



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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Letter Dec. 13, 1877 - Mama is in such poor health that she does not want you to bring your Charm home with you this time. Any other time would be convenient & pleasant

Letter Dec. 6, 1878 1877 - "A few words with my dear big brother" "All are well, enjoying life to the fullest extent."

End
'77 George is developing into a noble youth, he never sweeps off the steps when covered with snow, he scorns to do anything like carrying wood or coal. Love forever - Tell in great haste

1878 Letter. ~~Dan~~ Jan. 13, 1878 - The baby (Mary Sabin Hyde) 3 weeks old, has grown fat.
"Dear Mary - ?" took her departure the next day after you. Get over your passion for her and find some nice little girl."
"George is a pain in the neck"

Julia Clara Hyde to Louis H. Hyde.

Nov. 7, 1881 - Chicago All of Julia's letters are full of her love for and delight in little Marion, her love for Will Crows and her deep affection for her brother Lou and the family in Folsom. She is obviously a good house maker, good housekeeper, and loves a good time socially - with all. They ^{hear} ~~are~~ concerts & attend the theatre. They love summer camps in the deep woods. Fishing, hunting, hiking and the out door.

Will is diligent in his law practice and doing very well. He keeps up his Dartmouth associations and outdoor activities.

Julia Clara Hyde born Joliet, Ill. May 28, 1858

Oldest Child of George Warren Hyde and Mary Amanda Howard

Married: William Webster Evans of Chicago. May 6, 1880

Children: Marion Evans born Feb. 15, 1881
Alice Evans " Mar 30, 1883
Edith Evans " Apr 20, 1888
Ruth Evans " July 3, 1890
Julian Evans born Jan. 19, 1893
died Mar. 11, 1895

Letters of Julia to her brother Louis Howard Hyde
Louis Howard Hyde - born June 29, 1860
died Apr. 8, 1923

Fannie Ella Hyde - born July 17, 1862
died

George Preston Hyde - Sept. 27, 1866
died

Mary Sabin Hyde - born Dec. 22, 1877
died

When Julia was married at age 22 in 1880.

Louis was 20

Fannie was 18

George was 14

Mary was 3

Julia Hyde Evans to Louis H. Hyde.

Nov. 7, 1881. Chicago - See Summary.

Feb. 25, 1882 - Papa not well - planning trip to Niles
(Michigan to inspect a mill referred to in
later letters)

"I am so happy over the fact that you
are to be with him soon. You will be
in Talbot in June & I suppose the mill
will be finished by that time"

Apr. 25, 1882 -

Jules Hyde Evans to Louis H. Hyde ^{George W. Hyde}

At the point in time - late 1981 and early 1982¹ was in the process of having his mill re-built from a stone mill to a buhr mill. The Machinery salesman Chisholm had convinced him that the buhr mill was equal to or better than the roller mill. This was a fundamental error in business judgement on George W's part. He did not begin to do enough checking in the industry.

Had he he would have seen that the roller mill produced better flour, produced more flour and produced flour cheaper.

He would also have learned that the hard red spring wheat introduced in Minnesota, The Dakota's, and Montana was higher in protein and better in bread making properties than the soft white wheats grown in ~~Ill., Ind., Ohio & Mich.~~

He learned none of this and ^{the} ensuing events were a business & financial catastrophe.

Louis H. Hyde (Father) - fresh out of College, ^{looked upon as} was ^{the} Moses who was to lead them out of the wilderness. ^{fundamentals of the flour milling industry}

He knew nothing of the above¹ and ruined his early years trying to salvage the ~~unsalvageable~~. By ruined I mean economically.

He was an intelligent man, well educated and all of his principles were good.

Due to his Father's business problems, that he could not solve, he got off to a bad start in the business - financial world from which he never recovered.

Some of the later mistakes he made on his own, when he should have known better.

