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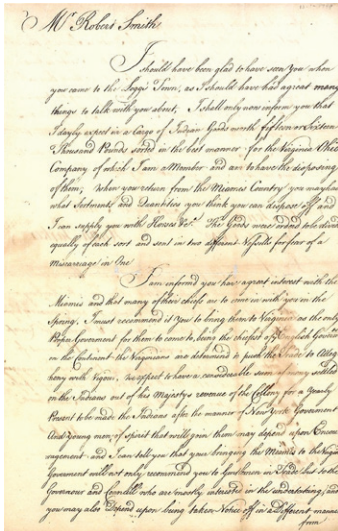
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BEFORE STATEHOOD

Title: Hugh Parker, Old Town, to Robert Smith, the Great Miami Country (page 1 of 2)

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Mr Robert Smith

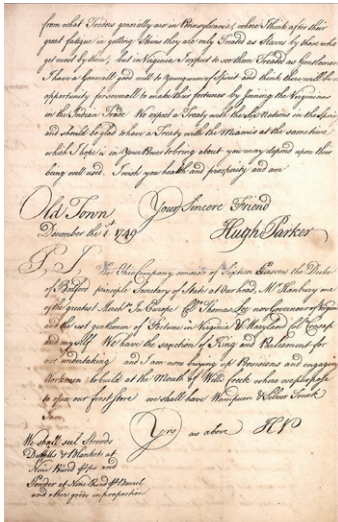
I should have been glad to have seen you when you came to the Logg's Town, as I should have had a great many things to talk with you about, I shall only now inform you that I dayly expect in a Cargo of Indian Goods worth fifteen or Sixteen Thousand Pounds sorted in the best manner for the Virginia Ohio Company of which I am a Member and am to have the disposing of them; when you return from the Miamis Country you may have what Sortments and Quantities you think you can dispose off and I can supply you with Horses &c^a. The Goods were orderd to be divided equally of each sort and sent in two different vessels for fear of a miscarriage in One

I am inform'd you have a great interest with the Miamis and that many of their chiefs are to come in with you in the Spring, I must recommend it you to bring them to Virginia as the only Proper Government for them to come to, being the chiefest ofy English Govern^{ts} on the Continent the Virginians are determin'd to push the Trade to Alleg-heny with vigour, we expect to have a considerable sum of mony settled on the Indians out of his majestys revenue of the Collony for a yearly Present to be made the Indians after the manner of New York Government and young men of spirit that will join them may depend upon Encou-agement and I can tell you that your bringing the Miamis to the Virgini^a Government will not only recommend you to Gentlemen in Trade but to the Governour and Councill who are mostly interested in the undertaking, and you may also Depend upon being taken Notice off in a Different manner
from

BEFORE STATEHOOD

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from what Traders generally are in Pennsylvania, where I think after their great fatigue in getting Skins they are only Treated as Slaves by those who get most by them; but in Virginia I expect to see them Treated as Gentlemen I have a Generall good will to young men of Spirit and think there will be an opportunity for several to make their fortunes by joining the Virginians in the Indian Trade We expect a Treaty with the Six Nations in the Spring and should be glad to have a Treaty with the Miamis at the sametime which I hope is in your power to bring about you may depend upon their being well used, I wish you health and prosperity and am

Old Town

Your Sincere Friend

December the 1st 1749

Hugh Parker

P,S, The Ohio Company consists of Sixteen Persons the Duke of Bedford principle Secretary of State at Our head, M^r Hanbury one of the greatest Merch^{ts} In Europe Col^o Thomas Lee now Governour of Virginia and the rest gentlemen of Fortune in Virginia & Maryland Col^o Cresap and myself We have the sanction of King and Parliament for our undertaking and I am now buying up Provisions and engaging Workmen to build at the Mouth of Wills' Creek where we purpose to open our first store we shall have Wampum & Silver Truck I am

