



Antoinette Porter King and
Family Papers.

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From: Antoinette L. King

To: Rhoda Holcomb
Whitewater, Wis.

Jackson, Aug 6th, 1869

My Dear Friend Rhoda

After a great many promises I have at last seated myself for the purpose of writing you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along out in Jackson, not doubting but what you would like to hear from us if it is pretty late in the day. But Rhoda let me assure you if I have been negligent about writing to you I have not forgotten you & think of you many times & count you as one of my dearest friends. You have a large share in my hearts warm affections & I hope it may always be so. I might go on with a long list of excuses but I think it would be useless & that I can fill this sheet with something more interesting.

In the first place I will speak of my family & their whereabouts. William is quite well & hearty. He is away today helping Barney with his harvesting. Nellie G & Selah are at school. They are well & are learning tolerable well. Nellie grows some but not very fast. Zella is the largest but not quite as tall. Willie I have not heard from in quite some time. I hope his eyes are getting well so he can come home again. I miss him so much. Lib we think is a little on the gain. He is making brooms now. He can do that very well. I think he will be able to make up his own brush & ours as well. Nell has not been very well this summer, does not grow fat very fast. Eliza is getting along finely. She has two very pretty little girls, Alice Leadora & Clara Lucy. Barney is having a splendid crop of wheat & it makes him feel first-rate. Albert is getting along finely & looks quite fatherly. Lona expects to go home on a visit in a few weeks to spend the winter. Perhaps you will get a chance to see her. I must not forget to speak of my own dear self. I think you would not see quite as much fat as when we last met. I am getting to be quite like myself again. I weigh 106 lbs. I am quite well & never had better health than I have had since I have been here & that indeed is a great blessing.

Our crops are looking fair but if they had been a little better I think you might possibly have seen me down in Whitewater this fall. We had a pretty good garden & quite a fine display of flowers & if you have any choice kinds please send me a few seeds.

William broke over twenty acres this summer & between thirty & forty for others. I guess we can make out to live yet in Minn. Wish you had a nice place close by us where I could run in & see you once in a while. Wouldn't it be nice.

The village of Jackson is growing finely & bids fair to be quite a town yet. The Land Office is located here & now & that will help to improve but I am sorry to add they have just started a Saloon & they say it is in full operation. We shall have a new Grist Mill soon & numbers of other buildings are going up.

I will send Richard a paper & when you have read it let Irve & Vie take it.

Do you see Vie very often & how is she getting along this summer. I dont hear from her as often as I would like. She wrote me a while ago & wanted to know why I had never mentioned those things you sent me. I wrote a long time ago & told her that I sent many thanks to you but I guess she had forgotten.

I have made my apron & like it ever so much & Nellie's. I made & put a ruffle all around it & it looks real pretty & I will thank you again for them.

I would like so well to see you & your little flock of girls. Tell Dick to get a wagon & load you all in & come & make us a good long visit. We would be glad to see you & would make you as comfortable as possible. And Rhoda I want you to write me a good long letter & do not wait as long as I have done.

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From: A. J. Pepper

Letter #64B

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M Tabor Aug 31st 1871

Dear friend Nett-

it is with grate (*sic*) pleasure that I take my pen this morning to answer your welcom[e] letter of the 10 which I receive[d] on the 17 and as we have but one mail per week and last week George had so meney (*sic*) work hands to work making Shingles and puting (*sic*) a roof on his barn that I could not get time to write so this is my first opertunity (*sic*). I will try to improve it but I write so little and am so nervous that you must excuse all imperfectons (*sic*) but enough of this.

I must first tell you how glad I was to here (*sic*) from you fore I had thought that we were forgotten by all of our old friends for old friends are dear to me. I am glad for once that I was mistaken and if you will for give me this time for my neglect I will asure (*sic*) you I will do better in future. When I got your other letter I had a sick cross baby and put it off from time to time till I was ashamed to anser (*sic*) but he is a big boy now. He will be five years old the 21 of October next. That is all the addion (*sic*) that I have to my family. All boys that I have with me so you see George has all the help. Willie is as tall as I am and Henry is good sise (*sic*). Willie has had the Heart Diseas (*sic*) for three years and has not been able to do much until this summer. He is so much better now that we hope that he will outgrow it in time. He has taken Fitches Heart Corriector (*sic*) and it has helped him lots. Henry is tough and so is Harrison for that is what we call the little one. As for George and my self we both grow old for this is the place for that.

