

From 516 18th St
Moline, Ill.

Miss Lucia Elliott
Sigourney
Iowa

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My Dear Lucia

Your card came this morning Allways glad to hear from friends. Edna & Stellas little boy were here for supper recently & Of course then we heard from you We are well & doing well A letter came from Mrs Field and Vira and the children are coming Sat for a few days. Stellas boy and Marion are the same age both are large for their age Our house is full and Roy is making good \$ and I have good tenants in our Galesburg home. Mrs Rurick likes her daughter-in-law better now.

This picture was taken at our front door July 11th just as Roy was going to work he looks fine in his Uniform

I got a nice collection of cards this morning. Well dear don't work to hard & and we will meet sometime

We had a great meeting here 10,000 converts Billy S. free will offering \$20,000 thousands turned away at every service the tent was $\frac{1}{2}$ way between here & R.I. our entertainment this evening so I must close.

Much love to you

as ever your true friend

Ella A Calkins

Billy S. - Evangelist Billy Sunday.

(Postmarked)
Alpha, Ill
Dec 23, 1919

Miss Lucia Elliott
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Dear Lucia,

I am going to write you just a little Xmas letter have been so busy since I came home. Thought I would write to you before this. And answer the good long letter I got from you. We had such a nice visit while we were away. Were away two weeks. Mae stayed till we came home. Then she went to Des Moines. She has been homesick since she went out there. I suppose you have been getting ready for Xmas. Lucia, I didn't make nor buy much this year everything is so high And there is such a demand on all sides. So much to give to and a person doesn't mind the giving if you only knew it would do some good. Stewart and the baby have been sick. And we heard that John and Vira were going to Cal. Thought we would get over to see them before this but it seems like we are never thru. Wallace went away for awhile so it makes more for Clyde. Had a letter from Irene the other day and she was feeling pretty good. Said her Mother was with her, & that Wills niece was working for her. Hope she gets along all right.

Lucia, I must close now. Will write again before long. Wish you a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Will send you a little reminder that I haven't forgotten you.

Love and Best Wishes
Allie

Mrs. J.F. Calkins
1417 Calumet Ave.
Los Angeles Cal

Miss Lucia Elliott
Sigourney
Iowa
Lockbox 245

531 East D. St
Ontario Cal
Feb 2 - 1920

Dear sister and brothers

Well here we are enjoying this pleasant weather. We have only had one rainy day since we have been here and that was the 23 of Jan the day George Adams was burried that was Burn Cole son-in-law. They live down at Long Beach. He died with apoplexy. There is a shower tonight too. The people that live here are wanting rain have not had enough yet.

There is lots of Orange Groves around here John and I were out this eve and picked an orange off a tree just across the street here at Rebecca Andersons. The man has been out here eregating all day & we were out watching him. Say but this is a nice place to live. It is nice to get out of that cold winter.

We were at Pomona Wednesday and Thursday last week. And there is lots of Walnut groves down there. McClintock sold a ton of walnuts from five acres at 23¢ a pound besides the fruit on the place and 1200 hens. That place was sold for \$12000, McClintocks rented it she was awfull sorry there is a nice new Bungalow on it this fall. don't have to lift a thing Tubs stationary draw hot and cold water & let it all off. bathroom two bedrooms dining room and sitting room & kitchen & a enclosed porch. Water to erigate and gas - all complete chickens went with the place. the man is from Prince Ville Ill that bought the place. Some day these groves will be sold out for lots and a lot sells some of them \$1500. He got 24 doz eggs last Wednesday night, 55¢ per doz.

There is car after car travling through looking for places camping out out fits with them tied on the car.

Becca brought the walnuts in so I just had to quit writing awhile. Henry Streed is here too so we are enjoying a good visit with him too. He was discharged from the army the 21 of Jan. He was in the service 18 months in Siberia and Russia.

We visited McClintocks at Pomona I like that place. Los Angeles is too large. We can't get anywhere alone. We saw Nellie and Bert Hendershott & Edith. Went to Long Beach and seen Coles & the girls there and when we got there Phill and Mary Ellen Ruch was there. They rented a house all ready furnished for \$60 per month and Coles folks were paying \$50 a month & furnished it. Lived in a department house and renting them.

People are coming fast here to live But a person don't need much land if you take care of it yourself. Down in Los A. I seen lots add for \$1000 a lot.

