



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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1913

Sunday night.

My dear Louie, -

I wrote you once
before but the letter
was misdirected and was
lost so I fear I am a
little tardy in what I have
to say - It is only that
I wrote to Fred some days
ago asking him to give
you a letter & the usual

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at Wilder notifying him
of the change of ownership
& telling him that you
were representing us in
the matter. I thought a
letter from Fred to you
would be quicker than
sending me the man's
name & address & having
me write. I hoped so
anyway. I told Fred that
I would pay your expenses
up there & the estate costs

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share them with me when we
get the returns. If you will
let me know about what
you need I will forward the
cheque & as I said before
you ought to add a
reasonable charge for time
spent.

I am hoping to hear
something more of the
estate affairs now that
Sept 1st is here -

Arthur is indulging
in a burst of hay fever
but he has been very
fortunate on the whole the

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is already the first bad turn.

We are looking forward
to Jane coming and shall
be so glad to see her. Tell
her not to worry over the
Loneliness for of course
she will have a bit of it,
but pretty soon she will be
busy and then it will be
all the better going home
again.

Much love to all. It is
raining tonight & a good
time to sleep -
Affectionately Jennie.

P.S.

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We have just made the unpleasant discovery that the taxes on the Wilder farm have not been paid as all this year and there is a penalty of \$15.00 over & above the tax. This was of course my fault - Fred's part and I think it would be wise to inquire into the joint taxes to be sure they are all right.

Thanks for your note of the farm - it is a help.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, (someone else's hand wrote "1913")

"I wrote to Fred some days ago asking him to give you a letter to the tenant at Wilder notifying him of the change of ownership and telling him that you are representing us in the matter. I thought a letter from Fred to you would be quicker than sending me the man's name and address and having me write. I hoped so anyway. I told Fred that I would pay your expenses up there and the estate could share them with me when we get the returns. If you will let me know about what you need I will forward the cheque and as I said before you ought to add a reasonable charge for time spent. I am hoping to hear something more of the estate affairs now that Sept 1st is here. ...

P.S. We have just made the unpleasant discovery that the taxes on the Wilder farm have not been paid at all this year and there is a penalty of \$15.00 over and above the tax. This was of course my () in Fred's part and I think it would be wise to inquire into the Joliet taxes to be sure they are all right.

Sept 29th 1913

611-27-137th St. N.Y.

My dear Louis, -

Your letter of the 26th is
just as I need -

The lease which I have
from Joseph Kluckhorne is
dated Sept 5th 1911 - and also a
a lease from March 1 - 1912 to
March 1 - 1913 - for $\frac{2}{3}$ of all grain
rye & corn. corn to be delivered
in crib or freeways -
\$.2 per acre for all hay & pasture

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First party to have option of
either plowing back or paying
at the rate of 150 per acre
for as much of the premises
as is now plowed for
succeeding crops - said
plowing to be an average
depth of 5 inches -

I hope the paragraph
above ~~answers~~ your question
about back plowing -
I do not see anything

about removal but ^{either}
something must have been
agreed - I wrote Fred
about it ^{but} of course he
was dead -

I hope you have good
luck up there and a
little hunting if it is the
season. Please send your
bill as soon as you
get it made up and I
like to get things settled
promptly.
I am glad you have

the Canadian deed and I hope
it is a sign for getting other
things started along also.

I must write Mary &
Rud this morning as Lou &
Lury - Jane is getting started
finally & I am delighted
about Howard.

Love to you -
aff.

Jane R. Dwight.

To Louis Hyde from J. R. Dwight, Sept 29, 1913

"The lease which I have from Joseph Kluchhammer is dated Sept 5th, 1911 and is a lease from March 1, 1912 to March 1, 1913 for $\frac{2}{3}$ of all grain, veg & corn, corn to be delivered in crib on premises. \$2 per acre for all hay and pasture, 'First party to have option of either plowing back or paying at the rate of 1.50 per acre for as much of the premises as is now plowed for succeeding crop, said plowing to be an average depth of 5 inches.' I hope the paragraph above answers your question about back plowing. I do not see anything about renewal but suppose something must have been signed. I wrote Fred about it but of course have not heard.

... I am glad you have the Canadian deed and hope it is a sign for getting other things started along also.

611-W-137⁴ St.

Oct 7th 1913 -

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

My dear Louis, -

Many thanks for your
very full and satisfactory
account of things at Wilder.
I am particularly glad that
Klunkhammer seems like such
a good tenant, for often as
nearly everything depends on
him. \$15.00 - is a respectable
total as you say and if
he is as industrious as that
I am in favor of keeping up
my end by making the repairs
and all your suggestions.

right. We will wait for the
estimate from Mr Malchow
and see how it looks. As for
the thing, Arthur thinks it
ought to be done and in all
all - much would depend on the
other farmers as so much of
the land has to drain that way.
At 3⁰⁰ cash rental, 440 acres would
only be about \$1350 - but then
it would undoubtedly be more
sure. In these days of when
there appears such a high market
for stock, I should think the 160
acres that are apt to be too
wet for grain would, if
fenced be good for cattle.
However, I am not very sure
about such things and will

try to do what is best for the farm.
I undoubtedly got mixed as
to the "party of the first part" &
party of the second part" when
I quoted the lease to you. What
I chiefly intended was the lock
of a lease for this year. but
that you have arranged for
through Malchow -

Now how much shall I
send you for the trip? I
want to pay it all for if
I have been a great service
to me and the estate can
show it when the funds come
in. The estate is to get back
the proceeds this year so that
will help a little.