As you say I feel that I am much older than I was fifteen years ago. I am flesh[i]er than I used to be but after all I can not stand the work that I used to do. My longs (*sic*) do not trouble me but little now but I have lots of other ach[e]s and pains that I did not use to have. George has had the liver complaint the last winter and spring but he is better now.

By the by he says tell Nett and William that we will come and see them when we get our RailRoad done. It will run within three miles of us. We shall have a Depo[t] three miles from us. The gradin[g] is done to the Wisconsin River. It is the Arc Line Road and when that gets through I will come and see you if we all live and we should very much like to have you come and see us. Why can not you come if you have a horse team. When it is good staging try and come.

Oh how we would have liked to have seen Father and Mother King when they was out and Lucy--I wish I could see her. Do tell her to

write to me. Tell her it would do her haff (sic) the good to write that it would me to here (sic) from her I know that she would write. When you write down thare (sic) give our love to all.

Well Nett whare (sic) is your sister Vie. Tell her to write to me. Poor Nellie whare (sic) is she. How meney (sic) little ones has she. I am very sorry to here (sic) of your afflictions. The cup of trouble (sic) is a bitter one. Poor Rodia how sorry I am to here (sic) of her troubles (sic). It was doubley (sic) hard to bare (sic) if you here (sic) the paticlars (sic). Let me know. Our papper (sic) stated that he fell from the freight train.

Oh Nett how I would like to meet with all of my old friends once more but that is not very likely but if we can not meet in this world I hope that we may in the world to come. How it comforts the trouble (sic) heart to think of meeting the dear lost ones on the other shore. If it was not for that it would seam (sic) more then (sic) we poor mortals could bare (sic). Dear friend I shead (sic) both tears of pleasure and pain over your letter. Tears of pleasure to here (sic) from you once more and of pain to here (sic) of your troubles (sic) and the troubles (sic) of others that I hold dear in memory. I think that I do not form new friendship as easy as meney (sic) for I do not think that I should feel at leaving the people here as I did when I left thare (sic).

I should hate to leave our place now for it is home you know and what it is we have made it. We have 30 Acors (sic) cleared a comfortable house barn and stables. Our wheat is light this year. Oats is good. Corn is very good. Potatoes are good with no bugs. We have had but little rain, frequent light shours (sic) but no heft of rain this year. We have a good garden and some nice flowers. I have some Dalias (sic) one white one three other colors. We have some fruit, some cournts (sic) strawburys (sic) white raspberries (sic) gooseberrys, black read (sic) and white courants (sic) a few cherries (sic) some apples. I think that we had three or fore (sic) bushe[lls] of apples this year and lots of blackberries (sic) so you see that we can live but thare (sic) is not much money -----but I hope that it will be better when the Rail Road comes. We have one ----- of cattle tow (sic) ca[lv]es one goat of three years old two yearlings two spring calfs eleven hogs and lots of chickens.

I will close for I fear that I will tire your patience. Give our love to all the folks thare (sic) that we know. Tell them that we should like to here (sic) from them all. Give our best love to William and except (sic) a good share for your self. Kiss the children for me

P S Please write soon from your old friend

A V Pepper

P S I forgot to tell you that Robberts Widdow (sic) is a Widdow

(sic) for the seccond (sic) time. She married a man by the name of Andrew and he died two years ago last June. Her oldest son John died just four weeks before him. He was a fine young man. She has three little ones by her last man. He left her with a little home. Her second son Geo Henry carryes (sic) on the place for her. You see if she wanted to get rid of him for a man she was very glad of him when her man was gone(?).

My sister Elizabeth lives one mile and a half from me.

George says that I must tell you that he has seven sheep and they sheeres (sic) forty seven pounds of wool this year. He wants to know if you can beat that in Minnesota.

Well Nett Willie says that if you are glad to get this letter you will surly (sic) be twice glad for you will be glad when you get through reading it so will stop.

