm, I have formed the opinion that it will no doubt be a good thing, but as you are so much more familiar with the general conditions, Jane and I have decided to ask you if you will not give us your advice on the subject and send word on her behalf direct to Mr. Malchow about the desirability of his attending the hearing on December 22nd and making protest, as he suggests. I am not familiar with the procedure in such cases and, in fact, cannot understand from Mr. Malchow's letter just how the thing works out. The table of estimated acreage, number of feet of tile required and the estimated benefits do not indicate clearly to me why the particular item he mentions is unjustly assessed, but suppose he knows what he is talking about.

Will you, therefore, do us the great favor to write Mr. Malchow your views on the subject, and also communicate to us what you have done, returning at the same time the papers in the case, so that Jane may keep them in her files? I wish also you would tell me, if you can from the data at hand, just what Jane's share of the cost will be.

I am glad to know that you are back from Canada, and hope



Mr. L. H. Hyde-2. 12/14/16.

you are enjoying your homecoming.

We are all well, and getting ready for a house-full this Christmas, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond arriving this morning as the first contingent of the holiday crowd.

Yours affectionately,

*Al Dwight*

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Great Neck, Long Island

My dear Arthur,

I am very glad to receive your letter of September 29<sup>th</sup>, and to know that you are so comfortably established for your college work. You are lucky to drop into such pleasant rooms and living conditions, with good friends to get you started right. You will do well to keep in close touch with Prof. Mayer, who I know will take great interest in advising you as to studies which will lead up most efficiently to the finish at Columbia. He is a good friend and admirer of Reed, and also an old time friend of mine.

As for the Class of '85 Scholarships, I think we can consider that there is



a very fair chance that you can get it, especially if you are able to keep up a good standing at Ann Arbor. The man to whom it has been awarded this year and who will probably hold it for 3 years will therefore finish just as you are ready to enter. Of course, I cannot promise absolutely, but the preference is always given to a candidate who is related to a member of the Class.

I should be glad to audit your monthly expense account if you want me to, just as I do with Robert's. It will serve to keep me in touch with what you are doing and make us write to each other at regular intervals, which I shall

be very glad to have happen.

Robert went off to Hackley the early part of this week, and Louise has made a good start in her year's work at Columbia.

Read & Evelyn motored over and made us a call this afternoon. The baby has grown to be a big fellow, and displayed excellent Company manners.

We had an unexpected visit from Harold last week. He turned up the very afternoon of the day Robert left for Hackley, spending the night with us, and starting back for Boston the next afternoon. We have a job for him at the Nitong shop as soon as he gets out of service.

Give our love to Lorne, whose letter to Aunt Jane was much appreciated.  
Affectionately J. Wright

## BROOKLYN TRUST COMPANY

177-179 MONTAGUE STREET

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

January 14, 1921,

Dear Arthur,

I am telegraphing you tonight of my plan to stop off to see you for a little visit next Thursday afternoon on my way to Chicago on business. I expect to arrive Ann Arbor at 2:44 PM, Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, and must leave for Chicago that night at 10:42 PM. I must count on you to make a <sup>sleeping car</sup> reservation for me and as you will probably have to buy a R.R. ticket also in order to get it, I am sending you herewith my cheque for \$15.00 which ought to cover both R.R. fare to Chicago and a lower berth according to the estimate given me here. If it is more, I will reimburse you. Please get the tickets promptly so there will be no mistake about it, as I surely must be in Chicago Friday morning early.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you and Lorne, and you may make any plan you see fit for the time of my stay, including dinner at my expense somewhere.



as may suit you, <sup>& some</sup> best, with invitation  
to 2 or 3 boys + 2 or 3 girls as you may  
choose. This is provided of course you think  
well of the project.

Aunt Jane will not be with me.

Affectionately & in haste

Uncle Arthur

Great Neck, Long Island

February 27, 1921.

My dear Arthur,

Your very interesting letter was much enjoyed by all of us, and I should not have delayed answering it so long had it not been for a series of events that have interrupted the regular course of our daily routine. We had the annual meeting of the Institute of Mining Engineers which kept up for nearly a week, day and night, and as I am Vice President of the Institute this year, and Aunt Jane is running a sideshow of her own as President of the Women's Auxilliary of the Institute we both had our hands full, and stayed in town at a hotel. Louise went to the Savoy which was followed by a dance, and with the many young people that were there seemed to have a good time.

Next Tuesday night I start for Toronto where

I have promised to lecture before the students' Mining & Metallurgical Club of the University of Toronto, and then I go to Montreal to a meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute. Aunt Jane will probably join me there Friday and come back with me Saturday night. She wants to make a little call on the Van Horne cousins.

At Columbia, we are making a special effort to acquaint all the schools and colleges of the country from which we look for students for the engineering courses with the exact requirements for admission, in other words giving them the kind of information that Prof. Mayer has been giving you, so that if a man knows ahead what he wants to do, he can easily prepare without loss of time. The enclosed little circular is one we

have prepared to give the main features at a glance. Then if a man is interested he can get the details from the regular announcements. There is an idea abroad that an average College graduate cannot enter the engineering course, and sad to say some of the graduates that pursue themselves actually cannot, because they have not studied some of the required subjects, but if they are advised in time they ought to do it easily.

I hope you got through your midyear exams, all right, and Lorne also. Robert got through very satisfactorily, even on algebra on which he was pretty weak for a time. We had expected to see him here for a Sunday a week ago, but a quarantine for mumps prevented his leaving the school so the visit had to be deferred.

The only serious snowstorm of the winter was last Sunday which tied things up rather badly for two or three days. I was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours getting to my office in the morning instead of 50 minutes, and 6 hours getting home at night.

All the family, Aunt Minnie, Aunt Jane and Louise send love to you and Lorraine. Please remember me to your Bunkie (Morgan is it?) and to Warren Hyde.

Yours affectionately  
Arthur J. Dwight



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

New York, March 10, 1921

Dear Arthur,

I was glad to find your letter of March 2<sup>d</sup> awaiting me on my return from a trip to Montreal and Toronto last Sunday. I am interested in the news you give me, and in your marks for the First Semester. I sympathize with your disappointment that they are not as high as you expected, but want to remind you that the first half of your first year at College was a particularly trying period, a period of readjustment to the College ways, and it is not to be wondered at that you did not do yourself entire justice. I notice you say things come much easier to you now than they did at first, and that is perfectly natural. One has to learn how to study efficiently. I have no doubt that the same amount of effort on your second semester will put you up much higher. The record card I return herewith, as you will no doubt wish to keep it.