Arthur said he got most
of his idea about Mr

Muddles machine for Mrs
Mianer and no doubt
did not get it my thought. He
is, of course, interested.

Jamie's work is going to
keep her pretty busy and I
only hope not too much so. I
shall visit her and the ink
closely for a few weeks and
if I see any room for
improving it too hard I will
talk it over with you at home.
She is much interested. I think of
course ways are new - and when
once in harness things may
go very easily. It is much too
soon to be able to tell yet.

Much love to you all for no
apologies Jamie.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Oct. 7, 1913

"Many thanks for your very full and satisfactory account of things at Wilder. I am particularly glad that Kleukhammer seems like such a good tenant, for after all nearly everything depends on him. \$1500 is a 'respectable total' as you say and if he is as ambitious as that I am in favor of keeping up my end by making the repairs and all your suggestions right. ... Now how much shall I send you for the trip? I want to pay it all for it has been a great service to me and the estate can show it when the funds come in. The estate is to get half the proceeds this year so that will ehlp a little.

611-60-137⁴ St.

Oct 9-1913.

My dear Louis

Your letter is just
received and I am sending
the letter to Mr Jamnath
instructing him to forward the
money to you as soon as it
is paid (his). I shall write
him that I have written to
Mr Jamnath to do this and
that I approve of your paying
the Canadian stamps out of the
proceeds of the estate's sale

if there is sufficient to do it.
I think just know ^{that} ^{in the winter} ^{the} ^{year} ^{should}
the taxes of the year ^{be} come out of the proceeds of
the crops - I wrote you &
said there only a day or so
ago as we were notified the
dud could not be recorded
until they were paid.

We have paid the premium
is \$91.46 -

I am perfectly willing to
send you a check for 69.54

to cover your expenses and
thanks along with it, but if the
rent is coming in soon it is
all right to take it out as you
say - However if there is going
to be delay in getting it from
Jarmouth please let me know.

I am waiting to hear from
Malcolm and Lyle he will
write with figures about repairs.

Love to you all & in love
Janie.

P.S. I do not think the proceeds ^{caution}
from Milder will cover all the taxes

I told Fred I thought you had
offer whether because now due
the estate & the Canadian Land
tax and perhaps he will be
able to add the ~~10~~¹¹ rent. I do
not know thought where he has
any estate money coming from
under the Joint farms.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Oct. 9, 1913

"I am sending the letter to Mr. Jarmouth instructing him to forward the money to you as soon as it is paid him. I shall write Fred that I have written to Mr. Jarmouth to do this and that I approve of your paying the Canadian taxes out of the proceeds of the estate's half if there is sufficient to do it. I think first however that $\frac{1}{2}$ the taxes of the year for the Wilder farm should come out of the proceeds of the crops. I wrote you I paid them only a day or so ago as we were notified the deed could not be recorded until they were paid. One half plus the premium is \$91.46.

I am perfectly willing to send you a check for 69.54 to cover your expenses and thanks along with it, but if the rent is coming in soon it is all right to take it out as you say. However if there is going to be delay in getting it from Jarmouth please let me know. ... P.S. I do not think the proceeds from Wilder will cover all the Canadian taxes. I told Fred I thought you should offer whatever balance was due the estate to the Canadian land tax and perhaps he will be able to add the rent. I do not know though where he has any estate money coming from unless the Joliet farms.

611 - W. 137th St. N. Y.

Oct 27th

My dear Louis:-

I wrote Mr Malcom
& Kluckhohn immediately
on receipt of your letter
telling them to go ahead with
the fence and send me an
estimate on the corn crib.

I do not know why
they are so slow in sending
the estimate but when
the work I did not mean

you to be out so long
the cost of your trip so
am sending you the
cheque to cover it. If
it is not right please let
me know - You can
adjust the estate Laff when
you settle up.

I enclose Reed's last letter
which says nothing about
his change of work so
evidently we got inside
knowledge and as long as it

is good news it does not
make any difference.

Jane is getting on finely and
I am liking the domestic better
& better. She seems to be getting
acquainted with some nice
girls too so I am glad for
that.