A V P

Letter #64B

By Alice West-Adams
Aug 31st 1941

Mr. Charles
from your collection

Edw. R. Taylor

Dear friend Nell -

it is with great pleasure
that I take my pen this morning to answer your
welcome Letter of the 10 which I received on the 14 and as
we have but one Mail per Week and "Sally" & "George"
had no money worth hands to work making shingles and
putting a roof on his barn that I could not get time
to write so this is my first opportunity - I will try to
improve it but I write so little and am so nervous
that you must excuse all imperfections but enough
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from you for I had thought that we were forgotten
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Letter #79B

From: Allan Pray

To: Antoinette Porter King *[No envelope]*

Whitewater Wis Jan 15 1885

Dear Mrs King,

I thank you very much for the book you sent me. It is very very nice. The deaf and dumb Alfafet (*sic*) is the nicest one.

I wish I could send you something nice but I only had a New Years card. I would like to see you. Good by from your

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Letter #79J

From: Jane Black

To: W V King [No envelope]

El Dorado Kans July 27th 1888

Mr King,

Dear Sir, I thought I would write you a few lines and ask you if you know anything about William Grier my Cousin. I have wrote to Dr J.W. Gould who has formely(*sic*) been his doctor and as Dr Gould has moved to Tennessee(*sic*) he told me to write to you, and you could tell me about him.

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Address as follows

Mrs Jane Black
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From: Narcissa E. Brooks

To: Mrs A L King, Jackson Jackson Co Minnesota

Reedsburg Wis June 30/89

Dear Mrs King;

I feel that I have neglected a duty by deferring writing to you for so long a time and thereby forfeited the pleasure of receiving a letter from you.

My items of news consist mostly of what is gathered from the Republic, copies of which we receive quite frequently. I suppose Mattie is with Maggie now. I would like to see her when she returns and hear how she likes the country.

I have been looking for a letter from Mrs. Barney too, in vain.

We have now had three quite hot days and today everyone is hunting cool places and stretching out in the shade. All around each house the hammocks are hung and piles of reading material lying by but tomorrow even if better all will be at work washing, cooking, hauling loads & other work. What a fine thing to have one day of rest in seven especially for those who never know rest on other days.

Al took the office of Street Commissioner and works every day and I'm so provoked to think he has the job on his hands. I wouldn't care if he ordered instead of being one of the hired working hands, but I might have known if there was any work he'd find it.

I have taken to hunting potato bugs. Not liking Paris Green [I] thought I'd battle with them, but it is quite a job and I may retreat from my job. We have a very small garden patch but quite enough. I have no flowers but the roses have and [been] are the delight of every one. It does seem as though I never saw so many.

Last night I made my debut on the stage. Just think of it, I spoke Mary had a little lamb, that new piece. We played "The District School" which is having such a rage. It was quite good but might have been made very amusing if a better manager had taken hold of it. We wore short dresses & pantaloons tied on as of old and high-necked long sleeved aprons, and tried to be children as of old but it was hard for some to forget their age and in playing pranks were clownish. One slight woman brought her little brother who weighed 280 lbs to school and looked after him. It was quite funny. If you ever start it, plan it well before beginning. The church got about \$45.00.

Our Relief Corps gave an ice cream social on the Park last Sat, and we nearly froze the people solid, enough made martyrs of themselves to contribute \$18.00. Part of that goes to Milwaukee, and that brings me to the topic of your promised visit.

I hold the promise of every Jackson friend good for that visit. How many of you all are coming and when? Before or after the Encampment.

It is now my intention to be in Milwaukee this week and if you [Line illegible] here in going, we can go from here together. Al will go anyway. We can not tell if many will go from here but Milwaukee will be crowded full.

