



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.



Louis H. Hyde,
Johil,
Ills.

Father wishes me to announce his
perfect condition at 10 A. M. this
beautiful Sunday morning. He
sleeps well and enjoys the cool
air, constantly referring to your
improved ~~sweltering~~ conditions. The
storm last evening was not
noticeable upon the water, al-
though the sky was visibly affect-
ed. We enjoyed the storm very
much. I hope Frank will come I.

Joyce E. Hakala
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To Louis Hyde from sister Julia

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Letter of July 6, 1887: "I am extremely pleased to learn the facts received by mail yesterday. You could not have made a better choice, if you had determined upon pleasing your sister instead of yourself. I admire Mary Reed very much and shall be glad to welcome her as a sister. I am very glad you are now ready to have a little pleasure in the society of the 'girl of your heart', after so many months of business worry and anxiety. I remarked to George only the other day that I wished you might marry and have a little pleasure in a quiet home life, with some congenial companion. I have often had Mary Reed in my mind for you and now I wish to congratulate you that you have chosen so wisely."

Camp,
3 August - 1889

Dear Son,

To-morrow will find us nicely settled at Bass Lake, our camp is in first-class order and to-day will finish the -
nicknacks - wash stands, towel racks etc. The boys have worked like slaves to accomplish this work or by Monday, they will be ripe for a hunt or fishing trip. The lake trip

was very enjoyable, and the 30 mile drive to Bass Lake on Wednesday was very delightful, as the day was bright and the air so fine, we were so exhilarated that on our arrival at the lake we were not tired in the least. The boys managed to put up two tents that evening and the provision tent - getting everything under cover. The weather favored us from the start, the heavy storm of last Saturday found us nicely settled

on the boat - before it poured its torrents.

Baby is proving herself as thorough a camper as the other children, and seems perfectly happy to be "bye-bye" all the time. Father caught some cold on the boat - and seems to be somewhat stiff, but I believe a few fine trout - on the end of his rod would liberate him considerably. He is a persistent fisherman always desiring someone to go out on the lake with him to fish for bass. The country

surrounding Bass Lake is
all burned over, the portion
reaching from the hill
back of the camp to the
bridge, which by the way
is rebuilt, and before I
forget it, Will saw Andy
at Monastigue. The weather
the two days past has
been rather cold, and we
have not all felt the
usual enthusiasm, but
in a few days it will be
developed in full force.

I hope Frank
Warduff will come up, he
perhaps could get away

Aug 3, 1889 - Julia

for two or three weeks
and pay us a visit. If
he did not wish to take
the long boat trip he can
come by rail to Monastir
and the expense from
there to Bass Lake is \$6.00
or the driver told me.

How I wish
Mary and yourself could
be here with us. I hope
on another trip you may
both have the pleasure
with us. I will send
a letter to Mother, telling
of Father's trip and safe
arrival. I know Mary
and you are happy

in your first-house-
keeping experience and
I trust - every thing will
prove satisfactory in the
house you select.

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to leave all business care
behind him! he does
not - look mind at - all.
Well Son I must conclude
as I intend to write -
George also.

With - love to Mary
and yourself I am,

Your affectionate,

Wister July.

I have not George's number
please forward what I send to J.

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My dear Gov. Will has
been disappointed in
obtaining money from
other sources, and if
it is possible will
you please send him
the amount of Camp
expenses due him. He
is hard up or would
not ask the favor. I
hope all are well

and in a fine way
to enjoy Christmas.

With love to all

I am,

Your sister

Julia.

Monday

Dear Son,

I hope Clara
will not make me a
visit - she could not -
come at a more ~~con-~~
venient - time, Billy's
sister is very sick and
I have let her go home
for this week, and
I have to entertain the
Quaker Club this week

and my hands are
full, and well and
I just got tickets
for the opera Wed -
and it will be a
great disappointment
for me not to go with
him. I think Uncle
Fred might want
his own niece in
the city and take
her home, as my
hands are full, for
I suppose she has
several children with

her I hate to be mean,
but I cannot help
it - just now. I

wish you would
ask him to do
as, and please
me that much.
Let me know
by telegraph at my
expense if you are
successful.

Yours.