We have had very kind
of weather under the sun
and most of it raining - I
went to the Episcopal
Convention most of the time
for three weeks so now am
trying to catch up in other
things. It was very interesting

Louise and I heard some fine
men from all parts. I made
up my mind that the good
old Conservative Church was ^{still}
fairly much alive in spite of
the very active and lackadaisical
High Church element, and it
behoves all of us to take heed
and keep things moving
our way. Your family does
more of it than I do and it
is hard in the city to do one's part
but I am sure it is needed.
Much love to all - Affly.
Jane

611 - W - 137th St.
New York Nov 2 - 13

My dear Louis, -

Your letter about
Dr Harwood is at hand
and I expect to reply to
ask you if the matter could
stand for a week or two
and give Arthur a chance
to talk it over on the
ground.

I appreciate the advantage
of having someone like

Dr Harwood build on
that property, and more
so as I hope some day
all the family will be
out there - and it will
make a nice neighborhood.
Hamm I would like to
see Arthur talk it over
if you think Dr Hammond
can wait that long for
an answer. Arthur is
expecting to go to St Louis

for a few days about the
tent & can stop - I hope
on his way back.

I received also your
cheque for 288.⁴⁶ - or act
from the Wilder Farm -
and ^{also} the cheque returned of
mine to you for expenses
^{which you had already paid for. the receipts.}
The taxes on the Wilder
Farm were for 1912 - and a
penalty of \$15 for not having
paid them before June
1st. This of course should
come out of the estate
but I am willing to let it

stand as a credit due me
until we get the outside
matter cleared up. I am
very anxious to hear some
report of progress made
in that direction. When
you make a report of the
Melder money you will of
course include the amount
paid on the Canadian Land.
I shall say nothing about it
until you have it all done.
I think we agreed to share
your expenses to Melder but
you can ask Mary & Anne about
it. I must surely bought and
only send love to all -
aff. Jennie.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Nov. 2, 1913

"Your letter about Dr. Harwood is at hand and I hasten to reply to ask you if the matter could stand for a week or two and give Arthur a chance to talk it over on the ground. I appreciate the advantage of having someone like Dr. Harwood build on that property, and more so as I hope someday all the family will be out there and it will make a nice neighborhood. However I would like to have Arthur talk it over if you think Dr. Harwood can wait that long for an answer. ...

I received also your cheque for 285.46 on act from the Wilder Farm and also the cheque returned of mine to you for expenses, which you had already paid from the receipts. The taxes on the Wilder farm were for 1912 and a penalty of \$15 for not having paid them before June 1st. This of course should come out of the estate but I am willing to let it stand as a credit due me until we get the outside matters cleaned up. I am very anxious to hear some report of progress made in that direction. When you make a report of the Wilder money you will of course include the amount paid on the Canadian land. I shall say nothing about it until you have it all done. I think we agreed to share your expenses to Wilder but you can ask Mary and Anne about it.

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Nov 21.

My dear Louis..

I am sorry to
have to say that Arthur
is not going to be able
to go via Joliet after
all. He was detained
here by some Norfolk
affairs he could not
neglect & tried to put off
his St. Louis trip until
immediately after Thanksgiving

but they ^{P-2} wanted him there
now and we had to
leave him here for the boy
as he has been able
to barely sandwich the
trip in without even the
extra dog necessary for
part.

The very important thing
was the Red St. J. party
and I want to tell you
that in rounding Fred a
little as to possible sitting

value, he said that Anne
had expressed a strong
desire for that place to
live on. I told him that
if Anne wanted it for
any near future use
that I would of course
be only too glad to let
him have it back and
as I did not feel at
liberty to mention Dr. Hornum
in let it stand at that. But

"I also said that if Anne did
not want it for near future
use I would strongly advise
her to let me make what
use I could toward the
development of the farm
property - You can take the
matter up with Anne for if
she wants it there is nothing
more to be said. I would
not in any way influence
her against having it. I
always have felt that the
farm only needed the

45 Family to move onto it &
start the opening up - the
best possible way. and if
Anne should build in
the corner we would join
the road right away -
On the other hand I would
very much like to have
Dr. Harwood build there in
case the family don't
move to. You can talk
it over with him. Let
Anne's real wishes are what
I would like to follow.
I am perfectly willing to

9 give the property back to
her if that is what she
would like.

We plan to go to
Washington Con. for the evening
on Monday morning by
auto if Arthur gets back
but more likely later afternoon
by train. If the weather
should be like this week
it would be a crime to
go in the train, but not
likely it will snow so we

shall be consoled.

Love to you all - I
am writing - Esth - Jane
is very well and her
increased weight is
brimming -

Love to all again

Aff. -
Jennie.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Nov. 21 (no year)

"The only important thing was the Reed St. property and I want to tell you that in sounding Fred a little as to possible selling value, he said that Anne had expressed a strong desire for that place to live on. I told him that if Anne wanted it for any near future use that I would of course be only too glad to let her have it back and as I did was not feel at liberty to mention Dr. Harwood so let it stand at that. But I also said that if Anne did not want it for near future use I would strongly advise her to let me make what use I could toward the development of the farm property. You can take the matter up with Anne for if she wants it there is nothing more to be said. I would not in any way influence her against having it. I always have felt that the farm only needed the family to move onto it to start the opening up in the best possible way and if Anna should build in the corner we would open the road right away. On the other had I would very much like to have Dr. Harwood build there in case the family don't want to. You can talk it over but please, let Anne's real wishes are what I would like to follow. I am perfectly willing to give the property back to her if that is what she would like.