I presume you get the GAR Bulletin or I would send you a copy. I am an Aide on the Dept Pres staff but I presume it will afford me no extra favors unless it be a favor to contribute toward a gift to be presented to her. I can Ac'd that way. Is your Corps a lively one yet? Ours is all right but it keeps me busy to attend to all demands. We have a Salvation Army who are creating quite a little commotion as many.....[rest of letter missing]

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[Determination of the author of this letter was made by comparison with later letter (#83A) on same subject in same handwriting]

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Reedsburg Wis June 1/90

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Mrs McIntyre, Elmina's girl came to visit me driving her own horse, so I went with her to the barn. She led the horse in & slipped the bridle off to put on head stall when the horse turned to go out [of] the barn. I grabbed hold of the breat collar thinking to check him a moment till she could take hold of his fore top, but of course the horse never heeded any such small pull & walked right along; as my feet were back of the point of a sloping stall I lost my balance and fell forward under the body of the horse who walked right along but had consideration enough not to set his foot on my head, though he did squeeze it some in dragging it over to set it on the floor beyond me. I wasn't hurt any to speak of but a very slight bump by the eye makes one look fearful. I must say it was a close call, and do not mean as a rule to lay my head down for horses to walk over.

Here is the address to send for the Old District School--The Entertainment Bureau, Council Bluffs, Iowa. I think the book is \$1.00. You must make it all over to have as many local hits as possible. Get it all written up and choose your characters yourself, before you have any meeting or rehearsal. And get Old people & fat ones to act the smallest parts which make the funny things about it. You will not be sorry that you have written them for the book and they publish many other things which would help in entertainment.

We gave a Trade Carnival and it was good. It has to be made up in your own brain. First ask each one of all the different trades in your place to subscribe \$1.00 or it may be .50 cts to have his business represented, and to furnish the material for advertising. If it is dry goods let some young lady dress in some thing like all hand kerchiefs or fans or any such thing & carry a banner which she makes with Mr Hunters name & ad, or embroidery and a Banner for Mr Cowing, have the Bank the Jeweler the Milliner the farmer the Miller everybody represented. After

coming in they can march around to music with their banners and each one can recite some poem or some thing relevant to their goods which they represent. It takes a worker to do this but we have a Mrs Smith who carries them through & I hardly know how for she goes at it pell mell.

Then there was a milk maid sociable. Girls all dressed as milk maids, one for queen with Silk turban for milk maid cap. Each have a three legged stool & tin pail which is borrowed. The stools can be sold for peoples parlors decorated with a ribbon. They march around like the broom brigade drill and had some conundrums and music & a few had recitations.

There I've written a lot about festivals &c and perhaps they will all be useless to you but I would advise you to write to this bureau and you may get hints of some other things.

In our Relief Corps we have done nothing since our entertainment given for the benefit of Dakota fire sufferers last spring a year ago. We had some funds on hand and so have bought an organ for our hall. Our County has a relief fund taken from the Poor fund which is used to help soldiers and their families and no Wis soldier is allowed to go to the poor house. If the tax is too much to support them at home, they are sent to the Soldiers home either at Mil. or Waupacca.

We had a lovely day for Memorial. Our services were held in the public park and we had a large attendance. Forty little girls carried wreaths & bouquets & lay [them] on the graves at the dip of the flag and this year the sons of soldiers between 8 & 14 years walked in procession & set a flag at each grave as they passed.

I'm awful tired of Relief Corps, wish I'd never got in, but I'm here and must stay awhile at least. I dont feel that we amount to anything and we get mixed up with a lot I would rather let alone. It isn't so with you out there. We dont quarrel, but I hear of this one or that one dissatisfied.

I'm glad Mattie Allen and Maggie are more reconciled but perhaps it is all on her past now.

Al has gone to bed. He just walked in from the country three miles out where he went last night for a visit. He likes to take a trip out & thinks I might go to. But a woman has some things at home to do.

Mrs Wells of this place formerly of Pipestone has gone up there for a visit. I told her to take my regards to Nellie if she saw her but I hope she wont talk her to death.

I will send the piece I cut from the paper on your uncles death. It is very strange they never sent you any token or notice either.

I'll send my regards by you to all our friends. Your Pictures are good and Mary looks as natural as possible.

Good bye & good night

Narcissa E. Brooks

I have lost or mislaid that piece cut from the paper. If I ever come across it will remember you.

NEB

Letter #83B

From: Minnie Nelson & Rollin M. Trumbull

To: Mr. & Mrs. King

Minnie Nelson

Rollin M. Trumbull

Married

Wednesday, July 23, 1890

Plymouth, Neb.

At Home,
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July 28th.