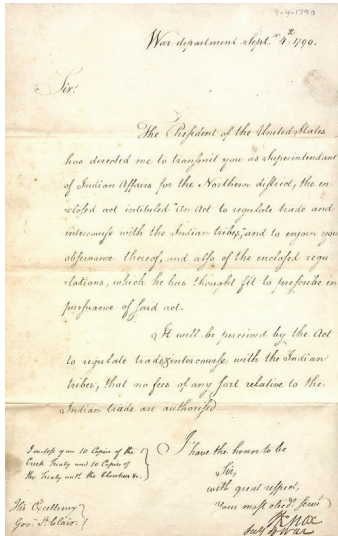
Yrs as above HV

We shall seel Strowds
Duffells & Blankets at
Nine Pound &ps and
Powder at Nine Pound & Barrel
and other goods inproportion

BEFORE STATEHOOD

Title: Henry Knox, Secretary of War, War Department, to Governor Arthur St. Clair

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War department Sept. 4.th 1790.

Sir

The President of the United States

has directed me to transmit you as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern district, the enclosed act intituled "An Act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes," and to enjoin your observance thereof, and also of the enclosed regulations, which he has thought fit to prescribe in pursuance of said act.

It will be perceived by the Act to regulate trade, & intercourse with the Indian tribes, that no fees of any fort relative to the Indian trade are authorised----

I enclose you 10 Copies of the Creek Treaty and 10 Copies of the Treaty with the Cherokees &c.

His Excellency
Gov S^t. Clair.

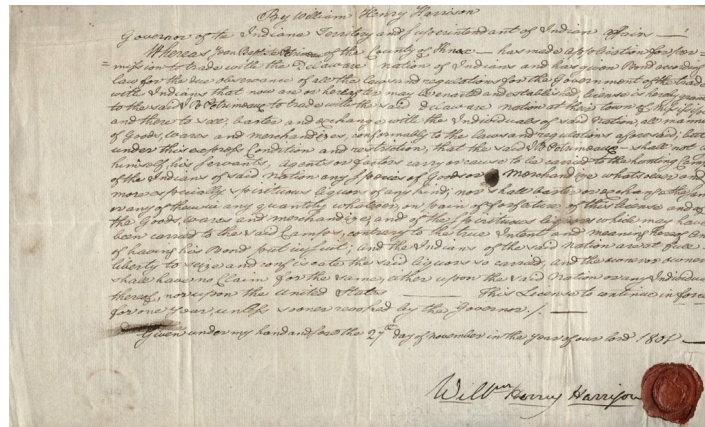
I have the honor to be
Sir
with great respect,
your most obed^t serv^t

Knox
Secy of War

BEFORE STATEHOOD

Title: Harrison, Governor William Henry to John Baptiste Petrimoaux

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By William Henry Harrison

Governor of the Indiana Territory and Superintendant of Indian Affairs-----

Whereas Joan Baptiste Petrimoau of the County of Knox—has made application for permission to trade with the Delaware nation of Indians and has given Bond according to law for the due observance of all the laws and regulations for the Government of the trade with Indians that now are or hereafter may be enacted and established, license is hereby granted to the said J B Petrimoaux to trade with the said Delaware nation at their town of Mississippi and there to sell, barter and exchange with the Individuals of said nation, all manner of goods, wares and merchandizes, conformably to the laws and regulations aforesaid; but under this express condition and restriction, that the said J B Petrimoaux—shall not by himself, his servants, agents or factors carry or cause to be carried to the hunting camps of the Indians of said nation any [species?] of goods or morchardize whatsoever and more especially spirituous liquors of any kind; nor shall barter or exchange any of the same or any of them in any quantity whatever, on pain of forfeiture of this license and of the goods, wares, and merchandize, and of the sprirtuous liquors which may have been carried to the said camps, contrary to the true Intent and meaning hereof and of having his Bond put in [first?]; and the Indians of the said nation are at full--liberty to seize and confiscate the said liquors so carried, and the owner or owners shall have no Claim for the same, either upon the said nation or any Individual thereof, nor upon the United States ----- This License to continue inforce for one year, unless sooner revoked by the Governor. / -----

Given under my hand and [soul?] the 27th day of November in the year of our lord 1801

Will^m Henry Harrison

BEFORE STATEHOOD

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NOTABLE HOOSIERS

See more about the [Ayres family and stores](#)