I went up to Canada to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy as representative of the American Engineering Council, at Montreal. I met a lot of old friends, and made many new ones, and had a very good time. Aunt Jane came up for part of the time and returned to N.Y. with me. The VanHorne Cousins entertained us. On my way to Montreal, I spent a day at Toronto, to deliver a lecture to some of the students in the University, and took a meal in the wonderful Students Club house that has recently been presented. Your Union is the best I had seen, and is really a splendid equipment, but the one at Toronto is simply wonderful, in size, beauty and completeness in every department, great banquet hall like churches,

beautiful rooms for all manner of purposes, gym, swimming pool, squash courts, a theatre, living rooms, &c.

While in Montreal I met the officer who Commanded the Canadian railway troops along side of whom we worked in the Cambrian <sup>31917</sup> mine. In fact we were practically under his orders at the time.

We are having beautiful spring weather, almost too warm to be reasonable, and even before last Sunday the robins and song-sparrows had appeared at Great Neck.

You speak of having moved out to the "house", as you call it. I suppose you mean the fraternity house, but you give me no address. So I will send this to the old address as the safest.

With love from all of us to you and Lorene,

Affectionately

Arthur G. Dwyer

To Mr. Arthur D. Hyde

321 S. Division St

Ann Arbor, Mich.



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

April 13, 1921.

Mrs. Louis H. Hyde,  
502 South Eastern Ave.,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Mary,

I suppose Jane has acknowledged the receipt of the financial statements of the three companies included in the Gas Interests, which you so kindly sent her accompanied by the letter from Mr. Copley. I have carefully studied the financial statements and am very much gratified by the excellent showing that the company has made. These are actually the first financial statements of the business I have ever seen, and I am very glad that we are atlast able to get the information.

There is one thing about them, however, which puzzles me very much, but on which I think you must have had some explanation furnished either by Mr. Copley or in the course of the annual meeting which you say you attended. I notice that all three companies show dividends paid during the year ending January 31, 1921, which were equivalent to 6% on the preferred and 3% on the common stock of the United Gas, 3% on the stock of the Coal Products Company and 3% on the stock of the Illinois Commercial and Mining Company. At the same time, it has been my understanding that dividends have not been actually paid for something over a year, and while it is possible that these dividends may have been declared but held in abeyance until certain public matters could be satisfactorily arranged, I fail to see any item in the liability account to offset the dividends. It is true these items might have been taken in to the general "Reserve Account", but it would seem as though some special mention should have been made of that fact. I would be very much obliged to you if you

Mrs. L. H. Hyde-2. 4/13/21.

would give me such information as you can give on this point.

I note the fact that you have had your stock transferred to your own name, which I think an excellent move, and I wish you would inform me if you know of any objections why the same should not be done with Jane's stock.

You will have learned ere this of the plan which Jane and I have for going abroad this summer and taking your Janie with us. I am writing to Janie by this mail, and she will doubtless give you all the facts, so far as we now have worked them out. I think the trip will be of great benefit to my Jane, who is rather tired and probably would not get much rest if we spent the summer at Great Neck and kept the usual open-house. Just what we will do with the house, I do not yet know, whether to rent it or close it, but that will work itself out.

With love from all the family,

Affectionately,

*Arthur G. Dwight*

ASD:S



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

April 18, 1921.

Mr. Louis H. Hyde,  
502 South Eastern Ave.,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Lou,

I thank you very much for your letter of April 15th, which was received this morning. I am very much interested in the extracts you give of the notice which you have received from the office of the Illinois Commercial & Mining Co., with reference to the proposed increase in capital stock. Unless there is something else that I have not seen, it is apparent to me that this increased capitalization affects only the Illinois C. & M. Co., and has nothing whatever to do with the Western United Gas & Electric Co. or the Coal Products Mfg. Co., so that the stock dividend which would come to us would be entirely in addition to these two older issues. This is very interesting and joyous news, especially if it means an immediate resumption of dividends.

In any case, I think best to avoid all possible complications, and so am sending on today all the shares of stock belonging to Jane which are now in our possession, so that her holdings in all three companies can be transferred to her name as promptly as possible. The stock is being sent on through the Brooklyn Trust Company, through whom we do our business. I had them all sent to Aurora, which we understand to be the headquarters of the transfer offices of the companies.

Your quotation from the circular does not indicate when the books are closed for the stockholders meeting of May 9th, but I suppose it only reasonable that that time may have already passed, so that Jane will not be able to be represented at that stockholder's meet-

Mr. L. H. Hyde-2. 4/18/21.

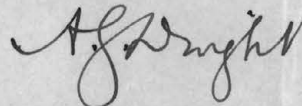
ing, but it will be all right for Fred to represent her, as will be the case if the transfers are not yet made. I am writing him by this mail, telling him what I have done and the reasons for it.

As I figure it out, each of the sisters should receive .0245 of the stock of the new Company, that being the proportion of their separate individual holdings in the Illinois C. & M. Co. to the entire capitalization; unless some special measure is put through at the stockholders meeting, they will each be entitled to a pro rata share of both preferred and common stock, though probably some of each will be left in the treasury for purposes of future financing.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to having Janie with us on our trip abroad, but have not yet absolutely secured the necessary accommodations on the steamers. I hope, however, to know within a day or two.

With love to all,

Affectionately,



ASD:S

P.S. April 19th. On studying further the matter of the reorganization plan, and referring further the the financial statements of the 3 companies received a short time ago from Mary, and which I consulted last night at Great Neck, I have come to the conclusion that you are right and that all 3 companies are probably involved. The new company will issue new stock which will be used:

1st. To take up all the stock of the 3 old companies at valuations to be agreed upon at the coming stockholders meeting.

2nd. To provide for Treasury stock for future financing.

3rd. To distribute to stockholders of the Ills. Com. & Mng. Co.

Therefore, it will be necessary to wait until the terms are announced before we can tell how we will come out.

I am very anxious to get all this information promptly, and would greatly appreciate it if you or Mary would get duplicate copies of any published matter and send me. Also I would like the circulars and proxy forms already issued. No doubt you can get them on application.





ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

New York, April 27, 1921.

Mr. L. H. Hyde,  
302 South Eastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Ills.