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Reedsburg Wis June 1/90

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thing & carry a banner which she makes
with the Mr Hunters name & ad, or embroidery
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Mr. & Mrs. King
Jackson
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Letter #83D

From: Belle (Rollins Brown)

To: Mrs A L King Jackson Minn

[Information in ALPK journal indicates this is Mary Trumbull King's sister, Belle Rollins Brown, who lives in Chester, Neb]

Chester Jan 10th 1891

Dear Mrs King

The beautiful book & your kind letter reached me the day before New Year day. I cannot tell you how surprised & pleased I was to receive them. I know I was indebted to you for a letter written long long ago but somehow the cares of this busy world take so much of my time, I sadly neglect my friends who live off where our only means of talking is by writing letters. But I am sure no one loves to hear from friends better than I. And I doubt if any think of loved ones oftener (*sic*) than I do, & wish for a visit from them more.

How many times I wish I could see Little Mary. She seems all there is left of the dear sister I loved so much. I wish you would bring her & make me a visit this summer. I am sure the visit would do you good, & we would all enjoy it so much. I wish you would make up your mind to do so.

I am sorry to hear of your poor health. My health is much better than it used to be. I do all my own work beside lots in Church & outside.

I am trying to put in an extra amount of time reading this year. I find if I do not the boys will soon be ahead of me. They are making rapid strides in their education and Bertie is such a great reader & has an excellent memory. He is in the highest Class in the Grammar room. And they are both such good boys to help about the house.

I must tell you why I did not answer your letter and acknowledge the book sooner. The day before they came I was so unlucky as to cut my thumb on my right hand open lengthwise completely dividing the nail in two parts, cutting the flesh down to the first joint leaving the flesh on the end & under part badly open. This letter is the first writing I have done & now cannot use the end or side of the thumb. Now you know why you can scarcely read this letter.

The boys washed all the dishes for over a week and they pare the potatoes & all such work before they go to school in the morning. And during the week & a half we have got along nicely.

Mr Brown went into the grain business in connection with the

lumber yard this fall. They have been and are very busy, loaded & shipped three cars yesterday. There was an immense crop of grain here the past season.

I rec'd a letter from Lulu. She said Will was in Iowa. I am glad he could go. Tell Lulu I will not attempt writing to her untill my thumb is better.

Write me of your family. Is Nelly & family well? Is Selah Married. And where is Will? I never hear from him any more. Remember me kindly to Mr & Mrs Davis. Was sorry to hear they were sick.

Mr B & the boys have gone to Sunday S. It has snowed all day here so I have not attempted to go out. Snow very light, ground nearly or quite covered, but not cold. There are but two cutters in town & I see both are out, this the first this winter. Have had a lovely winter.

I will not write of my Christmas presents today as tis difficult for me to write at all but will tell all about them when I write to Lulu & she can let you read it.

Among my Xmas gifts there is none I prize more than the Booklet you sent. Please accept my sincere thanks for it. My prayer is that the blessing of a Kind Heavenly Father may rest upon the giver, may bless you with many years, and good health to enjoy them. All this worlds goods you need in the end lead you through the Valley of the shadow of death, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

With kind regards to Mr K & love to you & Mary I close hoping to hear from you soon.

Belle

13.81 - 11/18/81
Chester Jan 18th 1881
Dear Mr. King
I have received all day here as I have
not addressed to go off. I am very busy
grounded away on your account but not
there are but the cutting in - I am not
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kindly answer - I will not - I will not
personally - I am not - I am not - I am not
at all. But I will tell you about them
and I will tell you about them
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With kind regards to Mrs. King & family
I am, Sir, very truly,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. King

1881 - Jan 10th - 10:10 AM
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Mrs A L King
Jackson
Miss

Letter #85C

From: Narcissa E. Brooks

To: Antoinette Porter King [No envelope]

Tuesday June 8th/91

Dear Mrs King Here are the three pictures of Mamie all written on the back the dates. I want you to take your choice first. They both look like her. People who know her here best all like the one with band of velvet around the neck. You may think the others prettier as a picture.

We've just been to Mauston. Uncle Nelson reads without glasses but is very much stooped. Aunt Melinda has had two strokes of paralysis. She has recovered the use of herself generally. I think the strokes must have been light. She said she was almost blind for a long time--could see light and very vaguely form.