We make our stoping place at Talbotts. Sallie is so weak minded & forgetfull and is pretty hard to get along with. Al and his wife is there They have moved from Brooklyn are going to buy in Los Angeles. So we eat at Basis & sleep at Charlies just across the street. We want to get a room somewhere in Pomona if we don't go to Redondo Beach at Basis summer house, I would like to go there. We have been down there to see the place it is fine. If you write direct to 1417 Calumet Ave, Los Angeles Cal. that is at B.M. Talbott. They will know where we are & we can get it. I would just love to be down to the Beach awhile.

(page 2 - letter from Vira Calkins- Los Angeles, Cal - 1920)

Well, how are you all getting along How is Phebe. I believe I would like to buy a place here some where if the rest of the folks were here & and you folks were all here too. People are coming from all parts of the United States & why can't we. Well, this will have to do for all of you for I don't get much time to write. Rufus has had a stroke & he is helpless so Becca is tied down awfull close.

We are going to Atascadero before we go home and see that country and see Mary Howard. They have their place paid for now she said. Marthas daughter lives at Berkley but it is across a lake or something I don't know if we will get to see her or not. It is hard to get places when it is strange to us.

There is a Baptist church in Pomona. Oh I just wish you were here to see this country. That would be better that telling you. Well it is bed time and I must close Love to all

Vira

This is a leaf of a peper tree very pretty trees
& some orange blossoms

Note: John and Vira Calkins took an extended vacation trip to California the winter of 1920.

The Talbotts are relatives on the Urmson side, through Mary Urmson Elliott Porters' sister Hannah.

After 5 days, return to
A.F. Hendricks, President
Will-Mayfield-College-
MARBLE-HILL, MO.
1236 4th St.
New Orleans, La.

Mr. C.H.Elliott
Sigourney,
Iowa

1236 4th St.
New Orleans, La.
Oct. 19 / 23

Mr. C.H. Elliott and Family,

Your kind letter received and read with pleasure. Glad to hear you are all well. I would love to see you all but I believe I want to see the Baby the worst of all. Kiss her for me.. I know she is getting to be a cute thing by now. Well, I guess you have cold weather up there by now. It blew up quite a cold wind here last night but not cold enough to hurt anything.. Everything is green and pretty here, so many flowers in bloom, the bananas and palms, and canes are beautiful, they are so tall.

Well, Mr. Hendricks is very busy with his school work all the time, but he is enjoying it. He seems to be improving all the time, eats better and sleeps better than he did at home.. We can get anything to eat here we want, that is as long as we can pay for it. We like New Orleans fine so far. Tell Bill that Davy's 'Campbells' daughter, Lala, is here in school, preparing to be a missionary. She was so surprised to find us here. They are here from everywhere. They have students here from 19 states and seven foreign countries, all nationalities. Sixty married couples I can't say how many children but lots of them. We are in a house with ten other couples, but we all have our own apartments separate, we have only one little child in this house.. There is one house here that has thirty children in it. There are about the same number of families as this house.

Well, we had a letter from John Hendricks, Lums' boy, this week. He said they are all well. We hear from Marble Hill often, they say they miss us, but say things are going fine at school.

Henry, Mr. Hendricks says to tell Berniece to take two years of Latin, by all means. Tell her not to go and get married before she finishes school. Ha-ha.

Give Bernice and Martha and all our love. I will close for this time with love and best wishes for all.

A.F. and Dora Hendricks

WE are so proud you have so much stored for the winter. One can't store much at a time here. It won't keep, too warm and damp. We have no flies, no ants, no mice here. They have poisoned them all out here, they work at it all the time.

We enjoy the church and Sunday School here so much. Tell the girls the whole school is going to one of the big Parks for a picnic Monday. Wish they were here to go with us. They teach Saturday here and have Monday off.

A.T. Rogers
R.F.D. #1
Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Lucia Elliott
320 E. Washuigton St.
Sigourney
Iowa

Easton, Conn.
April 4th 1938

Miss Lucia Elliott

Dear Friend

You may wonder why I am writing to you. We received your letter the other day and was glad to hear from you. We are glad you have your health, I wish Edith had hers but with a sad heart I am answering your letter for her. It is possible by the time you get this letter she will have passed away as she is failing very fast, I am not letting anybody see her only my sister-in-law who has nursed her many times and saved her from Death, but now nothing can be done for her as she has a fast growing cancer. She has suffered terrible pain and now the end may come any minute. It will be 33 years the seventh of June since we were married and it has been 33 years of Happy Life. Well you speak of spring being here, it is here in Connecticut but today there is a cold wind blowing, but everything is nice. I have just started to spade my garden. It will take me some time as I cannot get out of the house very much on account of Edith as I have got to be handy when she calls me. I have hardly been out of the yard for the past four weeks. Edith is just starting her fifth week of being in bed. When you see Henry ask him if he remembers the day we left the broom shop to go to Rock Island to enlist in the Spanish-American war. Well, I will close this short letter as I can not think of anything else. All I can think of is Edith.