Letters from Julia Hyde to Her Brother Louis H. Hyde

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- Mar. 17, 1876 Boston Julia to LHH - British left Boston 100 yrs ago today. The City was celebrating. She visited many famous places of the Revolution. Will has got tickets for him and me to attend the English Opera. I want you to go to college if Papa is able to let you.
- Oct. 14, 1877 Follet. Julia to LHH. from reports they have received he is studying very hard. mama's health about as usual. (no good a.D.H.) We received your letter of Sept 7th (He is in Ann Arbor, Mich. I miss Lou's help around house - tending fires etc. Papa puffs & blows like a steam engine over a pile of coal. Uncle Bowen visited last week before last. (A loving sister this Julia a.D.H.)
- Nov. 4, 1877 My darling Lou. (Julia was away from home a year or more - was it school in Boston?) "you are a boy preparing for College" This is a fine family letter. Julia is quite a gal a.D.H.
- Sept 21, 1877 Julia - My darling brother (She is 19 yrs old ~~she~~) "make the best of every opportunity and do not let anyone lead you into temptations and all will be well"
- Nov. 18, 1877 Follet - Julia "Dear old Papa has nearly coughed his head off and blown his brains out" "The invincible George P. Hyde has assumed a superiority over the younger members of the family, Pan and the writer" (and family news. a happy family a.D.H.)
- * Dicto (next Page)
- Dec. 13, 1877 Follet - Don't bring your Chum home at this time

Julia Hyde to Louis

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Dec. 6, 1877 Chi chat

Jan. 13, 1878 Joliet - Lined from Holiday Greetings

The baby has waxed fat etc. (Who is this? a.d.h.)
^{she would be 1 month old} (Aunt Mary Webb)

Feb 3, 1878

"Don't get sick - give up half your studies - Take 3 yrs to prepare if need be" - "The family is well and prospering, particularly the baby sister who by the way has the name of Mary Sabine"

"Father caught a full sized Mink in his office"
 News

Mar. 10, 1878

Joliet - "Nearly all of last week I spent in Chicago meeting the Evans family etc - (An interesting letter to read - she's quite a person a.d.h.)"

Mar. 28, 1878

Joliet - Julia has had it up to her eye balls with Sunday social calls, dull conversation.

John Walker's please note - "George is as lazy as ever devoting all his energies to books of adventure, but you were like him so we have some hope for him yet"

April 7, 1878

Scolds him about mis-spelling a word, and berates him on the importance of spelling and composition

Family news

April 21, 1878

Joliet Family & Joliet news -

May 5, 1878

Joliet "Still they come & do not conquer - the Sunday callers, I mean and as usual this day was spent in mon sensical gabble and foolish talk -"

Aunt Lucy's visit (Who is she? a.d.h.) she goes from Joliet to Boston to St Louis.

Many visitors all year - dear little baby is cunning

"Fannie and I went to Church with Will Harwood."

"Lazy George got up at 4 o'clock the other morning not to work, to fish"

Julia Hyde to Louis

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He is at preparatory school in Ann Arbor, Mich.
She is at the family home in Ioliet. She seems
to be in the middle of a social whirl & is a

bright interesting young lady who loves her family.

June 2, 1878 Ioliet. He is to stay at school 2 more months.

June 23, 1878 " "Next Saturday will be your (Loui's) 18th birthday"
"Hattie Peaslee and a friend drove down from Naperville"
"The C - University have their commencement
exercises this week, Nat Powell and
Will Gardner are among the graduates"
"George has gone into business selling milk -"

June 16, 1878 Ioliet "expect to go with the Evans on their camping trip in Aug"

July 7, 1878 Ioliet news.

End of 1878 letters -

Start of 1879 letters.

Sept. 24, 1879. Ioliet "Mama + Papa are at the Akin's, Mrs Heise is
visiting there"

"George is lying asleep on the sofa exhausted
after a fruitless effort to understand the
opening of "The Spy". She has tried
without success to upgrade his reading.
Will Evans thinks the little fellow has a
wonderful command of language. #
Fran is visiting Aunt Lucy
Will Evans there over the week end.
A party - dancing - fine dress of the ladies -"

*Oct 5

Oct. 22, 1879 Ioliet. She spent last week in Chicago and came
home in possession of a beautiful diamond ring.
Will is everything a girl could ask for. Her
engagement has been proclaimed to all of his
Chicago friends!

She is full of news and excitement re
Ioliet interest etc. Writes in both directions on
last page. Very difficult to read.

Julia Hyde to Louis

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Oct 5, 1879 - Follet

Mr Stevenson, an unwelcome suitor just left - thank god.

Aunt Lucy Preston visited.
Grandma Preston is no better.
Local Gossip.

Nov. 9, 1879 - Follet

Mama and baby Mary and Fannie are visiting @ 3104 (Is this the Preston home in Buffalo, N.Y. ? a.s.H.)

A description of the celebration at the Depot when the Follet "BOYS" returned with a Cup after whomping the Chicago "BOYS" - @ what?

"Uncle Tuck will be here soon"

Nov. 30, 1879 - Follet.

a newsy letter with another of those terrible last pages written in both directions.

Nov. 30, 1879 Follet

News & another unreadable back page.