Mamie would have been 23 last Friday. Different ones sent flowers for her grave on decoration day and lovely ones came for her birthday. And two more of my loved ones lie with only nature to shower the blossoms upon them. Yet they are enshrined in my heart. Mamie is the last and now all. She stayed with us so long we had so loved and depended on her for our old age.

One of these go to Mrs Barney & one to Mrs Allen. (Show to Fiddes).

Yours

Narcissa E Brooks

We were called to Mauston to the funeral of Ettie Knight McIntyre the last of Elmiras girls. She leaves 2 boys & 2 girls just as her Mother did. She died of grip followed by measles which went to her lungs. Ma rode up there 25 miles & came home all right and to go.

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Letter #86D

From: Alice Cowing

To: Antoinette Porter King [No envelope]

Mrs King

Dear Friend

Your name is on the program for a song. You will find one marked in this glee book, but if you remember any old song you would rather sing you can substitute. It is so stormy I will send it to you, but had intended to come up to talk it over. We meet again Thursday evening at the school house. We got along so well last evening.

Sincerely yours

Alice Cowing

Feb, 21, 1893.

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Feb-21-1893.

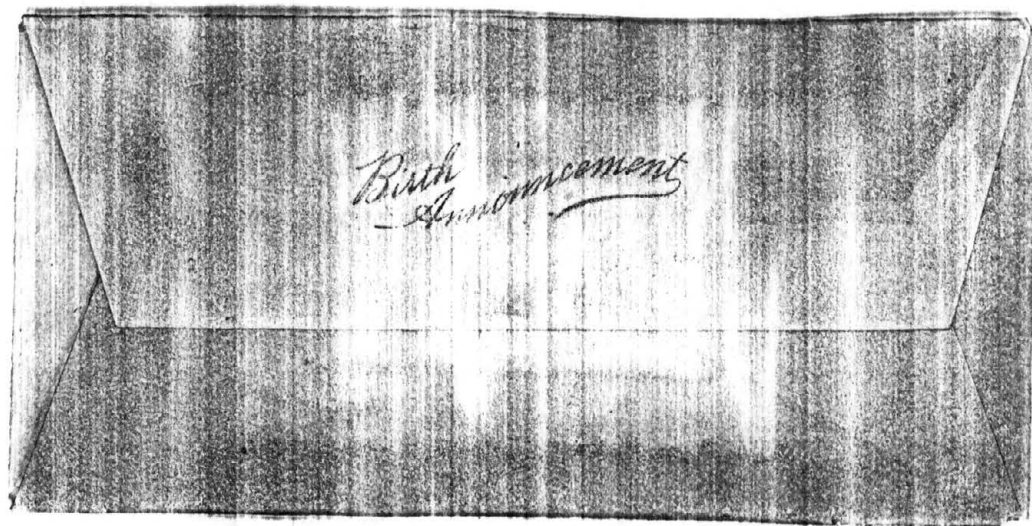
Letter #87D

Sheer parchment envelope labeled "Birth Announcement":

GRACE PAULINE KING

Born Sept. 2d, 1893.

MRS. W.P. KING



Letter # 87D

GRACE PAULINE KING.
BORN SEPT. 20, 1893.

MRS. W. P. KING.

From: Antoinette Porter King

[This seems to be a draft of a sympathy letter WALP sent to her friend Jane who had lost her husband Jim; written early in 1894]

It is with tearful eyes that i sit down to write you a few lines. The sad news The Independent brought us a few days ago makes us sorrowful indeed & I know your poor heart is filled with grief. I fear what I can say can be of little comfort to you in this great affliction but let me assure you you have our deepest sympathy. You have met with a great loss & your cup of sorrow is full to the brim.

I wish I could come in & talk with you & put my arms around your neck & weep with you. What a comfort tears are to the weary heart. But remember dear friend the Eternal lord is ours & underneath are the enfolding arms. Our Heavenly Father can comfort better than any earthly friend.

I see that Charlie is with you & you are not comfortless for you have your children near you to love & cheer you. *[erasure]* hopes to see you both once more *[erasure]* not to be. Many of our dear friends have been called home lately & we must all respond sooner or later.