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

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See more about [Howard County](#)

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Title: Part II: The Creator of Eliot Rosewater

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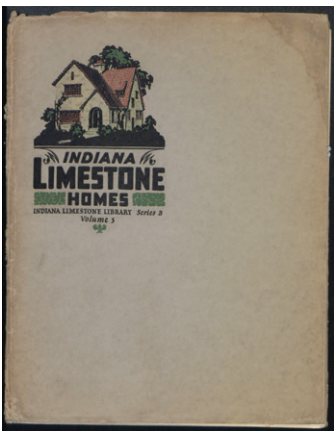
PEOPLING INDIANA

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BUILT INDIANA

Title: Portfolio of Designs for Moderate Cost Indiana Limestone Homes (4th edition)

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IN THE GAME

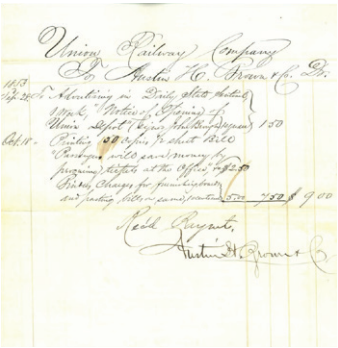
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WHAT'S COOKIN'?

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ON THE MOVE

Title: 1853 Railroad Advertisement Fee Receipt



Union Railway Company
To Austin H. Brown & Co. Dr.

1853
Sep. 28. To Advertising in Daily State Sentinel,
1 Week, "Notice of Opening of
Union Depot" (signed John Brough) [?] 1 50
Oct. 18 " Printing 50 copies 1/2 sheet Bill
"Passengers will save money by
procuring tickets at the Office" &c \$2.50
[?] Charges for furnishing boards
and pasting bills on same, 10 cents each } 5.00 7.50 \$9.00

Rec'd Paymt
Austin H. Brown & Co.

Title: 1854 Railroad Advertisement Handwritten and Published Versions

Digital Collection: Ad clipping, Wabash Express, Terre Haute, October 4, 1854 (pg. 3), accessed via Hoosier State Chronicles

Rail Road Fares.—At a meeting of Superintendents, held at Indianapolis, on the 27th inst., in which were represented the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad Co., the Indiana Central Railway Co., the Terre Haute & Richmond R. R. Co., the Lafayette & Indianapolis R. R. Co., the Madison, Indianapolis & Peru R. R. Co., the Indianapolis & Bellefontaine R. R. Co., and the Greenville and Miami R. R. Co., the following order was unanimously adopted:

Ordered, That from and after Monday, October 2, the fares between the points named shall be as follows:

Between Indianapolis & Cincinnati	\$3.50
" " " Terre Haute	2.25
" " " Dayton	2.25
" " " Lafayette	2.00
" " " Cincinnati & Terre Haute	5.50
" " " Cincinnati & Lafayette	5.50
" " " Chicago	6.00
" " " Cincinnati & Chicago	9.00
" " " Indianapolis & Columbus, Ohio	5.00
" " " " Zanesville	6.50
" " " " Cleveland	7.00
" " " " Brothrie	5.25
" " " " Bellefontaine	4.25
" " " " Pittsburg	9.50
" " " " Philadel. via Pittsburg	16.50
" " " " Baltimore	16.50
" " " " Buffalo, R.R. & Lake	9.50
" " " " Buffalo, all R.R.	10.00
" " " " New York, all R.R., by rail	18.00
" " " " Dunkirk & Buffalo	18.00
" " " " New York, by Lake & Hudson River	16.00
" " " " New York, via Philadelphia	18.00

The above fares to be the same over all Roads, issuing or selling tickets to the points named.

(Signed) J. A. Morris, Pres. & Sup. I. & C. R. R. Co.
Jas. M. Smith, Sup. I. & C. R. R. Co.
Wm. Durbin, Sup. Laf. & Ind. R. R.
E. B. Taylor, Sup. G. & M. R. R. Co.
S. Heustis, Sup. T. H. & R. R. Co.
J. Nottingham, Sup. I. & B. R. R. Co.
J. O. D. Lilly, Sup. M. I. & P. R. R. Co.