[1913]

611-10-137 1/2 St.
New York Dec 10.

My dear Louis, -

I have waited to hear
from Anne again and still
do not feel very well satisfied
about the matter of the Red
St lot. I do feel that we
could not do better as a
family than have some one
like Dr Howard build
on that lot - the only better
they would be using it

William.
Lor &
you all
For us -
Fannie

His regards so well - I will give Li letter to

ourselves which at the best
way of looking at it
seems remote.

As it appears to be up
to me to name a price
for the lot I should say
\$5000 - (of course leaving the
road) and I would move
^{this offer is only to Dr. Hayward for home}
the house off ^{purposes.} My idea
would be to put the house
on a suitable piece of
ground further up the road

in the farm and plant that
road nicely with trees -

I would make the house
a decent one if it stood
the transfer so that it could
be rented to the right kind
of a tenant. I do not at
all doubt but that the
lot is a good one to hold
for future value, but
personally if it were up for
the feeling that some one in
the family might wish they
had it, I would be in favor

of starting the tide out that way
as soon as possible!

I wrote Mr Jarman & I must
like to get 80.⁰⁰ for the Wedder
Farm and he wrote me that
was a stiff price. - He said
he liked to see paper ^{out there} best
prices for their land, but
inferred that I would benefit
the public more than myself.

In all last letter from
Arthur today and are feeling
my Lpky in consequence tell
him he is a fine letter writer &
that Uncle Arthur is proud that he proved

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Dec 10 (no year)

"I have waited to hear from Anne again and still do not feel very well satisfied about the matter of the Reed St. lot. I do feel that we could not do better as a family than have some one like Dr. Harwood build on that lot--the only better thing would be using it ourselves, which at the best way of looking at it, seems remote. As it appears to be up to me to name a price for the lot I should say \$5000 (of course leaving the road) and I would move the house off. This offer is only to Dr. Harwood for home purposes. My idea would be to put the home on a suitable piece ground farther up the road in the farm and plant that road nicely with trees. I would make the house a decent one if it stand the transfer so that it could be rented to the right kind of a tenant. I do not at all doubt but that the lot is a good one to hold for future value, but personally if it were not for the feeling that some one in the family might wish they had it, I would be in favor of starting the tide out that way as soon as possible.

I wrote Mr. Jarmouth I would like to get 80.00 for the Wilder farm and he wrote me that was a stiff price--he said he liked to see people boost prices for their land out there but inferred that I would benefit the public more than myself.

611- W. 137th St.

Jan 24 - 1914.

My dear Louis, -

Your letter - and
check is enclosed and
I acknowledge receipt of
same \$250.73 -

I paid \$167.92 on 1912
taxes in September which
included interest for March
when taxes were due. If
you think best to apply the

(#104-)

balance due the estate, on
those taxes due me I would
suggest letting the 34.77 which
you refunded for the
expenses of your Middle trip
apply on the taxes also. I
am perfectly willing to absorb
the whole expense of that
trip myself - and would much
prefer to have the ^{back}
taxes as nearly closed up ^{by the estate}
as possible. It looks better
that way and your going

was a convenience to me.

I will write Fred about
the proving assessment &
how we can get the property
divided on the ^{assessors} books as you
suggest. Is it not up to
the assessor to do so as
there was a deed of division
registered? I do not see why
we should be liable for
a whole having complied
with the requirements as to
separation.

Love to all and

Lastly.

Yours -

I am enclosing a letter
to Mary -

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Jan 24, 1914

"Your letter and cheque is enclosed and I acknowledge receipt of some \$250.73. I paid \$167.92 on 1912 taxes in September which included interest from March when taxes were due. If you think best to apply the balance due the estate (\$104) on those taxes due me I would suggest letting the 34.77 which you refunded from the expenses of your Wilder trip apply on the taxes also. I am perfectly willing to stand the whole expense of that trip myself and would much prefer to have the back taxes as nearly cleared up by the estate as possible. It looks better that way and your going was a convenience to me. I will write Fred about the paving assessment and hope we can get the property divided on the assessors books as you suggest. Is it now up to the assessor to do so as there was a deed of division registered? I do not see why we should be ~~liable~~ as a whole having complied with the requirements as to separation

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6H-W-137 4th St.

Saturday - April 25th

[1914?]

My dear Sam, -

Your recent letter
came to hand yesterday
and I am enclosing a
check covering the amount
of the taxes as per your
request. I wrote Fred for
receiving your first letter
in regard to them and
am expecting a reply.