Eliza told of her visit with you last Spring and that you seemed so well & happy. It will soon be 38 years since we were married but we will never look forward to that anniversary again as we have done for one silver cord is broken and dear Jane while we may not be able to lift the cloud or lighten the burden we know that beyond the valley of the shadow of death there is a reunion that will never be broken and that knows neither sorrow or pain.

William said he was in hopes he would see & visit with Jim again but it is not to be. Many of our friends have been called away during the past year & we cannot say who will be the next to respond. You & I are on the shady side of life & we have only to wait until the shadows are a little longer grown when we shall join our loved ones gone before.

My health has not been very good of late. Have been very lame all winter, have not walked 1/2 mile in five months. The friends here are all usually well & Wm joins me in love & sympathy to you all.

Sincerely your friend

ALK

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your poor heart is filled with grief.
I fear what I can say will be of little comfort
to you on this great affliction. But let me
assure you that from our deepest sympathy
in every part of the world.

You have met with a great loss & your
cup of sorrow is full to the brim
I wish I could come and talk with you & help
your anxious & sorrowful mind & cheer
your heart - a comfort - I am to the young heart
but remember these friends the friends
God is ours & undoubtedly God is working
around & under our Father's hand - comfort
your anxious & sorrowful heart
I am that I shall be with you & your
children - comforters for the friends
children near you to love & cherish
I have hoped to see you both once more
but I must be satisfied of one other friend
I have called some family & we must all
respond to our Father's call

Thyrs. holds of her own song from heart & soul
and that you shared it well & happily.

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 have been very lame and unable
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 the friends here are all unwell &
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Sat 19 Great storm & wind & dust
 Sun 20 rather cool & clear
 Mon 21 Heavy rain & cold
 Tue 22 Cloudy & foggy
 Wed 23 Bitter cold
 Thu 24
 Fri 25 Great storm & wind
 Sat 26 Pleasant day
 Sun 27 Warm & bright
 Mon 28 Clear & bright
 Tue 29 Clear & bright
 Wed 30 Bitter cold
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Letter #87J

From: Mrs C E Odbert

Minutes of meeting, John A. Myers Post, Womens Relief Corps, No. 34.

Jackson, Minnesota Dec 6 1894

Corps opened with eleven members present.

Moved & seconded that the opening exercises be ommitted.

Treasurer's report read.

Ballotted for candidate.

Motion made & seconded that the corps install officers G.A.R. Post on Monday evening, Dec.8, 1894.

Instal[l]ation exercises rehersed (*sic*).

Corps adjourned until Monday evening, Dec 8.

Mrs King, Mrs Hutchenson & Mrs Odbert on the committee on the resolution on the Death of Daisy Miller.

Mrs C E Odbert

Sec. pro tem.

JOHN A. MYERS POST

WOMENS RELIEF CORPS;
NO. 34.

Jackson, Minnesota Dec 6 1894

Corps opened with prayer & members
present.

Moved & seconded that the opening exercises
be omitted.

Treasurer's report read.

Ballotied for candidate.

~~The committee Mrs. Williamson, declared
elected.~~

Motion made & seconded that the corps
install ^{officer} with the G.A.R. Post on Monday
evening, Dec. 8, 1894.

Installation exercises ~~report~~ rehearsed.

Corps adjourned until Monday
evening, Dec 8.

Mrs King, Mrs Hutchinson
& Mrs Edbert on Mrs G. E. Odbert
the committee on Sec. Pro Tem.
resolution on the Death of Daisy Miller

Letter #94B

From: Mr and Mrs J S Linley

To: Mr S.S. King, City (postmarked Jasper, Minn. Sep 29, 1898)

Mr. King:

We wish to thank you for your share in all those beautiful gifts from the "Boys". They surely leave nothring to be desired and add very much to the beauty & comfort of our little home.

We hope soon to have the pleasure of entertaining Mr & Mrs King when you can have an opportunity of judging our appreciation.

With many thanks

We are

Yours sincerely

Mr and Mrs J S Linley

Jasper Minn.