My dear Lou,

I have your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst., and although I cannot take the time today to answer fully, I will send a few lines now, and more later. In regard to the number of shares of ~~Ill. Com. + Mfg. Co.~~ Coal Products Mfg. Co. which Fred voted at the annual meeting, which you say was 413 shares, is exactly what it ought to be according to my figures, which are as follows: Original distribution of Coal Products stock was—

Anne	147 shares	
Jane	147 "	(endorsed in blank & held by J.R.D.)
Fred B.	119 "	
Said to have been voted by F. Brannitt	413 "	Standing in name of F. Brannitt
Mary	147 "	" " " " M.B. Hyde.
Total Holdings of Estate	560 "	

The proportion of our total holdings of Coal Products stock, as well as of Ill. Com + Mfg Co stock to the total capitalization of each of those Companies is the same. I cannot check it against the proportion of the holdings of Western United Gas stock to the total capital because I do not know the amount of that stock that was issued, at the time the subsidiary stock was distributed, but I assume it was fairly done.

The point about the 1920 dividends is rather bewildering, and I do not know what to say, so I guess I won't say anything! I have sent Jane's stock in all three Companies to Aurora

to be transferred to Janie's name. Fred was notified, and expressed his approval. There is only one thing to do and that is to cut loose all these things that can lead to complications.

I am very sorry about the episode of Mary loaning the stock certificate.

Please keep me posted, and get copies for me of all the circulars and statements that are issued by these Companies, until we begin to get them regularly ourselves.

Yours in haste & affectionately

Arthur Goddard

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

May 13, 1921.

Mrs. L. H. Hyde,  
502 South Eastern Avenue,  
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Mary,

Your letter of May 9th to Jane came this morning before I left the house, and as Jane is at present in Syracuse and I thought there might be something of importance, I opened and read the letter.

I am very much interested in what you say about the Gas affairs and the stockholders meeting of the Ills. Commercial & Mining Company which was held May 9th to consider the matter of increasing the capital stock and making it a holding company to handle all the activities of the associated companies connected with the Gas interests.

There is one matter which I do not quite understand from your letter. You say that under the new arrangement your 88 shares of I.C. & M.Co. stock will become  $15 \times 88$  equals 1320 shares of common stock in the new company "plus the preferred", \*\*\*\*\*"this preferred to be exchanged share for share at par. The balance to be sold at par to those who wish to buy, the stock holders having the first chance to buy." I do not quite understand what you mean by the preferred being exchanged share for share. Do you mean that you will receive 1320 shares of preferred corresponding to your 1320 shares of common, or do you mean that you will receive 200 shares corresponding to the 200 shares of preferred stock of preferred stock/in the Western United Gas & Electric Co. which you now hold. It seems to me probable that the former is the case, but



Mrs. L. H. Hyde-2. 5/13/21.

I should be glad to have a definite explanation. Also, I would like to ask how much of the preferred stock is to be offered for sale to the stockholders, and how much your <sup>holdings</sup> ~~shares~~ of common would entitle you to buy.

I sent Jane's stock to the Gas Company office some weeks ago to be transferred to her name, but have not yet heard from the bank whether they have received the transferred shares. No doubt the delay has been due to the books being closed on account of the stockholders meeting of May 9th, but there ought to be no further delay in making the transfer.

I am going up to Syracuse tonight and will return Saturday night with Jane, reaching home Sunday morning in time for breakfast. These are pretty busy days for us, getting ready for the summer's trip, but we felt it was absolutely necessary for us to go to Syracuse to see Mrs. Raymond before we leave the country.

With love to all the family,

Affectionately yours,

*A. J. Wright*

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ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
29 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

New York, October 5, 1921 -

My dear Arthur,

I wrote you yesterday to Joliet and enclosed a cheque, but had not at that time received your letter of October 31 which came to hand this morning, on my way to the train, so I will send a few additional lines direct to you at College.

Your present schedule of studies seems rather heavy, and I hope you can get away with it without having to work too hard, but if you enjoy it, and get some good exercise on the side, it will not hurt you. I hope you have as good a professor of Descriptive Geometry as I once had. I got a fundamental grounding in that subject that was of the greatest value to me all my life. Be sure you understand it thoroughly, and catch the point of what it is for. It is the basis of all mechanical drawing, which of course is the <sup>sign</sup> language of engineering.

What you say about the military training is very interesting. I did not realize that your R.O.T.C. was such an extensive establishment. I think if I ~~were~~ young enough I would go in for artillery. That offers much scope for engineering knowledge, and naturally works into Ordnance, in which there is great opportunity for improvement, in both mechanical and chemical lines. Thorough grounding in Infantry work however is important for excellence in any branch.

Affectionately

A. S. Dwight

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
GREAT NECK, LONG ISLAND N.Y.

Sunday, January 21, 1923 -

My dear Arthur,

I was very glad to receive your letter a few days ago describing your work at Illinois University, and your general attitude of mind on the subject of your future plans. The proximity of your mid-year examinations is a reminder that arrangements for next year should now take definite shape, and therefore Aunt Jane and I have had a family Council and following that she went up to Columbia last Friday and had a Conference with Prof. Mayer and Dean Pogram. We sympathize deeply with the reasons why you desire to break off your career at Illinois at the end of your third year. We know that great pleasure and advantage is offered by the senior year in College, with a life long satisfaction of graduating with your own class, to say nothing of the general benefit of definitely completing something that you start out to do. We put the matter frankly to the Columbia people and they both said: "Tell him to finish at Illinois, and then come here!" intimating that if you continued to keep in touch with the requirements as you have been doing through Prof. Mayer ~~that~~ you might be able to finish at Columbia in two years, so that the change in place would not involve a loss of time. So, in the belief that such a plan meets your own heart's desire, I want to say that Aunt Jane and I are in perfect accord with the idea, though we cannot help being a little regretful that you will not be with us next year.

I shall write to Prof. Stoek, who I understand is your special adviser, and with whom I once had some conversation about your plans for coming to Columbia. I am sure he will be



pleased at the idea of having you remain, and will perhaps take pains to help you keep in touch with the Columbia requirements.

The new account book arrived safely and I am returning it by this mail. I am glad you like it, and think it will simplify your accounts. The beginning you have made seems to be entirely satisfactory. I do not think however that you should try to send it on for inspection every month. That is unnecessarily expensive, and interrupts the entries too much. For my part, I am perfectly satisfied to know that you are keeping track of your expenses in a business-like way, and I know also that you have already gained an appreciation of the value of money, and know how to use it to good purpose.