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I would suggest - that
you wait as long as
you can before paying
the money - the hope that
Fred will pay it. I am
substituted to that because he
took the rent for the entire
year from Mr Smith up
to July 1st and I certainly
ought to get the taxes
paid out of that. However
I am sending you the

P-3
Check so that they ^{may} not be
in unpaid when the time
comes & thank you for
attending to it. Will you
please see that the papers
are divided on the Common
books so that I can get
a paper which myself
next year. I imagine this
can be done without
much difficulty can it not?

I am so glad to hear
such good news of Howard
and his work. It is most

comforting ^{P-A} to think we have
a farmer man among
us and I wish him every success.
I wish Fred about the house
to Larson, but he has heard
nothing in regard to that. I
should advise Howard to
go rather slowly though when
the time comes.

I don't know how you
feel about the store closing
but, considering that I am
I am naturally sorry for a
change. But I know you
have gained much in the
trial of strength and can but

take a real satisfaction P 25
it in spite of the hard work.

Jane had a Freshman
luncheon down town the
afternoon and made a
speech if you please. She
had a gift there & says
they all laughed at her
jokes and it was evidently
a success. Arthur says
I am as pleased at Jane's
speech as if I had been
given a present.

at the moment Arthur
& Jane are downing to

the music ^{P-6} of the Victor. The
Chairs are on top of one another
& they are doing the latest
steps together. ~~At~~ P-6

We have planted our
first shrubs ^{today}, and I begin
to feel a most delightful
sense of ownership. I have
quite experienced it before
and must admit that now
amid the fall in the ground
which indicated a cellar and
our air quite bright - it

Came to me as the following
of the little brown things.
I must join the dancers.
Much love to you all -

Aff-
Jimmie

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To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, April 25th (no year)

"Your second letter came to hand yesterday and I am enclosing a cheque covering the amount of the taxes as per your request. I wrote Fred after receiving your first letter in regard to them and am expecting a reply. I would suggest that you wait as long as you can before paying the money--the hope that Fred will pay it. I am entitled to that because he took the rent for the entire year from Mr. () up to July 1st and I certainly ought to get the taxes paid out of that. I am sending you the cheque so that they may not be unpaid when the time comes and thank you for attending to it. Will you please see that the properties are divided on the assessors books so that I can get a proper notice myself next year. I imagine this can be done without much difficulty can it not.

Saturday - evening.

May 2 - 1914 -

My dear Louis -

Your letter with
receipt enclosed is at hand.

Thanks for it - Can you
arrange to have the
property divided on the books,
and it occurs to me to
ask if on the assessments both
these lots are the same
depth as do they go back
to the property line as they

would naturally appear to
do?

I paid on Oct 7th taxes
on Wilder farm for 1912 as

follows

Taxes	152.92
Premium	<u>15.</u>
	167.92.

Aug 1st the taxes were paid by
rightfully due from the
estate as in tax July 1 -
as a cut off & the taxes were
on the year just previous.

I do hope Mary was no

worse for her "like" which
sounds like a fearful
undertaking to me though I
admire her courage.

We are just in for a
planting bar and it has
been a long day. Mrs
Evers gave me a lot of
garden stuff & Mr Little
contributed some fruit
trees and as a result of
getting them in the ground
I feel like a farmer
and on days wages and

expect to be stiff tomorrow.

It will be the first Sunday
in May on which we
always go to Plymouth
Church. We shall all have
dinner at the Raymond
& probably with two or three
call our in Babylon
make a day of it —

Love from us all to
all of you —

aff - Jennie

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, May 2, 1914

"Can you arrange to have the property divided on the books, and it occurs to me to ask if in the assessors books those lots are the real depth as do they go back to the property line as they would naturally appear to do? I paid on Oct. 7th taxes on Wilder farm for 1912 as follows

Taxes	152.92
Premium	<u>15.</u>
	167.92

Only $\frac{1}{2}$ the taxes would be rightfully due from the estate as in () July 1 as a cut off and the taxes were on the year just previous.

611- W. 137th St.

Aug 9th 1914.

My dear Lou, -

Enclosed please find

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cheque for \$23.26 and, would
be glad if you will attend
to the assessment-redemption
as soon as possible. It is
not of course pleasant to
think one could be sold for
taxes in that way. I am not
nucleated it. I have not
received the Aug gas demand

yet but as it is due about
now according to former
payments, I presume it
is on the way - I will be
glad to settle up the footing
on account in Nov. if you
will take it up at that
time.

I have now heard from
Jarmouth since you sent
the \$250 - in January - I
will write him if you
think best, but as you
were up there for me

last year it seems strange
that he did not see you.

In regard to the
empty land the buyer
assumed the drainage
after date of sale. ^{I paid what was due}
^{before that date.} I think that was
all settled.

Today is a low - a
day as we have had and
makes up for many cold
ones.

The war is the only subject
on every body's lips - Every
half hour of the day the
boys are discussing extra

in the streets - not because there
is so much news but because
with the excitement everywhere
people will buy them. The
family here can get no
word from the Eells & Glens
are worried. I have felt very
anxious about the old people
because of the shock to them.
We do not know whether
they may be suffering actual
fracture or not.