Jan 8, 1880 Follet

"Uncle Bowen has been with us for several days"
"Will has invited me to attend the Opera week after next -"
She indicates their wedding may be the first week in May.

Jan 20, 1880 Follet

Writes about the Opera etc. - another back page

Feb. 8, 1880 Follet

Will came to Follet to confer with Judge Mc Roberts on a case.

"Lou, Mrs Gardiner (Seage's Mother) told Mrs Reed that Henry said Will is the smartest young lawyer in Chicago"

Feb. 12, 1880 Follet.

She writes of "Old" relatives in Lockport & relatives in Beloit. There was a Hyde relative in Beloit but I can't place Lockport a.s.H. Could this be the family the daughter of which married Pat Kivlanah (Paul's the good father - what became of Paul - try Fred Bennett a.s.H.)

Julia Hyde to Louis

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Feb. 22, 1880 Joliet - Will and a friend Mr Adams are there. Will Preston paying a visit and going to St Louis where Uncle Bowen has promised him a situation in some capacity on the Northern Pacific.

Starting wedding preparations - Tells of comings & goings of relatives & friends

Mar. 7, 1880 Joliet. "Last week Will was here - 2 pages of double writing"

May 20, 1880 ~~Mar~~ Chicago - Daughter Marion has been born & hold everything - is it 1881? Continue with next letters & hold this one aside. a.o.H.

March 1880 Joliet "Mama thinks you are studying too much as you have complained of head aches & nose bleeds"

(Sever head aches plagued him all his life - I think it was migraine a.o.H.)

"Will was here. The house will look very nice for the event. The day is for the 6th of May"

Breath easier dear Reader a.o.H.

"George has gone fishing. Papa says bruner is very dull"

Mar. 21, 1880 Joliet Events are piling up. They have 2 girls to help in the kitchen. Talk of preparations

April 4, 1880 Joliet Last Sunday Julia joined the Church before leaving Joliet. Last night she had a good cry because she could not bear to leave "you all" and my home.

Julia Hyde (Soon to be Evans)
to her brother Louis.

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Now she is Julia Hyde Evans.

May 20, 1880 Chicago.

"My dearest - Papa, Mamma, and all.
Thanks them, speaks of wedding gifts,
describes their new "room" in great
detail - the rest of this letter is missing.

And the wedding gifts in great detail.
Wanted them to visit soon.

Oct. 8, 1880 Chicago To Lou family news.

Oct 31, 1880 Chicago. " family news - double writing.

Nov. 26, 1880 Chicago. " general news - 4 pages. Julia is still
a fine correspondent, A.O.H.

Jan 13, 1881 Chicago " general news.

Jan 18, 1881 Chicago. " general news

May 11, 1881 To Lou " I'm home for a 2 week visit. " will come
down Saturday -

The mystery is solved - the
letter (set aside) in question
is dated March 20, 1881 A.O.H.

- and was so proud of his baby that
he carried her up from the depot. "

Greatest baby on earth - friends agree.

Special - Repeat

March 20, 1881 Juliet Lou from Chicago.

Marion born - happy and proud
mother and father.

Julia H. Evans to Louis Hyde.

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May 24, 1880 - Chicago news of a trip -

June 26, 1881, news

Aug 17, 1881 Chicago news -

Oct 4, 1881 Chicago. Lou having a serious time with his eyes.
He was in the City Sat. to spend his birthday at the Exposition.

June 5, 1881 Chicago. "I wish this year was your last" @
Ann Arbor no doubt.
Says they hope to attend his Commencement the following year.

Nov. 7, 1881 Chicago. news

Feb. 25, 1882 Chicago. Describes her joy in Little Marion.
"you will be with us in June"

* "I suppose the Mill will be running by that time"

Note A.D.H. Papa had contracted for a mill re-building from stones to roller mills. It was not done properly - had to be re-done at very great expense - one of the major contributions to the Greek Tragedy that ensued.

Papa seems worried over the order taking but I suppose that is natural with his family, at his age of life. I do love the dear old man so much.

Note - I have a complete outline of the ensuing events which wrecked grandfather's last years and had a profound effect on Father's life. A.D.H.

Julia H. Evans to Louis Hyde

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April 25, 1882 Chicago. Love feeling rotten, Julia wishes
she could help.

Am really worried about the home ones
since the small pox has become
prevalent in Idell.

June 19, 1882 Idell A letter of congratulations on his
graduation.

Aug 27, 1882 Chicago. news.

July 6, 1887 Chicago. Replying to his letter "I admire
Mary Reed very much and will
be happy to welcome her as a sister."

Aug 3, 1889 Camp news "Love to Mary and yourself"