The above advertisement is charged in the "Wabash Express" Office to J. Stephens, Supr., Indianapolis, for one week's insertion publication daily, \$4.00 — The advertisement commencing September 30th 1854 — M. Soule.

Approved
J. A. Morris
J. O. D. Lilly

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Ordered, That from and after MONDAY, October 2d, the fares between the points named shall be as follows:

Between Indianapolis and Cincinnati	\$3.50
" " " and Terre Haute	2.25
" " " and Dayton	2.25
" " " and Lafayette	2.00
" " " and Cincinnati and Terre Haute	5.50
" " " and Cincinnati and Lafayette	5.50
" " " and Chicago	6.00
" " " Cincinnati and Chicago	9.00
" " " Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio	5.00
" " " " and Zanesville	6.50
" " " " and Cleveland	7.00
" " " " and Crestline	5.25
" " " " and Bellefontaine	4.25
" " " " and Pittsburg	9.50
" " " " and Philadel. via Pittsburg	16.50
" " " " and Baltimore	16.50
" " " " and Buffalo, R.R. and Lake	9.50
" " " " and New York all R.R. by either Dunkirk or Buffalo	18.00
" " " " and New York by Lake and Hudson River	16.00
" " " " and New York via Philadelphia	18.00

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JAS. M. SMITH, Supt. I. C. & D. & W. R. R.
WM. DURBIN, Supt. Laf. & Indps. R. R.
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Sept. 30, 1854

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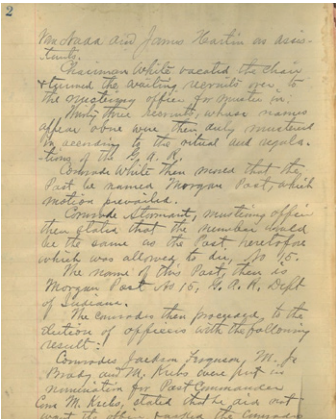
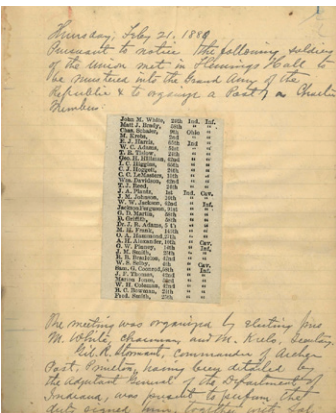
TRUE CRIME

See more about the [Indiana State Prison in Michigan City](#)

D.C. Stephenson was imprisoned there from 1925-1956. He spent several months on parole in 1950 before a violation sent him back to the State Prison.

IN SERVICE

Title: Grand Army of the Republic Morgan Post No. 15



See more about the [Grand Army of the Republic](#)

1
Thursday, Feb 21, 1889
Pursuant to notice the following soldiers of the Union met in Flemings Hall to be mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic & to organize a Post as Charter Members:

- John M. White, 24th Ind. Inf.
- Matt J. Brady, 58th " "
- Chas. Schafer, 9th Ohio "
- M. Krebs, 2nd " "
- E.J. Harris, 65th Ind. "
- W.C. Adams, 51st " "
- T.R. Tislow, 24th " "
- Geo.H.Hillman, 42nd " "
- I.C. Higgins, 65th " "
- C.J. Hoggett, 24th " "
- C.C. LeMasters, 10th " "
- Wm. Davidson, 42nd " "
- T.J. Reed, 24th " "
- J.A. Plantz, 1st Ind. Cav.
- J.M. Johnson, 10th " "
- W.W. Jackson, 42nd " Inf.
- Jackson Ferguson, 91st " "
- G.D. Martin, 58th " "
- D. Griffith, 58th " "
- Dr. J.R. Adams, 5th " "
- M.H. Frank, 146th " "
- O.A. Hammond, 27th " "
- A.H. Alexander, 10th " Cav.
- G.W. Pinney, 14th " Inf.
- J.M. Smith, 25th " "
- R.B. Brazleton, 42nd " "
- W.S. Selby, 4th " Cav.
- Sam G. Coonrod, 58th " Inf.
- J.F. Thomas, 42nd " "
- Marion Jones, 33rd " "
- W.H. Coleman, 42nd " "
- B.C. Bowman, 24th " "
- Fred. Smith, 25th " "

The meeting was organized by electing Jno M. White, chairman, and M. Krebs, secretary.
Gil R. Stormant, commander of Archer Post, Princeton, having been detailed by the Adjutant General of the Department of Indiana, was present to perform the duty signed him, together with Sol.