Much love to all at home
& thanks to you - Hope you &
Howard have a fine trip.
Longly - Jennie.

Louis - Jennie Dwight, Re: estate matters

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Aug 9, 1914

"Enclosed please find cheque for \$23.26 and I would be glad if you will attend to the assessment redemption as soon as possible. It is not of course pleasant to think one could be sold for taxes in that way. I do not understand it. I have not received the Aug. gas dividend yet but as it is due about now according to former payments, I presume it is on the way. I will be glad to settle up the paving assessment in Nov. if you will take it up at that time. I have never heard from Jarmouth since you sent the \$250 in January, I will write him if you think best, but as you went up there for me last year it seems strange that he did not see you.

In regard to the Essex (?) land the buyer assumed the drainage taxes after date of sale. I paid what was due before that date. I think that was all settled.

... The war is the only subject on everybody's lips. Every half hour of the day the boys are calling 'extras' in the streets, not because there is so much news but because with the excitement everywhere people will buy thm. The family here can get no word from the Eiler's and of course are worried. I have felt very anxious about the old people because of the shock to them. We do not know whether they may be suffering actual () or not.

Personal. 611-N-137-21.

N. Y. Sept 18.

My dear Louis -

Your good letter
reached this morning. I am
sorry you are having trouble
over such a simple matter as
getting the name of the Wilder
farmer. I should, of course,
have gotten it myself when in
Joliet, but am paying for my
neglect now by having to
bother you. I wrote Fred a
note today asking him to hurry
up & give it to you, and he

you may have better success.
Any time you can go, just
do so & I will send you
the money whenever you say
the word.

I feel the anxiety about
the estate matters dreadfully
but guess it is something
we have not got to caring
whether we want to or not, and
being too anxious is not going
to help - but we must keep
pushing if there is any way to
do it. I have ~~just~~ ^{just} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose}

refrained from an appearance
of nagging but I am very
determined to push every possible
chance & way that I can.

Of Mary and Anne can
manage to get to a place
where they do not have to
get too tired physically every
day it will be a help in
bearing the anxiety.

I am glad Howard is
home with such good prospects
for work and study and his
no doubt his years experience
will teach him much of what he

is now going ahead to learn -
That is rather an ambiguous
sentence but there is truth in
it - which I cannot explain
more clearly if I had time -
Take it for the best saying -
Jamie is about to arrive for
lunch, having spent the morning
after a ride down with Arthur
in the auto, getting her studies
placed at college -

Love to all - Aff -
Genuine.

I will put personal on the strength of
course it is for Mary too.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie (Dwight), New York, Sept, 18 (no year)

"I feel the anxiety about the estate matters dreadfully but guess it is something we have all got to carry whether we want to or not, and being too anxious is not going to help, but we must keep pushing if there is any way to do it. I have purposely refrained from an appearance of nagging but I am very determined to push every possible chance and way that I can.

[1915, 1916, 1917?]

Great Neck. Jan 12.

My dear Louis, -

Your letter came to
Land last night and it seems
to me decidedly good business
to pay the tax. We do not
often get 7% - very unusual.
I will enclose chq to you. If
the amount turns out to be
not exactly right you can
let me know.

I am lovingly agreed as to

the note at the bank and that
Mum's interest if you can
attend to it and see that
it is done right. Let me
know what the other boys
about it as I am really
very glad to feel that something
is started toward it. I am
terribly ashamed that such a
matter should stand that
way so long.
Thanks to you.

Aff - Jannie R. D.

Enclosed a letter to the
family - Jr

Present assessment.	35.48
Bal 74	113.62
	<hr/>
	149.10

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Jan 12 (no year)

"Your letter came to hand last night and it was to me decidedly good business to pay the tax. We do not often get 7% on money unnoted. I will enclose chq. to you. If the amount turns out to be not exactly right you can let me know. I am heartily agreed as the note as the bank and Aunt Mina's interest if you can attend to it and see that it is done right. Let me know what the others say about it as I am really very glad to feel that something is started toward it. I am terribly ashamed that such a matter should stand that way so long.

[1915, 1916, 1917]

Great Neck -

Jan 10 -

My dear Louis -

Thanks for your
letter in regard to the
Middle land. I note Mr

Macelaw to go ahead with
the trial if in his judgment
it was mine & the court-
expenses not much.

If you still have his
letter which Arthur sent you

describing the ditch will
you kindly return it -

I think as you do
about the jury but on the
other hand they might want
to please a local lawyer.

We are having a snow
brought the first since
the middle of Dec.

We are settled down again
since Christmas - Jane has
at work for mid years

and a pair in the kitchen
who I am almost beginning
to hope may want to stay.

Arthur is in town for
military reasons and won't
sleep - I'm so
delighted with the snow -
- some it was hard work
to persuade him to go to
bed.