I am sorry that we could not have a glimpse of you when we ran out to Joliet for Jane's wedding. She and Hazel are very happy in having found a suitable apartment, in which they are already partly settled. They come out to Gual Well nearly every Sunday, as do Louise and Hugh also, and are very apt to come to us for Sunday dinner.

Aunt Mina arrived safely and seems to be very well.

All send love,

Affectionately

Arthur J. Dought

To Arthur Dight Hyde, Esq

C/o University of Illinois,  
Champaign, Ills.

P.S. Aunt Jane has just read this over, and asks me to add that Prof. Mayer said he was expecting a letter from you, and wanted to cooperate most heartily with you in arranging your course for the end in view.  
A.J.D.

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
75 WEST STREET  
NEW YORK

Great Neck, February 21, 1929

Dear Robert & Irene,

I wrote you very briefly on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, and to Robert a business letter yesterday to notify him of the shipment of the bonds that have been in my custody. I know however how anxious you are to hear from me some of the details of dear Aunt Jane's illness and death, and the very wonderful experiences in which we all shared who were privileged to be together at that time.

There is no doubt that Aunt Jane had been overdoing, but after all that was her life, and she could not be dissuaded from doing those things that her affection and sense of duty impelled her to do. The trip to Joliet to Lady Van Hornes' funeral was rather exhausting, as she spent two consecutive nights in sleeping cars, and caught cold in the one returning. That was Tuesday evening January 29<sup>th</sup>. However the cold was but slight, and it was not until Monday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> that she began to show signs of a more serious character. On that day, she had promised to assist Mrs. Eldridge as hostess at a meeting of the Great Neck Women's Club at the little chapel on the village green. Mrs. Eldridge had herself been sick, so Aunt Jane in her usual vigorous way took hold and oversaw the arrangements, which had been made difficult by the stupid electrician who in changing the lights to accommodate a stencoplicon had turned off all the other means of illumination, so she had to row with him at the last moment and made him come reluctantly and fix them, even after the audience had assembled. Then after the lecture, she helped Mrs. Eldridge pour tea, and then went home and went to bed feeling pretty well.

The next day she had a very sore throat and pain in one ear. We called Dr. Keays, and by night we had a trained nurse for her. Wednesday she was feeling decidedly worse, and though I went to the office that morning I myself was pretty crocked and had to come home early and take to bed with what turned out to be a slight attack of tonsillitis. I think we told



you we had been driven out of our regular bedroom by the painters and decorators and were occupying the top story in the tower, Aunt Jane in the front room and I in your room.

By Thursday, pleurisy had developed with a slight touch of pneumonia the combination causing her great suffering with every breath she drew. This day we brought in a second nurse for night service.

Friday was a distressful day for her, though her temperature was sub-normal, but the night was very bad and taxed her strength terribly. I was up part of the night helping the nurse. I was over my illness by this time fortunately.

Saturday morning we were much frightened, her temperature was  $104^{\circ}$  and her pulse almost absent, an almost complete collapse. Dr. Keay gave her some heart stimulant, with which she revived, and continued to improve throughout the day. She had a good night, sleeping peacefully at frequent intervals.

Sunday seemed to show a steady gain. In one of my frequent visits to her she said "didn't I tell you I would come back?" (which she had indicated to me once when I had urged her to keep up the fight) adding "I'm no fighter!"

On Saturday and Sunday we had a specialist come out from the Rockefeller Institute, who approved Dr. Keay's treatment, and who took blood samples for cultures, which by Monday he was able to report as showing that the influenza bacillus was in the blood, which was a very rare occurrence, and regarded by the physicians as almost hopeless. We had another specialist out on Monday as the first one was taken ill himself. Aunt Jane's condition was then much worse again. Her pulse was very weak, and she was flighty at times, though always responded when I spoke to her. By Saturday night we had four nurses, two on duty on each shift.

It was decided on Monday afternoon to try and build up her resistance by a blood-transfusion, and by quick word on the telephone and by automobile we managed to get the specialist and the "donor" he selected out to Great Neck, and the operation was completed by 6:30 P.M.

It brought some color to her cheeks, and there was no unfavorable reaction such as chill, but she did not pick up very perceptibly. Just before midnight one of the nurses called me and reported that a change was apparent. I hurried into the next room, and a few minutes



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
75 WEST STREET  
NEW YORK

and while the big clock at the head of the stairs was striking twelve, my dear wife breathed her last. She was not conscious at the end.

I wish your children could have seen her as she lay in her snow white bed in the upper chamber, looking so young and beautiful, with all traces of pain gone from her lovely face and that quiet calmness that was so characteristic of her. For the benefit of her sisters who are so far away, and of your children, I asked Reed and Captain Stetlin to take a photograph of her as she lay there, which they did in all reverence. I am sending you copies, and also copies of other <sup>other</sup> scenes which will help visualize them to you.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Haskell came to the house, and we held a little Communion service by her bedside, just the children, including Thorne Lloyd who was Aunt Jane's god son.

Then we brought her down to the writing room where she was soon in a bower of flowers, as the floral tributes arrived from friends far and near. Your red roses were placed very close to her. She held a spray of lilies of the valley in her hands, and on her white dress I pinned her war-decorations. The casket was draped with the American flag on which rested a single palm branch.

Arthur Hyde arrived in the late forenoon, Wednesday, having flown from Minneapolis to Cleveland where he caught the fast train, which was held 10 minutes for him. As soon as he arrived, I gathered all our young people into the writing room, and conducted a little service in which I read the 23<sup>d</sup> Psalm (The Lord is my Shepherd), with some of the collects and prayers that Aunt Jane especially loved. Then with my hand touching hers, I pronounced her dear blessing on each one individually as they knelt before me. You and the others who were not there received it also, and were mentioned each one by name. So I want you to know that you shared with us in that last intimate sacrament.

The funeral was at 3<sup>15</sup> PM in All Saints Church. Before we left the house, Mr. Hussey read some prayers. There were quite a number of friends with us then. The Church was full, many of our friends having come out from the city. The service was a beautiful one. The hymns were "The Son of God goes forth to war" (which Aunt Jane always said she wanted), "Alleluia, The strife is o'er, the victory won," and "Ten thousand times ten thousand." The casket was draped with the flag with the palm branch, and was escorted by a color guard <sup>in uniform</sup> of the Y, bearing the flags of the <sup>N.Y. Unit of the</sup> Women's Overseas Service League, of which Aunt Jane was President. The honorary pall bearers were: Reed, Arthur, Hazen, Hugh, Richard Schermerhorn, Thorne Lloyd, Alfred Billinger and my cousin Tom Chapin, a student at Yale. It was a triumphant service such as she would have wished.