Yours Truly
A.T. Rogers
R.F.D. # 1
Bridgeport
Conn.

(POSTMARKED)

ALPHA ILL
APR 16 1938

Miss Lucia Elliott
Sigourney
Iowa

(Card)

AN EASTER WISH

May the peace
of Easter Day

Bring new joys to bless
your way

(On back of card)

Dear Aunt Lucia

Well Frances and girls were down for three days last week.
Enjoy having them here. I am puting in garden, have two hens
hatching. How is every one How is Marthas Boy. I would like
to have a codack picture of him now.

Stella

Note: Marthas Boy is Robert L. Green, son of Johnston and Martha
Elliott Green . Bob was born May 3, 1937.

Mrs. Effie Timberlake
Alpha, Ill.

Miss Lucia Elliott
320 East Washington St.
Sigourney
Iowa

Alpha, Ill
Jan 9th 1939

Dear Aunt Lucia,

Received your good letter a few days ago. Sorry to hear of Charles sickness, hope he snaps out of it soon and don't miss too much school.

We want to thank you for the pretty handkerchieves you sent us. I think you paid out more for them than we did for the apron. I hope it fit and you get lots of ware out of it. All were at Ma's for a big dinner New Years day, but Ruth and Willis, they were down there two weeks before on my Birthday. Edna gave me a birthday party. All were there that day but Frances and her family. Her girls are fine in every way, the oldest in high school, Grace in 8th grade and Donna, the little one in her first year of school.

Uncle Birney and Aunt Flossie were at my birthday dinner. Going back to our New Years dinner, we had our exchange of gifts that day, too. Little late but we all enjoyed it. Frances and her girls all had parts in Christmas entertainment so was more convenient for them to come later.

I ate dinner with Mamie last Thursday. Ralph and neighbor men went to a sale that day. I expected to call on Aunt Clara and Uncle Birneys, it snowed hard for awhile I didn't get to make my calls. They came from the sale early. I was in to see her a while back, then I seen her when she stayed at Stellas a few days. I have been there twice when there was no one home. At Christmas I sent them a sack of a head of cabbage, dish of potatoes, onions, apples, cookies, piece of fruit cake, 1 grapefruit, can of lard, glass of jelly and candy. I sent her a similar sack once before. She seemed in good spirits when I saw her. I am sorry for her and Harvey and Clifford, too.

Alice has been having trouble with her ears since the last of October. They are some better. I hope they clear up soon. We were to Ruth's to supper Thursday evening Dec. 29th, then we went on to Clinton, Iowa to see a display of Christmas lights there. Ruth and Willis were home Jan. 6th last Friday.

I think it is nice you hear from Grace McLaughlin and Mattie once in a while. We went to Christmas exercise at Baptist Church, it was good. We went to candle light services at school house.

We made a wool comforter for Ruth before Christmas. We are going to get some sewing done soon, dresses & aprons, towels and sheets. Alice has made two house dresses for her self. She likes to work with a needle or a crochet hook.

Ralph got up a big pile of wood, we have it sawed.
I close with best wishes to All.

Your niece,

Effie Timberlake

Mrs. Effie Timberlake
Alpha, Ill.

Miss Lucia Elliott
320 East Washington St.
Sigourney
Iowa

Alpha, Ill.
March 29th 1939

Dear Aunt Lucia,

We have had some real nice warm days, now we have two cold days. I hope your sore foot is about well by now. It takes so long for a sore on the feet to heal, save it all the steps you can. I sit down to do lots of things now, that I thought I had to do standing in my younger days.