Letter of April 20, (1912?): "I think it about time I wrote you of Mother's affairs, as co-partners in the settling of them. You know I had \$500 from the sale of 5 shares of G.W.S. (?) and Mary also had \$500 from the same amount of shares, sold to Louis and Fannie Evans. The \$500 I have used to pay Mother's debts and funeral expenses as follows. It is all dated in books. (Total \$188.00) The remainder I have in the banks, have receipts and bank sheets to show what I have paid. The undertaker has not sent in his bill yet. George last week Friday asked me if he could have (telephoned me in fact) \$500 right off. So I went to Gardner next day and he sold me bond (Railway B) to use and we sent the \$500.00 to George. As it is I owe the estate 400 and something (G. has the account) to Mother's estate. G. will sell all the stocks and bonds when he gets the mill. That is about all there is now to tell. But I hope to get things settled somewhat before I go away. Is it not too bad for Geo. to put that money in services (?). Poor mother said to me so many times, I want Geo. to save what I leave as a nest egg, to educate his children. What a pity for Geo. to waste his life in idle dreams when he has so much ability. Poor Mary says she had had the worst collapse since she went back; her lot is a hard one with all those memories. But Mary and I can stand back and be thankful that our dear ones did not part from us in such a horrible way as those survivors of the Titanic experienced. I want to ask you when you get back to Joliet, to find out what a head stone for Mother would cost, and also the price of perpetual care of the lot. I think we better put money in those two things from the estate before it is divided up. Because if we do not, it will never be done. Father always talked of a granite boulder for a monument but I think as Fannie does the money is needed by Mary. She is not strong and what will become of her, if her health breaks. ... Edith and I try to pass the time away in some sort of a fashion, longing for the absent girls to be with us to help us forget the terrible void. All night I almost die, it is so hard to stand the empty chair Will has sat in for twenty four years. I can only go on, with the thought that he is near us all the time influencing us as usual."

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follows. It is all dated in books.

these	\$18.00
release	21.00
Ullrich (Lora)	10.00
Mr. Buggle.	
Hospital	22.00
G. Chamberlain	52.00
Cookwood	
and family	12.00
Dr. Davis old	
bill	\$54.00
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	\$188.00

The remainder I have in the
books, have receipts and
bank stubs to show what
I have paid. The remainder

[1912?] April 20

My dear Lora,

I think it
about-time to make you
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partner in the settling of
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influencing us as usual.
Well good bye and a happy
return to your family life.

Sincerely

Julia

Julia Hyde Evans to Louis H. Hyde.

Joyce Hakala Note

To Mary (?) from Julia Hyde Evans

April 29, 1912: "I learned from Helen Wordruff yesterday that you were home and that your Aunt Minerva had passed away. Please accept my sincere sympathy, because I know what a loss it means to every one of your family. She was a dear, (?) woman and has gone to her just reward. She looked so frail when I last saw her but I did not think she would follow dear Mother so soon. Death is so much more beautiful to me now. I feel that I am uplifted and can view life with a broader deeper meaning. I am convinced that this little span of life is such a tiny part of the whole that the great power of Love has prepared for us. And all the time I am wondering how the rest of the world can feel so differently from me, and have such a desire for material things and look so little upon eternal things. I feel too that I have been dealt with gently when I remember the Titanic survivors. Those memories must be unbearable."

(Stationery edged in black.)

April 29 1912.

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extend my sympathy to Annie
and your dear Aunt Mrs
Romain.

If you wish I
will send by express some of
mother's things you can make
use of. Her grey suit; silk
dress & black crepe dress. Many
look her under clothes & her best
black dress. Helen Woodruff
look to Mrs. A. North her common
dresses, because she was destitute
come up when you can. I
do not feel like going down

May 14/1912.

My dear Lou,

I wrote you
some time ago, asking if
you did not think it
wise to set aside, before
the estate is divided up
money enough to pay for
perpetual care of cemetery
lot and a stone over dear
Mother's grave. I did
not get answer from
you, so wrote your wife
to ascertain the sum

necessary and she wrote-
me yesterday that-\$120.00
would insure perpetual care
and about-\$65.00 for a
head stone properly set.
Now if you approve of the
same will you please
write-me a written state-
ment-to that effect. as
soon as possible.

Edith and
I will go east-some where
about-June 4th I cannot
wait-to get-away. we are

pitifully lonely. Lou Evans' house is closed for six months for this cause for the loneliness. He has been sent to New Orleans on a railroad job, of one year's work, a terminal on the Mississippi river. I do not think I could live if it were not for the thought of the summer with my daughter and the two boys. Clarion has secured a small inexpensive cottage at Squirrel where we can live about as simply as at home (inexpensively I mean). And Clarion will be there part of the summer with her mother Hannah. Ruth you know graduates in June, and Edith will go there, while I will stay at Clarion's, ^{until we go to Squirrel.} I cannot stand it to go to Northampton now. Hope you will stop and see me if you return home before June. I will send you statement of my expenditures of Mother's money, ^{able} not returned. Write I mean if you do ^{we} immediately. Love.