We spread all the beautiful flowers in the churchyard, but now we have removed the perishable ones, and covered the little mound with evergreens, palm branches, and some of the more lasting wreaths.

The tributes of regard, and affection ~~that~~ for Aunt Jane that have come in to me from all sides are most impressive. They have come from near friends, from people I know only slightly but who in some way or other were caught by Aunt Jane's infectious charm and beautiful character, and range all the way from doughboys in my regiment who remember her kindness when we were in Camp at Fort Satter, and who afterwards discovered her in France, up to the Vice President of the U.S., and the President Elect.

I would write more, but want to get this off tonight, as I do not want it to be delayed by the holiday tomorrow.

Do not grieve for me, my dear children. I do not know just how I am going to work out my new problem of life without her, but she has left me a legacy of courage and peace of mind that will help me to carry on.

My love to you both.

Your affectionate

Arthur F. Wright

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GREAT NECK  
LONG ISLAND

Sunday, February 2, 1930.

Dear Robert and Irene,

I seem to have neglected you of late, and can only plead many things to do, and not enough time to do them in! Also a break in my every day routine by a trip to Joliet from January 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. I have been spending a good deal of time away from the office looking up furniture and fittings for "Braun Rivage", and making arrangements for assembling and shipping everything in one car shipment. All this household planning that would be a load for Irene is a terrible task for a mere man, a harder job than designing a smelting works! Janey has helped me some, and Louise did also a while ago, but both the girls have been out of commission, so to speak, for some time past, for reasons you probably know; Louise with the new baby, and Janey with little Jane in the Hospital in New York with that terrible malady affecting the child's left lower leg, a sort of ulcer attacking the bone of the leg. Either Jane or Helen



B.

are at the hospital the greater part of every day to keep the child entertained. The doctors think they have the case well under control and the symptoms are responding favorably, but she must remain there at least two weeks longer, and it will probably be a year before a complete recovery can be expected. The old bone has to be sloughed off and new bone form in its place. However she does not suffer much pain except when the doctor dresses it.

Louise returned from the hospital last Tuesday and yesterday was down stairs for the first time. The baby is a fine youngster, and Louise is blooming. Mrs. Woodfield, the nurse is with her (Robert will remember she took care of Aunt Minnie when she broke her hip.)

I had a very satisfactory visit in Joliet. All were well except that Aunt Annie had a cold and could not go out in the extremely cold weather then prevailing. It was 19° below on morning. She and Aunt Mary started for Tucson, Ariz. last Monday (Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>) Mrs. Billinger, as you perhaps know, is also there with her little grandson, Peter and a

C.

trained nurse. The little boy is doing very well but Lily finds the climate unfavorable for her.

The new organ is continuing to give much pleasure to the whole community. Besides the regular church music, which shows a tremendous improvement, with the choir most enthusiastic, there are two evening organ recitals every month which are largely attended. The little Sacristy, which we are fitting up with gothic panelling, tile floor and mosaic basin for the use of the Altar Guild as an additional memorial to Aunt Jane is progressing very well, and will be very beautiful.

And now, my children, I have something important, and perhaps rather startling to tell you, but I ask you to keep it to yourselves for the present, for reasons that I think you will understand. I am going to be married again. I have been unspeakably lonely this past year, living alone in this empty house. After the thirty odd years of close companionship with my dear wife that is gone from me, I find I am not fitted to live without some such companionship. I must either have it to

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Keep me interested in life, or ~~else~~ expect to  
turn into a sorrowful old man. I don't want  
to do that, and Aunt Jane would not want it  
either. In fact I know her wishes, for she  
told me more than once. There is no thought  
of disloyalty to her. I expect her radiant  
presence to be with me to the end of my life.

The lady who has accepted me is my Cousin  
Mrs. Annie Howard Chapin, now living in Hartford.  
She lost her husband 14 years ago, and has  
brought up her six beautiful children in the  
face of great difficulties, but with a courage  
and resourcefulness that has overcome all  
obstacles, and she has retained her youthfulness  
of spirit and interest to a remarkable degree.  
I have known her all her life, though we  
have not seen each other very often in the  
intervening years. She was a little girl of  
10 when I went west. Her mother was my  
mother's first Cousin. My mother was a young  
lady, <sup>just graduated</sup> when Cousin Susie Merriam was a little girl  
and <sup>she</sup> was invited by Mr. Merriam to open a little  
school for his children in Springfield, Mass. So  
my mother was a sort of big sister to Annie's  
mother. Years after when my mother had died,  
I used to visit the Merriams in Springfield.

Cousin Susie was then a young lady and she took special charge of me and taught me many beautiful things. So she was in turn big sister to me. Then when Mr. Howard came a-courting, I was her official chaperone. They had a long and happy life together and raised a wonderful family, eight boys (7 of whom are living) and one girl (Annie). So you can perhaps understand the common background that we both have, the same sort of bringing up, same family traditions and associations. In fact it all seems very simple and natural, and I believe it will mean happiness for us both. Aunt Mary Hyde has met Mrs. Chapin, in fact they visited for two days together here just after Christmas, and she and Aunt Anne, too, approve very cordially. So do Jane and Louie. Her mother, my Cousin Susie Howard is still living, (over 80 years old) in Hartford. Now I have told you my secret, because I wanted you to know in advance, but I am keeping it secret for the present, because I want to respect the conventional ideas that some of my friends undoubtedly hold. As for me, time signifies nothing to me; I shall mourn Aunt Jane to the end of my life as I do now, and Annie has her memories too. We shall probably be



married about the middle of March in Hartford, very quietly, with only a few of the family present. The exact day has not been set. My dear children, I hope we may have your blessing!

I am expecting to go to Florida about the middle of this month, the date depending somewhat on when I can get the things together for the car. I expect to stay a few days with the Baerstons until the car arrives, and the furniture can make the house habitable. Then Fritz and Marguerite will come down to keep me company and help me get things settled. I expect to have Dennis & Betty and Charles also. Then early in March I expect to go north and bring Annie back to Florida for the rest of March and perhaps into April.

I forgot to tell you about the Chapin children. They are in order of age:

Ruth - suffering from T. B. and at present in Silver City, N. M. Good prospects for recovery.