Much love to all I wish
I could look in for
a good night - visit -
at + Jennie P. Dwight

Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Jan 15 (no year)

"Thanks; for your trouble in regard to the Wilder land. I wrote Mr. Marelow to go ahead with the trial if in his judgement it was wise and the court expense not much. If you still have his letter which Arthur sent you describing the ditch will you kindly return it. I think as you do about the jury but on the other hand they might want to please a local lawyer.

[1915, 1916, 1917?]

Great Neck, L. I.

Jan 19 -

My dear Loui.--

Enclosed please find
check for 18 ⁴⁵ 00 which is
 $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of the tax for
passing. and thanks to you
for attending to it in time.

I should like very
much to hear Arthur sing
his solos and hope to
some time - a young boy
voice is the most beautiful

of any —

We load the car up for repairs for a week and this week Hanna the man is laid up with grippe so we have been more or less tied down. If only the two could have taken a week off together.

Our Mina insists on having for her the week of October & in other ways too sadly.

We are all going in to see her off on an evening train

We hope also to go one afternoon this week over to the South shore to see the real ocean. We have had rather heavy rain losing dogs & dogs. If all the rain had been snow this winter we should have been going about or snow shoes & certainly not automobile.

Janie spent last Sunday with a friend as Mr. Lee was away. Lee since and are looking forward to

Love coming this week -

Love to all from us

all -

Affectionately

Jennie R.D.

18.45

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, Jan 19 (no year)

"Enclosed please find cheque for 18.45 which is $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of the tax for paving and thanks to you for attending to it in time.

I should like very much to hear Arthur sing his solos and hope to some time--a young boy's voice is the most beautiful of any.

[1917?]

great news man 31

My dear Sami -

I have taken the
first available moment
to copy for you what I
have here & what I hope
is the paper you wish.

Copy # 1 is a regular
legal document duly
signed & drawn up -

Copy # 2 is a written
paper partly in Arabic &
partly in my hand writing
with all our signatures
also copied - & the paper is
marked at top "Copy"

P2
it has more detail as to
division & probably was
drawn up after #1. Who
has the original I don't
know - probably Fred.
Aurray I hope it is what
you want.

We are living through
times these dogs - Arthur
is working day & night
in various directions & probably
will be called out next
week if war is officially
declared. He is going
in as major in the 1st
Cavalry under Col.
McKervey. ^{U.S.A} got a ~~regular~~

P-3
/ August. The requirement is
not existed yet - but they
are getting the figures together.
I have had various
activities under way and
with dear Aunt Minnie here
have been able to give us
my time -

Please tell Aunt & Mary
for me that I am expecting
them in May. We do not
know what will happen
in the meantime, but unless
something moves it
unfornable I want them
to come & let us have
the visit together with dear
Juni's graduation to crown
it -

Love PA to you all -

Best
James R Wright

I am sure Arthur comes
to something for Howard
in aviation if he wanted
to enlist. I have not
talked to him about
it but he is in touch
with things and could
probably do as much as
anybody.

I open this to apologize for
answering a letter addressed
to Arthur, which ordinarily I do not
open. Of late there tends to be

but I miss get his different approach
and before sending this

Attachment 1

Copy #1 - Deed of Partition.

(For James)

"Also the lot & residence
known as 504 S. E. Ave. & a
fair amt of land about the
same as a valuation of \$6000.
(note on side of card - "48 ft wide")

For Mary.

"Also the residence property
known as 502 S. E. Ave. wherein
she now resides as a valuation
of \$7000 -

"All of lot 7 of said H. Red
subdivision except so much
of the Southern portion thereof as
is now occupied by the residence
known as 502 S. E. Ave. & also the

East 20 of 3 lot 8 —

Attachment - 2

Copy #2

All
Copy

Attachment 3

4 This Indenture etc etc.

To said J. R. S. - parts of 1st part
+ - - -

Also the south 48 ft. of lot 8
except the E 20 ft. thereof, back
17 of Canal T's subd. of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec-
15 Twp. 35. N. R. 10 East of 3rd Prin. Mer.
etc - & subject homestead an
easement for ingress & egress
by the owner or owners of the
Northern portion of said lot across
the east 8 ft. of said premises.
To many

+ + +

Also lot 5 + the N. 33 $\frac{8}{10}$ ft -

Attachment A
of lot 8 & the South 11 ft- of lot
7 except the E 20 ft- of the
two last-named parcels of
land of said blk 17 of Cass
Trusts subd. of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect- 15
etc etc.

To Anne E B -

Also lot 6 & E 20 ft- of
lot 8 & all of lot 7 except the
portion thereof herein conveyed
to said M. B. Hyde the party of
2nd part; all in blk 17 - Cass
Trusts subd. of West $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect-
15 - Township 35 - N. Range 10
W of 3rd prin. mer. - in City of Jct.
etc etc. ^{Amount - copy}
JAT ASD
M.B.H. L.M.H.
A.E.B. J.B.

To Louis Hyde from Jennie Dwight, March 31, (no year), Great Neck, N.Y.