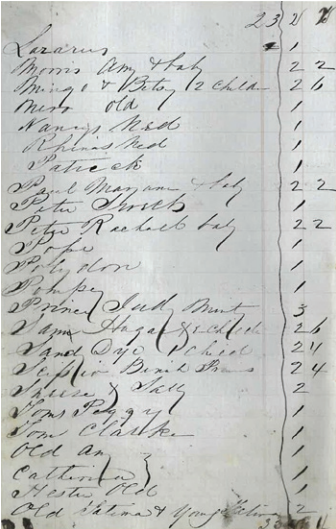
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Van Nada and James Hartin as assistants.
Chariman White vacated the chair & turned the waiting recruits over to the mustering officer for muster in.
Thirty three recruits, whose names appear above were then duly mustered in according to the ritual and regulations of the G.A.R.
Comrade White then mused that the Post be named Morgan Post, which motion prevailed.
Comrade Stormant, mustering officer then stated that the number would be the same as the Post heretofore which was allowed to die, No. 15.
The name of this Post, then is "Morgan Post No. 15, G.A.R. Dept of Indiana."
The comrades then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:
Comrades Jackson Ferguson, M. J. Brady and M. Krebs were put in nomination for Post Commander
Com M. Krebs, stated that he did not want the office & asked the comrades

THIS JUST IN

See more about [Thomas & Skinner](#)

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION

Title: Grove Hill Plantation Account Book/Eli J. Sherlock's Diary, 1860–1865 (page 1 of 2)



Lazarus	23	2	6?
Morris Amy & Baby		1	
Mingo & Betsy 2 children		2	2
Nero old		2	6
Nancy's Ned		1	
Rhina's Ned		1	
Patrick		1	
Paul Maryann & baby		2	2
Peter Sweck		1	
Petere Rachael baby		2	2
Popi		1	
Polydon		1	
Pompey		1	
Prince Judy Minty		3	
Sam Hagar & 3 children		2	6
Sandy Dyo 1 Child		2	4
[ScipXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX]		2	4
Sneere & Sally		2	
Tom's Peggy		1	
Tom Clarke		1	
Old Amy		1	
Catherina		1	
Hester Old		1	
Old Gatima & Young Gatima		2	
	33	34?	

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION

Title: Grove Hill Plantation Account Book/Eli J. Sherlock's Diary, 1860–1865 (page 2 of 2)

Old Flora	1
Venus	1
Gillah	1
Old Maryann Polly	2 2
Bella	2 2
Jane Sarah David	3 6
Henry Wm Baby	3 6
Sally Poutry Eliza	1 2
Lucy Grace Robbie	1 2
Hary	2 4
Clarinda Kib Rob & Nancy	1
Jane	1
Scina	2
Joshua's Amy 2 children	2
Beck 2 children	2
Venus Binah Bachus	3 2
3 other children	1 6
Thoms Celia 2 children	1 6
Elsey (Morris)	1 6
Gloria 2 children	3 2
Rhina Giany Arlick & Rachael	2 6
Hannah (overseer) Marcis & Charly	4 2

Old Flora	33	0	4
" Venus		1	
Gillah		1	
Old Maryann Polly & Bella		1	2
Jane Sarah David			
Henry & Wm Baby		3	6
Sally Poutry Eliza			
Lucy Grace Robbie			
Hary		1	2
Clarinda Kib Rob & Nancy		2	4
Jane		1	
Scina		1	
Joshua's Amy 2 children		2	
Beck 2 children		2	
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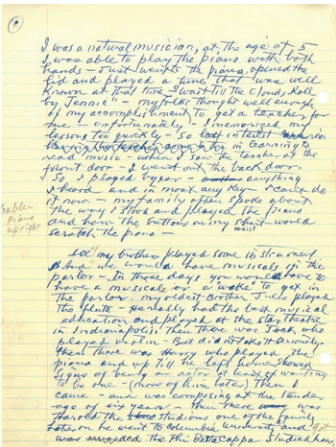
See more Civil War diaries: images.indianahistory.org/digital/search/searchterm/Civil%20War%20Diaries