Sept 28; 98

Mr. King:

We wish to thank
you for your share
in all those beautiful
gifts from the "Boys".
They surely leave
nothing to be desired
and add very much
to the beauty & comfort
of our little home.

We hope soon to
have the pleasure of
entertaining Mr. and
Mrs. King when you
can have an
opportunity of

Judging our appreciation
with many thanks
we are

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J. S. Sinter

Jasper Minn.

Sept. 28 '98



Mr. S. S. King
City

Letter 94C

From: S R Van Sant

To: S S King Esq. Jasper, Minn.

*Typewritten on letterhead of "Office of S.R. Van Sant,
Telephones 77 & 258"*

Winona, Minn. Nov. 14, 1900

S.S. King Esq.

Jasper, Minn.

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S.S. King Esq.
Jasper,
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Letter #94E

To: Mr and Mrs Selah King

1852-1902

MR. AND MRS. JOHN DAVIES

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What Have Saloons Done For Jackson

Antoinette Porter King

The little village of Jackson in its infancy had no licensed Saloon but was never short a grog shop but in looking [at] the old Republic (1875) I find Elk Horn Rendezvous choice wines & liquors I.A.Morwin (?) & since then there have been many dealers in said articles in our midst. I find in looking over the 1874 record that saloon keeping is rather uphill business in this town. Commissions refused to grant licenses & Mr Owens closed up his bar when one Miller started a small ranch & [it] is said sold liquors of all kinds. But [he] soon closed out but some one that wanted to lay in a supply of the miserable took out a part of the window & appropriated a keg of alcohol & so the work has gone on only years without saloons in Jackson.

I a citizen of this village for many years although was never inside of a saloon can say I have never heard or seen any good from them. I do know that a great deal of misery has resulted from them. I have been in the homes of some that visited those places to[o] often & surely those homes were not hung with fine pictures costly glassware & easy chairs. No not even comfortable chairs nor enough to eat fire to make comfortable nor cheer of any kind. Merely living. Some hungering for a little reading & staying away from church & other places of entertainment for why [?] for the want [of] decent apparel.

Whether with or without saloons they say the drinkers never get dry & that there is great quantities of beer and other liquor shipped into Jackson. O the miseries of the rum traffic. The farmer can do with a smaller price for his barley & corn &

(Manuscript stopped here.)

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Undated ALPK Poem & Song

The Rainy Day

1. The day is cold and dark and dreary
It rains and the wind is never weary
The ivy vine still clings to the moldering wall
But at every gust the dead leaves fall

: And the day is dark and dreary.

2. My life is cold & dark and dreary
It rains and the wind is never weary
My thoughts still cling to the moldering past
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast

: And the days are dark and dreary.

3. Be still sad heart and cease repining
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining
Thy fate is the common fate of all
Into each each life some rain must fall

: Some days must be dark and dreary

H.W. Longfellow

[On the other side]

Oh angel sweet angel I pray you
Let the beautiful gates ajar
Only a little I pray you
Let the beautiful gates ajar.

Oh when Grandmama is gone
When Grandmama is gone
And her prayers and cares all are o'er
Who will cheer us day by day
All 'long the weary way
To the ever bright the ever shining shore?

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A double envelope contains the following:

The outer envelope is addressed to William King Esq, Jackson, Minnesota The postmark is New Hampton, Iowa. No date can be discerned

An formally folded note is addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Wm King

Inside is a monogram & the names "Mr. & Mrs. H.H. Kenyon

Under that is "Pine Bluff, Ark

Also enclosed in the envelope are three calling cards of various sizes and prints:

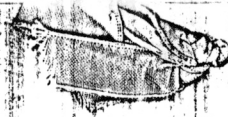
Mattie Alyea (in the same print as the above)

Mrs. W.E. Wygant, Meadville, Penn'a

Selah S. King, Record [newspaper], Elkton, Dakota

Attached to this envelope is another calling card:

Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Morse--with a smaller card on top, attached with a ribbon, which says" Emma S. Smith



Emma S. Smith.

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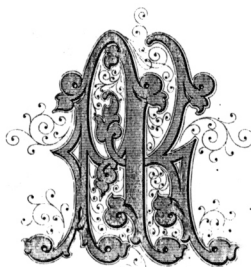
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