"I have taken the first available moment to copy for you what I have here and what I hope is the paper you wish. Copy #1 is a regular legal document duly signed and drawn up; Copy #2 is a written paper partly in Arthur's and partly in my handwriting with all our signatures, also copied and the paper is marked at top 'copy' It has more detail as to division and probably was drawn up after #1. Who has the original I don't know--probably Fred. Anyway I hope it is what you want. ... Arthur is working day and night in various directions and probably will be called out next week if war is officially declared. He is going in a major in the 1st Engineers under Col. McKinstry. ... I am sure Arthur could do something for Howard in aviation if he wanted to enlist. I have not talked to him about it but he is in touch with strings and could probably do as much as anybody.

(Appended are the copies referred to)

Copy #1 Deed of Partition (?)

(for Jennie)

"Also the lot and residence known as 504 S.E. Ave. and a fair amt of land about the same at a valuation of \$6000. (Note on side by ASD '48 ft wide)

For Mary

"Also the residence property known as 502 S.E. Ave. wherein she now reside at a valuation of \$7000

All of lot 7 of said F.A. Reed subdivision except so much of the southern portion thereof as is now occupied by the residence known as 502 S.E. Ave and also the East 20 ft of lot 8.

Copy #2

This indenture etc. etc.

To said J.R.D party of 1st part ... Also the south 48 ft of lot 8 except the E 20 ft thereof, block 17 of Caul (?) T's subd. of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sect. 15 Twp. 35, N.R. East of 3rd Prin. Mer. etc. ... subject known to an easement for ingress and egress by the owner or owners of the Northn portion of said lot across the East 8 ft of said premises.

To Mary ... Also lot 5 and the N 33 8/10 ft of lot 8 and the South 11 ft. of lot 7 except the E 20 ft of the two last named parcels of land of said blk 17 of Caul T's subd. of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect 15 etc. etc.

To Anne E B--Also lot 6 and E 20 ft of lot 8 and all of lot 7 except the portion thereof herein conveyed to said M. B. Hyde the party of the 2nd part, all in blk 17 Caul Trusters subd of West $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect 15, Township 35, N Range 10 ft of 3rd () in City of Joliet. etc etc signed

JRD ASD
MBRH LHH
ARRP EP

Stock delivered to Jennie R.Dwight

by Fred Bennett.

#182	-	100	shares W.U.G. & E.Co common.
#196	-	100	" " "
#195	-	100	" " "
#389	-	100	" " "
#390	-	100	" " "
10	-	100	" Coal Products Manufacturing Co.
95	-	9	" " " "

Quit Claim Deed.

The grantors, Fred Bennett and Annie E. Bennett, husband and wife, of the city of Joliet in the county of Will and the state of Illinois, for the consideration of ten dollars, convey and quit claim to Jane R. Dwight of the city, county and state of New York and Mary B. Hyde of the city of Joliet, in the county of Will of the state of Illinois, all interest in the following described real estate.

The south sixty (60) acres of the North East one quarter (1/4) of Section 13 and the south 127 acres of the North East one quarter (1/4) and four and one half (4-1/2) acres in the N.E. corner of the South East one quarter (1/4) of section 24- all of Township 35, North Range 9 East of the third principal meridian, and the West 35 acres of the North West one quarter (1/4) of section 19, township 35, North Range 10, East of the Principal Meridian, except 12-1/2 acres of land hete-to-fore sold to the Illinois Metal Refining Company.

Situated in the county of Will, in the state of Illinois, hereby releasing and waving all rights under and by virtue of the homestead exemption laws of this state.

Dated the 9th day of August, A.D. 1913.

Fred Bennett.

seal.

Annie E. Bennett.

seal.

Sworn to before E.E. Howard, Notary Public.

August 1913.

I hereby testify that I hold in trust for Jane R.Dwight 200 shares preferred and 735 shares common of the capital stock of the Western United Gas and Electric Company and 147 shares of the capital stock of the Coal Products Manufacturing Company; that I hold for Mary B.Hyde 200 shares preferred and 735 shares common of the capital stock of the Western United Gas and Electric Company and 147 shares of the capital stock of the Coal Products Manufacturing Company in like manner; that I hold for Annie E.Bennitt 200 shares preferred and 735 shares common of the capital stock of the Western United Gas and Electric Company and 147 shares of the capital stock of the Coal Products Company in like manner; I hold in my own behalf, as my undivided property 150 shares of the preferred and 550 shares of the common stock of the said Western United Gas and Electric Company and 119 shares of the said Coal Products Co.

Dated Joliet, Illinois.

July 1913.

The forgoing is satisfactory to us

(over)

*Above was written in long hand
by Jennie R. Dwight*

I hereby

In the foregoing division of stock, that allotted to
Fred Bennett, with the exception of nine (9) shares of
Coal Products Co stock, is his only upon and after delivery of
all the balance of the stock above referred to.

Fred Bennett.

Mary B. Hyde.

August 9 : 1913.

Jennie R. Dwight.