Barbara - now Mrs. Irvin Hamby, married last fall to a promising young architect and living in N. Y. She has been in business for several years.

Wileen - has a beautiful voice, but has dropped her studies to help Barbara in her business.

Constance - studying art in Hartford, lives at home

Tom - a junior at Yale - Aunt Jane & I were helping put him through

Man - In postgraduate high school in Hartford.

My are a fine lot of children, devoted to each other, and their mother, unselfish and unspoiled. I can't start another sheet, so must stop here - Love to you both - Affectionately - Uncle Arthur

To Arthur D. Hyde from Arthur S. Dwight, Oct. 27, 1931, New York

"I am delighted to receive this morning your letter of October 25th from Kansas City, and I hasten to send you my affectionate and most hearty congratulations on your promotion to a wider field of usefulness in your company. It is the best kind of evidence that you have made good so far, and that you will continue to give a good account of yourself as you progress in the service. I know just how you feel in contemplating the big job ahead of you, for I once had a situation confronting me more or less similar, when old Mr. Eilers offered me the job of manager of the Colorado Smelting Co. at Pueblo, Colo., when I felt very green as to business experience, never having thought of doing anything but straight metallurgy. I took it on the theory, that if I fell down on it (which I certainly didn't intend to do!) I was still young enough to make another start. I had a tough time of it. My bookkeeper took to drink and had to be fired. A panic in N.Y. cut off my supply of money to pay for the ores that had to be settled for, and I had to do my own financing through our local banks, which fortunately were not much affected by the flurry in N.Y., so I got through in fine shape. I tell you I was tremendously set up when I raised \$100,000 credit for the Company on my youthful signature! I kept the books, wrote all the correspondence on the typewriter, and bought all the ores, with only one green clerk to help me. I went to pieces after several months of day and night work, and was out of commission for about 6 months, from an attack of Mountain Fever, with a very close call one particular night. However, the main thing was, I made good! ... I have been pretty well most of the time, barring a few minor ailments like lumbago that seem to go with model 1864 machines! And I am happy in the new interests and responsibilities that have come into my life to fill the awful void when Aunt Jane left me.

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I am sure your friend, Mr. Bell must be highly gratified at the record you have made in justification of his confidence in you, for the executive of a big Company always lays himself open to criticism when he sponsors an employee who doesn't make good.



My address there is, as you perhaps know "Hobe Sound, Florida". It is in the east coast, on Jupiter Island, about 25 miles north of Palm Beach. We call it "Peanut Ridge" and like it immensely. With love from all of us to you and to the babies, Affectionately Uncle Arthur

It is very good of you to overlook my neglect in not writing you in response to some of your previous letters. I don't know why I have not written you, for you have been very often in my mind, but so it is! I have been pretty well most of the time, barring a few minor ailments like lumbago that seem to go with model 1864 machines! And I am happy in the new interests and responsibilities that have come into my life to fill the awful void when Aunt Jane left me.

The Children (there are 6 of them you probably know) are all fine, unspoiled youngsters, and I hope you and Josephine may know them some day. They are pretty well scattered just now. Ruth<sup>no.1</sup> and Connie<sup>no.4</sup> are living at Tyson, New Mexico, for Ruth's health. Anne has just returned from a 3 weeks trip to visit them. Tom<sup>no.5</sup>, who graduated last June at Yale, is trying a year of teaching Freshman English at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, where Nan<sup>no.6</sup> is a sophomore. Barbara<sup>no.2</sup> (Mrs. Irvin Hamby) now lives in a little house on our place near Louise's, only closer to the woods. Her husband Irvin is an architect and had charge of designing and building the house. They have a 6 weeks old baby girl, Anne's first grand daughter, and her mother's first great-grand child. Mother Howard, who you may remember is also my Cousin, (my Mother's first Cousin) has an apartment in Great Neck and is at our house a great deal. She is 83 and a very lovely person. Aunt Anne's family circle is a large one for she has 7 brothers living, all married. She was the only girl in a family of 9. It is a great satisfaction that all the Chaplins fit in so well with the Hoyts and Mac Nairs and have a good many good times together.

I met former Dean Pearsall a fortnight or so ago at a wedding that Helen<sup>no.3</sup> and I attended at Spanglen Dwyer and he asked especially after you. By the way, I omitted to speak of Helen, when describing the others. She is the only one that is living with us at present. She kept house for me while Aunt Anne was away on her trip. She is a sweet girl and has a lovely voice, quite well trained. We certainly must get you all together sometime soon.

We are hoping to go to Florida this year about the middle of December.

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
75 WEST STREET  
NEW YORK

October 24, 1934

Dear Arthur,

Your very welcome letter of October 21, reached me yesterday morning, and when I got home in the afternoon I found the ducks all stowed away in the refrigerator, and all apparently in excellent condition. It was bully of you to remember us so handsomely, and I hereby thank you heartily on behalf of the whole Great Neck family who are sharing in your generosity. I immediately sent Adrian, the chauffeur distributing braces of ducks to the following:

Jane and Hazen	2	} So the odor of roast duck will be floating heavenwards this evening from the Great Neck peninsula!
Louise and Hugh	2	
Robert & Irene	2	
Barbara & "Ham"	2	
Dwight Household	2	

I am glad you had the chance to get such a fine outing with such good duck shooting. That country is certainly the best locality for that sport.

I have been wondering how you and the milling business have been faring under the New Deal and its many perplexities. It looks a little as though the Administration was beginning to see a light, and perhaps after election might begin to let business function normally.

I am delighted that your field of work has been opening up so profitably, and you may be assured that we are all very fond of you!



I wish I could see some prospect of our getting together. The one thing that is chaining me here is the approaching climax of our litigation over the American Ore Reclamation License Contract (sinking iron ore), which is likely to go to Court, sometime in November. It has been hanging fire for about two years during which time they have paid us no royalties. There have been negotiations to settle the question out of Court, and by arbitration, but all these efforts have broken down through the uncompromising attitude of the president of the AORCo - so we simply have to fight them.

I hope to get this over with so that we can go to Florida sometime in January, and if possible Anne and I want to run out to Colorado to see the 3 girls, Ruth, Helen & Connie who are living at Boulder. Helen, whom we brought back from Paris in the Spring of 1933, very ill with T.B. has been in bed in the Sanatorium there ever since, but has made progress though slow. She is very patient and cheerful. A lovely girl, and her singing voice was wonderful to listen to.