Sunday morning Alice went to Church and Sunday School and I took a basket of things to eat to Aunt Clara. They were getting ready to go to Cliffords for the day. Harvey was ready, she was getting ready. Their beds were made and their work all done so-so. She told me the sore on her breast was discharging (Ma told me it was running) and she has to keep a dressing on. I think it is a hard place to bandage. She seemed to be feeling pretty good, said she was awful glad I came. Then I went to Mamies until church was out. A week ago Sunday Ruth, Willis and his father were here. And Mother, Edna, Stewart, Owen, Dave and Stella were here for dinner, too.

Alice is the Aid Society Kitchen or Cook committee. They are making plans for the Easter Bazaar and Supper. Then next week will be the Alumni Banquet. The Baptist ladies serve it this year. She has been on that committee a long time. She gets along with it so well. It is lots of work at the time but all cooperate so nicely. Hope Henrys are all well.

It is cleaning house time, and garden time, and chicken time and so many things to do. And lots of field work, colt to brake, just have to do the best we can. In between times Alice is making a hooked rug. I cut some of the rags.

Take good care of that foot. Frances and her girls are coming for a few days visit at Easter time.

Time for mail man.

Lovingly
Your niece,
Effie Timberlake

(Post marked)

Alpha, Ill.
June 12, 1939

Alpha, Ill.
June 11, 1939

My Dear Aunt Lucia,

I don't know what to say to you. I don't feel like I ought to keep that you sent me. You folks gave a plenty when you were here. I just wanted a nice get to gather without any thing like that, stirring any thing like that out of anyone. We are heared up but I think there are a lot of us that way. But many thanks.

I got a made over machine because it was cheaper and I had trouble with it the first day I washed. So they came out and got it and here tomorrow has been a week and I haven't heard a word from them.

Today was Wallaces' birthday. I made him a birthday cake. Mother had Aunt Clarie and Harvey down for dinner and this evening we went down and took the cake had strawberry and Ice cream Edna made had it all together for supper. Wallace is 70 today.

The sematary are in pretty good shape out there in Oxford they keep it mowed through the summer.

We have been having lots of rain Walter is making a big thing out of his berries they are nice. Our little patch has done real good. I picked a big pan and took down home this evening.

Aunt Lucia, don't you work so heard there for that woman when she don't treat you better you must not take so much off of her. There is many people would be glad for your help, and your not doing justice to yourself. I think you need a rest, any way your not well you should rest more.

You must remember your getting older now.

I know it is easy to say that not to work to much, as I do it myself, when I know I need rest. Dr. tells me rest is better than medicine.

Be good to yourself, with Love

Stella

Alpha, Ill.
Oct. 2, 1939

Dear Aunt Lucia,

We had expected to write you more but we didn't get to see Aunt Clara until last Tuesday. She was getting along quite well. She looked better we tho't but she was not getting up. The nurses did not put her stockings on her and it was too cool without them on.

She asked to go home and I told her she couldn't go home there was no one there who could take care of her, and she said maybe Lucile would come take care of her. Then she said will you take me home with you next time you come if I get up and walk around some. But she don't get around any. I imagine she doesn't feel much like getting up or she surely would.

I wanted to move her to this place as soon as I heard about it as it won't be so far for Clifford or us or as expensive. As the Dr. goes to see her at the hospital twice a week if she needs him or not. Costs the boys \$5.00 a week. Then Clifford payed a \$2.00 laundry bill. I don't know what it was for. I think they just put that over on him because he was green.

Clifford is moving her Wed. P.M. to (501 W. Division St., Galva, Ill. care of Mrs. Mary Carmen) It is a private home. The woman was a trained nurse and has quite a large house, and has two daughters at home. She has 6 or 7 old ladies already and had just one empty bed. Mrs. Walker the "old folks pensioner" asked Mrs. Carmen to hold that bed until she heard from us. She has three single beds in what was her front room and bedroom. She takes them for their pension.

They took Uncle Windfield and Aunt Anna there when they both got so bad. But Uncle Windfield died in a few days then Aunt Anna came back and Minas' Mary (Mrs. Larue) and little boy are keeping house for Aunt Anna in their little home here in town.

I do hope Aunt Clara will be satisfied here at this place. It will be more like a home. One woman has been there over a year.

We have been having revival meetings the last two weeks. The evangelist was sure fine. I could hardly stay away and I could hardly stand going every night. I missed 4 meetings, I think. And we had our pastor and wife and the evangelist here for dinner on Fri. We didn't have but 2 or 3 conversions but quite a few backsliders were accepted. Some had been members of the Christian Church.

The meetings were most beneficial to the members themselves.