THE ARTS

See more about [James Whitcomb Riley](#)

STAFF PICKS

Title: Albert Von Tilzer's Autobiographical Notes, undated (Page 1 of 2)



1

I was a natural musician, at the age of 5 I was able to play the piano with both hands – Just went to the piano, opened the lid and played a tune that was well known at that time – “Wait Till The Clouds Roll by Jennie” – my folks thought well enough of my accomplishment to get a teacher for me – unfortunately – I memorized my lessons too quickly – so lost interest ~~in learning to~~ in learning to read music – when I saw the teacher at the front door – I went out the back door. So I played by ear – ~~anything~~ anything I heard and in most any key – I cant do it now – my family after spoke about the way I stood and played the piano and how the buttons on my shirt would scratch the piano – waist

Gabler
Piano
upright

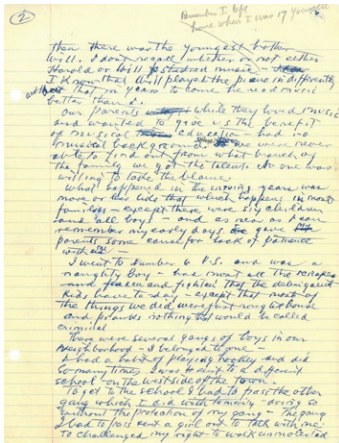
All of my brothers played some instrument and we would have musicals in the parlor – In those days you would have to have a musicale or a “wake” to get in the parlor. My oldest Brother Jules played the flute – He really had the best musical education and played at the Star Theatre in Indianapolis. Then there was Jack who played violin – But didn’t take it seriously. then there was Harry who played the piano and up till he left home showed signs of being an actor at least of wanting to be one – (more of him later) Then I came – and was composing at the tender age of six years – then there ~~was~~ was Harold the ~~studious~~ studious one of the family Later on he went to Columbia University and got ~~the Phi Betta Cappa~~ the Phi Betta Cappa studied hard.

STAFF PICKS

Title: Albert Von Tilzer's Autobiographical Notes, undated (Page 2 of 2)

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Remember I left home when I was 17 years



then there was the youngest brother Will. I don't recall whether or not either Harold or Will studied music – I know that Will played the piano indifferently and that for years to come he read music better than I.

Our parents while they loved music and wanted to give us the benefit of musical education – had no musical background. We were never able to find out from what branch of the family we got the talent. No one was willing to take the blame.

What happened in the more or less like that which happens in most families – except there were six children and all boys – and as near as I can remember my early days I gave my parents some cause for lack of patience with me –

I went to number 6 P.S. and was a naughty boy – had most all the scrapes and feuden and fighten' that the delinquent kids have to – day – except that most of the things we did were just rung up house and pranks nothing that would be called criminal.

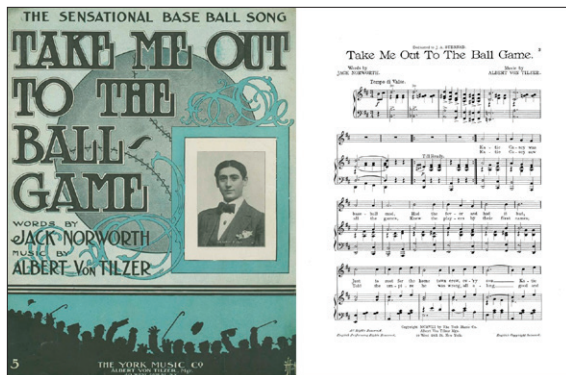
There were several gangs of boys in our neighborhood – I belonged to one – I had a habit of playing hookey and did so many times I was sent to a different school – on the west side of the town. To get to the school I had to pass the other gang which I did with temerity – doing so without the protection of my gang – The gang I had to pass sent a girl out to talk with me to challenge my right to walk unmolested

STAFF PICKS

Title: Take Me Out to the Ballgame

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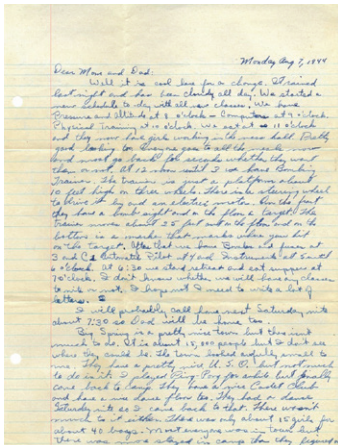


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ON THE MAP

Title: Cunningham Letter, 7 August 1944—Tell City (Page 1 of 2)

Monday Aug 7, 1944



Dear Mom and Dad:

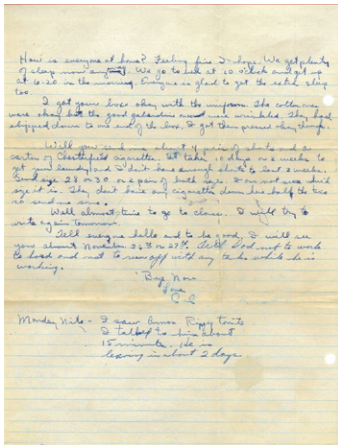
Well it is cool here for a change. It rained last night and has been cloudy all day. We started a new schedule to-day with all new classes. We have Pressure and Altitude at 8 o'clock – Computers at 9 o'clock. Physical Training at 10 o'clock. We eat at ~~4~~ 11 o'clock and they now have girls working in the mess hall. Pretty good looking too. Everyone goes to all the meals now and most go back for seconds whether they want them or not. At 12 noon until 3 we have Bombing Trainer. The trainer is just a platform about 10 feet high on three wheels. There is a steering wheel to drive it by and an electric motor. On the front they have a bomb sight and on the floor a target. The trainer moves about 25 feet out on the floor and on the bottom is a marker that marks where you hit on the target. After that we have Bombs and fuses at 3 and C1 Automatic Pilot at 4 and Instruments at 5 until 6 o'clock. At 6:30 we stop retreat and eat supper at 7 o'clock. I don't know whether we will have any classes tonite or not. I hope not I need to write a lot of letters.

I will probably call home next Saturday nite about 7:30 so Dad will be home too.

Big Spring is a pretty nice town but there isn't much to do. It is about 15,000 people but I don't see where they could be. The town looked awfully small to me. They have a pretty nice U.S.O. but not much to do in it. I played Ping-Pong for awhile but finally came back to camp. They have a nice Cadet Club and have a nice dance floor too. They had a dance Saturday nite so I came back to that. There wasn't much to it either. There was only about 15 girls for about 40 boys. Most everyone was in town but there was more stayed in camp than they figured on.

ON THE MAP

Title: Cunningham Letter, 7 August 1944—Tell City (Page 2 of 2)



How is everyone at home? Feeling fine I hope. We get plenty of sleep now anyway. We got to bed at 10 o'clock and get up at 6:20 in the morning. Everyone is glad to get the extra sleep too.

I got your box okay with the uniform. The cotton ones were okay but the good gabardine ones were wrinkled. They had slipped down to one end of the box. I got them pressed okay though.

Will you send me about 4 pairs of shorts and a carton of Chesterfield cigarettes. It takes 10 days or 2 weeks to get your laundry and I don't have enough shorts to last 2 weeks. Send size 28 or 30 or 2 pairs of both sizes. I am not sure which size it is. They don't have any cigarettes down here half the time so send me some.

Well almost time to go to class. I will try to write again tomorrow.

Tell everyone hello and to be good. I will see you about November 26th or 27th. Tell Dad not to work too hard and not to run off with any tanks while he is working.

'Bye now

Love

Cal

Monday nite – I saw Amos Rippey tonite

I talked to him about

15 minutes. He is

leaving in about 2 days

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