I am glad Jo and the children are all so well. I wish I could see them. We have lots of fun with Barbara's two little girls, little Barbara (alias "Shaver") and Lynn.

Love to all of you

from your affectionate

Uncle Arthur

P.S. I wish you would tell me something about how the Wilder Farm is panning out.

A.



To Arthur D. Hyde from Arthur S. Dwight, June 12, 1935, Long Island College Hospital,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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P.S. I haven't your house address with me here, so must send  
this to General Mills.

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
75 WEST STREET  
NEW YORK

Long Island College Hospital  
Brooklyn  
June 12, 1935

Dear Arthur and Josephine,

Arthur's splendid letter with the  
photos of the children and the wonderful announcement  
of his promotion, followed by his two telegrams in connection  
with the Class of '88 Fiftieth Reunion should have been  
answered more promptly, but I have been prevented by  
circumstances. In the first place I had all the work of  
arranging the details of the Reunion, not only my normal  
share as Secy-Treas. of the Class, but also that of the Class-  
President (Colonel Lacombe) who died suddenly (heart)  
just 8 days before the reunion. Having disposed of that  
task (of which more anon) I found it desirable to go  
to the hospital for a week for observation by my doctor,  
and I am now there trying to write legibly in the face of  
obstacles. Don't be alarmed, only some of the disabilities  
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pity it is that we cannot turn in our old chassis, and  
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There are so many topics of interest in your letter  
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exerted by that radiant personality, Aunt Jane.  
There never was one like her!

The photographs of the children have been greatly  
admired, and I thank you for sending them. If they



were taken by you with a miniature camera and enlarged, as I suspect, they are excellent work. Hugh and I do a good deal of that sort of work together, and I would like to get hold of you for a chance to compare notes. I wonder when I shall have a chance to see that interesting family of yours. Perhaps the next time Aunt Anne and I make a pilgrimage to Colorado to see the Chapin detachment, we can make the detour to Minneapolis. We will certainly try to do it. Perhaps we may make the trip this fall. And that leads up to your remark that you and Jo may come to Ny sometime this summer for a visit. Do come, and you will find a great welcome from Aunt Anne and me. Be sure and give me all the notice you can so that we will not be off on some motor trip or other junket. Not that we are much in the way of gadders, but are likely to make at least one tour through New England, looking up friends and relatives. Last summer we were a month on the Barstow's yacht cruising up the N. England coast as far as Bar Harbor, Maine, (but that is probably all the more reason why we will not be off on that sort of a bat this summer.)

I am horrified to hear of your having been in Jacksonville early in April and failing to get a telephone response from Beau Ring. We were there at that season, though at the moment the family might have been down at the beach or elsewhere, and the colored servants negligent or playing hooky. We had lots of trouble with them last winter. In the first place they all four got smashed up in an auto accident one night returning from Palm Beach and we seemed to have nothing but semi-invalids



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around the place, regular servants and substitutes, "Cooks, cooks everywhere!" We have had all we want of them, especially as the butter took to drink and had to be fired a short time ago, so now we are going back to white help.

I do deplore the loss of a visit from you down there. Perhaps if you have established a plant in Jacksonville there will have to be a visit of inspection next winter.

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The class reunion was a success. We had 10 of the class at the dinner, and 3 of the '80 scholars, including your brother Reed. Five or six of the others including yourself sent telegrams and letters. At the Alumni Luncheon next day, when the anniversary classes presented their gifts to the University, I spoke for

best medical care obtainable. Barbara (Hamby) lives in my place and her two little girls are a joy to us. Nan (Morton) and her husband have been at Black Mountain College (North Carolina) but will be with us in a few days. And that accounts for the family - my pen is going out, and so is this sheet. Meet in London - so good bye with love to you and the babies.

The Class and delivered to President Butler a gift of \$1000 to be added to the Class of '85 S. of M. Scholarship Fund. Previous to that the Fund stood at \$13,125. with an annual income of about \$600. We have graduated 14 scholars. In the Academic procession at Commencement we had 11 of the class in line all dolled up in caps, gowns & hoods. (That was a little scheme of mine to get a good turn out!) When you consider that we only graduated 45 that isn't so bad a showing after 50 years.

Again I want to tell you how happy I am in your promotion. I know it will mean a lot of hard work and responsibility, but you are equal to it.

You know, of course, that Hugh and Louise are on vacation in France, motoring around through Hugh's war scenes. Janet & Hazel are well, and just free from a scarlet fever quarantine of young Hazel. Robbie is in Dearborn, Mich on a Deere disposal paper for the Herreshof Co, and I am sorry to say Irene is ill in a NY hospital. We sent her there Sunday night, and Aunt Anne who has been to see her every day reports her better. But it has been rather lonely for her at home with Robbie gone so long.

My family is mostly in Colorado just now. Ruth and Louie (<sup>with</sup> husband and baby) were with us in Florida most of the winter and are now back in Boulder, Colo. Tom Chopin and his wife (Gretchen) have gone there for Tom to enter the law school of the Univ. of Colo. Helen, the dear girl, whom we brought back from Paris 2 years ago with J.B. is in a hospital in Colo. Springs, still very sick but brave and cheerful under the



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ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
19 RECTOR STREET  
NEW YORK

STRATHMORE PARCHMENT  
100% PAC U.S.A.  
October 13, 1937

Mr. Arthur D. Hyde  
Care, General Mills, Inc.  
Chamber of Commerce Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Arthur,

In looking through some of Aunt Jane's papers today at the office, I found a number of documents and memoranda relating to the Wilder Farm, including her original deed to the property from Fred Bennitt and Anne E. Bennitt dated August 8, 1913. I think that you ought to have all of these, and possibly some of them may have a bearing on the clearing up of your abstract of title, which you are now having made up.

Affectionately yours

*Arthur S. Dwight*

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MENTY STRATH



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**Satisfaction of Mortgage**  
BY CORPORATION



**Office of Register of Deeds,**

County of Jackson Minn.

I hereby certify that the within Instru-  
ment was filed in this office for record on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November  
A. D. 1913 at 4 o'clock P.M.  
and was duly recorded in Book 151  
of Mtgs. on page 115

R. Hill  
Register of Deeds

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Mrs A. J. Dwight

75 Pd Great Neck, Long Island  
N.Y.

## Farmers State Bank of Wilder

a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota  
DOES HEREBY CERTIFY, That a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the 11th  
day of Oct. A. D., 19 21, made and executed by

Ludwig L. Sogge and Anna W. Sogge, his wife

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County of Jackson  
and State of Minnesota, in Book 141 of Mortgages, on page 224 on the 20th  
day of June A. D. 19 22, at 4 o'clock --- minutes P. M., is, with the

## Note

accompanying it, fully paid and satisfied. And the Register of Deeds of said County is hereby  
authorized and directed to discharge the same upon the record thereof, according to the statute  
in such case provided.