I must go to bed as I can hardly see, I am so tired. I washed and churned today and must bake bread and iron tomorrow. Must do some cleaning soon.

With lots of Love. Goodnight.

Mrs. Carmen only calls the Dr. as they need him. He does not come every morn.

Edna

Note: The Lucile in the letter is Lucille Johnson Holden, Clara McDowell's grand-daughter. Lucille is the daughter of Irene McDowell Johnson.

Clarissa Elliott McDowell died November 8, 1939 at Marys' Nursing Home in Galva, Ill.

Lucile Elliott Rogers

Elvira Calkins
Alpha Ill

Mr. C.H. Elliott
Sigourney
Iowa
Box 334

copy

Alpha Ill April 11th 1941

Well my Dear Brother

After all my trying to get this card to you on your birthday I failed to do so.

Edna was washing the windows on the outside and called in this is Uncle Henrys Birthday You better send that card to him I looked at the clock about 3. Well if Owen goes up town he can take it up I felt awfull bad about it. Well you don't know how many times I thought of you nor I don't either It is a very nice day Edna had her class party here last night so many sick couldn't come Alice was up But was here about 9 or 10 here Stella and Mrs Plunket across the street from Maymies served with her. So she worked so hard this week everything so dirty this time of year she hired a woman one day got the downstairs cleaned looked better. Went to Galesburg got new curtains for the sitting room washed the dining room ones and ironed them We need papering but it won't get it this time.

Well Henry we are all upset here and feel so bad Owen was called to Kewanee a week ago last Wednesday to talk about going to Camp He hasn't been examined yet but to get his business fixed up by September that he would have to go.

We don't know where we could get anyone that could stay with us while he is gone Dave has his job at the Arsnell Stewart has his place and wants to keep it they are taking all the Boys in our country and giving all older men such good work what are they going to do with the farms Ivan Anderson over here on John McCurdy farm has to go Shirley was over here last night was worrying about it don't know what we are going to do You know when war is over and when the Boys come home there is nothing to do everything goes to pieces no prices It is awfull hard now to keep things together We had no luck this year with our pigs some sows had 2 pigs Owen lost one big old sow only had 4 pigs one of them died He wanted to raise a lot of them Clint Cole said he couldn't figure out what was the cause he had such poor luck this year Owen had one sow that had 9 pigs He had over 20 sows has six more to farrow has 38 Iguess

I sneeze all the time take more cold change from one room to another I wanted to send for 2 or three brooms before they were all gone I hope you have 2 at least yet what are they selling at apiece Yes I saw Lou once out there somewhere I would like to see her again but I wasn't able to go

Edna wants to get some garden made as soon as she can Stella is getting along all right but she can't stand much can't lift and work any to speak of That is the way with myself if I didn't do anything I would feel better But I see so much could be done but am not able to do it and it is too much for Edna When you get old you have to let up or grunt and complain

Love to all I want to write to Lucia

lots of love to all

Vira

Note: Elvira Elliott Calkins died June 1, 1941.
Lucile Elliott Rogers

Pvt. James B. Elliott
R.A.A.S.N. 17185430
Co.C. 3rd tng Regt.
Camp Stoneman, Calif
O.R.D.

C.H. Elliott
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Sigourney Iowa

Camp Stoneman
Aug 2, 1946

Dear Mom and Dad.

I got Dads letter today and was surprised you haven't got my diploma. It's been 6 weeks since I've taken the test and you should have it by now. I'll have to go down to I and E tomorrow and find out what's the matter.

I got one of Moms letters the other day she sent me while I was at Ft. Lawton. She forgot to put Ft. Lawton on it so it took some time to get to me.

If you think it's hot at home you ought to be out here. Everything is brown or burnt up and they have to water the grass all the time to keep it growing. I had to do that all one day last week. It was easy work but it was tiresome.

I got a letter from Aunt Lucia and Dorothy this noon at mail call. Some days I don't get any so I was pretty lucky today.

There isn't much doing around here so there isn't hardly anything to write about. I went out to Castle Rock again yesterday. You don't have to do anything out there. You can go as you please as long as you got pants or swim trunks on. You can sleep all day and at nite they have a show out in the open.

I still don't know how soon I'll leave here yet. Men going to China have to wait a long time to be shipped so it's hard telling when I'll leave. I'll call you up as soon as I get alerted, tho.

I guess this is all for now cause there isn't hardly anything to write about.

Love
Jimmy