In Testimony Whereof, The said Corporation has caused these presents to be  
executed in its corporate name by its Vice President and its  
Cashier and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed  
this ~~21st~~ <sup>30th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 19 23

Farmers State Bank of Wilder

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

A. H. Haugan  
J. Johnson

By Charles Malchow  
Its Vice President  
W. G. Malchow  
Its Cashier

State of Minnesota

County of Cottonwood

ss.

On this ~~21st~~ <sup>30th</sup> day of Nov. A. D. 19 23, before me, a  
notary public within and for said County, personally appeared  
Charles Malchow and W. G. Malchow  
to me personally known, who, being each by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively  
the Vice President and the Cashier of Farmers State Bank  
of Wilder  
the corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument  
is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in  
behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and said  
Charles Malchow and W. G. Malchow  
acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

A. H. Haugan

A. H. HAUGAN,

Notary Public, Cottonwood Co., Minn.

My commission expires Mar 17, 1926



REFERENCES:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
WINDOM NATIONAL BANK  
FARMERS STATE BANK

PHONE 463

IMPROVED CHOICE CORN  
LAND FARMS IN COTTONWOOD  
COUNTY, MINNESOTA



In Triplicate

# J. T. JOHNSON LAND COMPANY INC.

OFFICE, NORTH SIDE COURT HOUSE SQUARE

WINDOM, MINN.

November 28th, 1923.

THIS AGREEMENT MADE AND ENTERED INTO, the day above written, by and between H. E. Hyde, Agent for Jane R. Dwight party of the first part and W. G. Malchow of Wilder, L. L. Sogge and J. T. Johnson Land Co, parties of the second part.

It is understood and arranged that whereas said Jane R. Dwight now holds a first mortgage of \$13,000.00 and \$23,000.00 in Weimer and Delafield Twp Jackson Co. Minn and where said second parties are unable to carry thru their obligation as to the said mortgages, therefore by mutual agreement said second parties agree to convey title back to Jane R. Dwight either by quitclaim deed or by foreclosure of Second mortgage on said premises and to pay said Jane R. Dwight as liquidated damages 600 bu of corn now on farm to be delivered to her <sup>credit M.H.</sup> free of charge in Elevator at Wilder. It is understood that said Jane R. Dwight shall elect by advise of counsel which course to persue in order to perfect title or convey same, and said Jane R. Dwight further agrees to either assume or pay all delinquent tax now existing against said premises.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our hand and seal the date first above written.

Witnesses

K. H. Kanne  
H. E. Hyde

Jane R. Dwight

By Howard E. Hyde  
Acting as her agent.

W. G. Malchow  
L. L. Sogge

J. T. Johnson Land Co Inc.

By J. T. Johnson Pres.



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
19 RECTOR STREET  
NEW YORK

October 11, 1937

Mr. Arthur D. Hyde  
Care, General Mills, Inc.  
Chamber of Commerce Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Arthur,

Referring to your letter of October 5th, I looked through all of Aunt Jane's old records, and from the fact that everything relating to the Wilder Farm had been cleared out of her files, I began to remember that I once sent you a package of papers of various kinds relating to that property, two or three years ago, so that if the papers relating to the Sogge mortgage are not in your possession, there is nothing more I can do about it except to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage form which you sent me and return it to you, as requested. So I am doing that, and am enclosing the signed, notarized paper.

If there is anything more that I can do that may be necessary to clear up this matter, do not hesitate to let me know.

Affectionately yours

*Arthur S. Dwight*

ASD:S  
enclosure

ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
19 RECTOR STREET  
NEW YORK

New York, November 6, 1939

Dear Arthur,

There are rumors around Great Neck that you are planning to be in this vicinity late this month, and the inference in my mind is that you may be coming to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the School of Mines, Convocation and Banquet November 27<sup>th</sup>. If there is any truth in this rumor will you not let me hear from you on the following questions:

- 1 - Do you expect to be here for the 27<sup>th</sup>?
- 2 - Have you sent your \$5.00 for your ticket?
- 3 - Have you arranged to sit with any person or persons?  
(perhaps with your class)
- 4 - Do you want me to arrange to have you at a table with Robbie Rowen, and me?

There are only 2 members of my class besides myself, who are at all likely to be there: Harry Hollis of Chicago, and Charles Miller of Pittsburgh. All the others are "on the shelf", don't go to evening dinners, least attacks, etc. We are "nine old men"!

Aunt Anne will not be here to go, as she expects to leave for Colo. this coming Friday with Ruth for a visit with Helen. I may go out right after the 27<sup>th</sup> affair. Ruth got back from Europe last Wednesday after being held up a long time for passage. She had a rather tough time but bore it gallantly.

Love to Josephine and the children.

Affectionately

Arthur



ARTHUR S. DWIGHT  
19 RECTOR STREET  
NEW YORK

February 4, 1943

Dear Arthur and Josephine,

I am sending you by express a package containing a section of a piece of iron rail which was recently removed from the original right of way of the Union Pacific R.R. at Promontory Point, Utah, which was the meeting place of the Union Pacific from the east and the Central Pacific from the west on May 10, 1869, thus completing the first Transcontinental Line.

The original right of way through this place was abandoned for through traffic some 25 years ago, when a shorter cut-off across an arm of the Great Salt Lake was built. Recently this old line has been finally abandoned, and the rails removed for scrap.

Robert Rowen was able to obtain from the salvage agency a piece of the old rail, and I had it cut into sections in our shops.

I am sending a section to each of the surviving descendants of Mr. Samuel B. Reed in the hope that it may be valued as a memento of a remarkable historical event, and a crowning achievement of a Great Engineer, in which his descendants have a right to be proud.

It is a great pleasure to Robert and me that we have been able to carry out this plan and distribution.

I shall appreciate hearing from you that the package has been received. Address me at Hobe Sound, Florida, as I am expecting to start south Friday of this week, February 5th.

Affectionately,

*Arthur S. Dwight*

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Hyde  
Care, General Mills  
Chamber of Commerce Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota