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## HAMBURG TRANSIENT REGISTRATION

Genealogists who are researching ancestors who came from Germany from 1868 to 1889 might like to look at some records held by the LDS Family History Library. These records were shown to me by Mrs. Virginia Copeland Jantz of Waco at the Rutherford Lane Family History Center. They show the registration of transients in Hamburg. While various German cities maintained lists of people who were not native to that city, I presume that in this case most of these "transients" were people who were planning to leave Germany.

The indexes to these records give the name, birth date, volume and page of each registered transient in Hamburg. A library patron needs to order the microfilmed index based on the surname spelling. If a possible ancestor is located in the index, then the patron should order the appropriate volume microfilm.

Reproduced below is a sample copy of a listing furnished by Mrs. Jantz. She was also kind enough to furnish most of the translation. A library patron might like to use the "Library Helps" booklet entitled Genealogical Word List -- German to help in the translation.

Patrons may access this record by looking in the Locality Catalog microfiche under "Germany" (fiche #0026/26 Feb 1992), Germany -- Hamburg -- Hamburg -- Population.

Glenda Knipstein

	No. 12992/82	
①	Kemme, Christian Frederick	
②	Geb.: 26 October 1870	Seeburg
③	Stand: Bäcker	Kr. Oederquart
④	Letzter Aufenthalt: Cadenberge	
⑤	Legitimiert durch: 4274. Act. 1890	
⑥	Datum	angem. abgem.
	20/11.89	Einfluss 7. 18. 1890
	30/1.90	Einfluss 7. 18. 1890
	(17.3.90) 17.3.90 Seeburg	

## Translation:

1. Kemme, Christian Frederick
2. Born: 26 Oct 1870  
Hometown: Seeburg
3. Occupation: Baker  
Kr. Oederquart (county in Hanover)
4. Last Residence: Cadenberge
5. Legitimate through (document used to identify him)  
(unable to translate writing)
6. Date/Information  
(unable to translate writing)

17.3.90 Seeburg (17 Mar 1890)



### Jack Autrey Dabbs 1914-1992

With sadness we record the death of Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, AGS member and former board member, who died on Tuesday, 6 October 1992. The list of his accomplishments as included in his obituary in the Austin American Statesman on Thursday, 8 October 8, 1992 was incredible, and we reproduce that obituary below. He also gave much to the Austin Genealogical Society, most recently in the assembling of the material in the Index for this Quarterly for the years 1971-1987, a task which took extensive time and patience. All of us in the Society will miss his warm smile and prodigious talents. We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Dabbs and his family.



**Jack Autrey Dabbs**

Jack Autrey Dabbs, 78, of Austin passed away Tuesday, October 6, 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne; daughter, Danielle Monson and her husband, Steve, of Austin; one sister, Grace Cates of Terrell, Texas; stepdaughter, Elizabeth Cabell and husband, Don, of Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren; and numerous beloved nieces.

A service will be held Friday, October 9, at 11:00 AM in the Tarrytown Methodist Church with the Reverend James Mayfield officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday in the Cowboy Cemetery near Brady, Texas.

Dr. Dabbs, a distinguished educator, linguist and scholar was born in Mercury, Texas. He married Anna Viola Johnson in 1940 who predeceased him in 1976.

He was a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, earning a PhD in 1950 specializing in the literature, history and anthropology of Latin America. Further studies were completed at the Linguistic Institute of the University of Chicago; the Linguistic Institute of the University of Michigan; and the Linguistic Institute of the University of Texas, 1962.

Dr. Dabbs taught at Texas Wesleyan Academy; St. Edwards University; and Texas A & M University, where he was chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, 1964-1978. In 1974, he was voted the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award in Research at Texas A & M. He also served the US State Department as Director of American Language Institute, Baghdad, Iraq, 1957-58.

Dr. Dabbs spent many years in the military service for his country during World War II, serving in the Persian Gulf Command, Iran; Korea; and in the military government in Berlin, Germany, after the war.

He was a member of the Persian Gulf Command Veterans Association.

He was past president of the American Name Society; member of the Latin American Studies Association; Good Neighbor Council, Austin Chapter; International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (papers given in Leipzig, East Germany in 1983 and Quebec, 1987); past board member, Austin Genealogy Society; and the Texas Genealogy Society. He was also a former member of the Society Linguistique de Paris, American Anthropological Association and the Modern Language Association.

As a protege of Dr. Carlos E. Casteneda, UT, Dr. Dabbs' prolific research contributed to the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Library.

His numerous professional publications include a rare Bengali-English dictionary and texts which were the culmination of his study in the Bengal area of Pakistan just prior to the emergence of Bangladesh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nettie Lee Benson Collection Endowment Fund, care of Director, Latin American Collection, UT Austin, Austin, Texas 78713.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

## Book Reviews

Cemetery Inscriptions of the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts,  
and its villages, 1600-1900

by Paul J. Bunnell. Published 1992 by Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie MD 20716. Paper; 5+ by 8+ inches, ca 400 pages; illustrated; \$30 + \$3 shipping. Order #B856 from publisher.

The attractive cover on this informative book was reduced from a gravestone rubbing made by Leslie Diane Bunnell, and appropriately illustrates a style often found in New England cemeteries.

The 23 cemeteries inventoried in this book are located in Barnstable and in neighboring villages named Hyannis, Centerville, Marstons Mills, Osterville, Cotuit and Commaquid. Some have area dedicated to Native Americans. Each cemetery has been numbered, named, located and described herein. Entries are keyed to the number assigned to the cemetery, but there is no explanation of the S: preceding the number.

Another abbreviation baffled this reviewer for a while: "Died: 1885 Apl 26 age 69 years, 9 months bc 1815 July Wife of Oliver Apley." Apparently the compiler was calculating the date of birth--that is, "born about 1815 July", not that his wife's name was July, as Julie was sometimes spelled. More punctuation in these listings would have prevented misunderstandings.

The entries in Cemetery Inscriptions ... are in alphabetical order of the surnames (which are in boldface) and then the baptismal names, and usually state who was buried next to the subject, which is a helpful device seldom seen.

Another valuable feature of this book is that when part of the inscription was broken off or under ground, Mr. Bunnell went to great lengths to find the missing data in other records. At least part of most epitaphs are given, ranging from scriptural quotations to "God bless Mom & Pop"; from "Tell papa baby's all right" to detailed military records. However, it is impossible to tell how much of the latter is on the stone and how much is supplemental data. [It is just as well that Mr. Bunnell was the copier and not the carver of these inscriptions, as his spelling and punctuation are somewhat erratic!]

Many family names fill two or more pages in the book. As the author pointed out in the Foreword, the Lovell family often buried dogs alongside their owners, and had engraved long, affectionate epitaphs on the stones above the pets.

There is a photograph of a rather rare type of grave marker: made of metal, hollow, curved, with a smooth space for the inscription, which is quite legible. It reads: "I have gone to dwell/ With spirits searching for " -- and the rest is under ground. One hopes that the next word did not rhyme with the end of the first line!

Paul J. Bunnell has supplied more information about these cemetery inscriptions and the people buried beneath them than any similar book this reviewer has seen. Not only did he cross-refer-

ence husbands, wives and children (even if not buried together) but he described the state of the stone, the parents of un-named infants, what names are on one stone, sometimes where they were born or died, and a great amount of military information.

In addition, he makes a practice of helping to locate stones, and crusades against vandalism in cemeteries, urging people who live near one to call the police if they notice suspicious activity in them.

High praise is due Mr. Bunnell for his contributions to genealogists who have roots in this part of Massachusetts. Texas searchers can find this neat, legible book in the Texas State Library in Austin, thanks to the publishers.

Helen H. Rugeley

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**Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy:  
Descendants of Rev. Stephen Bachiler, of England,  
A Leading Non-Conformist who Settled the  
Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire,  
and Joseph, Henry, Joshua and  
John Batcheller of Essex County, Massachusetts**

by Frederick Clifton Pierce: published by the author at Chicago in 1898; facsimile reprint published 1992 by Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie MD 20716. Paper, 5+ by 8+ inches, 624 pages; illustrated; \$35 + \$3 shipping. Order #P316 from publisher.

This classic genealogy of a relatively common New England surname includes the male line of some 44 variant spellings of Batchelder. The first half of the large volume shows descent from Rev. Stephen Bachiler of New Hampshire, while the second half covers descent from four brothers who settled in Essex County, Massachusetts. There is also material on the family in England. Copies of the original edition command a price of \$100 or more today.

Among the features that enhance the basic core of the work are a Table of Contents, List of Illustrations, two Indexes (one to Christian names of Batchelders etc. and on to Other Surnames), Origin of the Name, History and Description of Canterbury, Search at the Heralds' College (including sketches of coats of arms borne by Batchelders), two pages of college graduates named Batchelor etc., 15 pages of Revolutionary War veterans so named, and six of those who participated in the Civil War. All this appears before the lengthy biography of the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, "Puritan Emigrant" (meaning the immigrant to this country).

Though the print is fine, it is legible and adequately inked (unlike some facsimile books) and the volume is profusely illustrated with portraits sketched, etched, and photographed -- even

two of a chorus girl who married an English earl! The only other lady pictured is a Batchelor wife whose longevity earned her a place in this bastion of masculinity. There are pictures of cathedrals, churches, and two of the Whittier homestead -- a few windows peeking through the foliage of huge trees.

As with so many genealogies of that era, no opportunity to show connection to a more famous family was missed. Back in John Greenleaf Whittier's ancestry was a Christopher Hussey who married a daughter of Rev. Stephen Bachiler. That furnished the raison d'etre for many pages devoted to the poet. There is an equally detailed excursus into the Wing family.

Connections with other distinguished personages lead to more or less lengthy biographies of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, artist Franklin Simmons, Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, and others whose fame is forgotten today. One Batchelder almost beat Elias Howe and Isaac Singer to the perfection of the sewing machine!

Mr. Pierce borrowed freely from the histories of several New England towns, refraining from censoring accounts of a scandal involving Rev. Stephen Bachiler's wife. Glimpses of the towns of Lynn, Sandwich, Hampton and Exeter are interesting and enlightening. Many letters and wills written in mid-seventeenth century provide opportunity to familiarize oneself with the phrasing and spelling of that era, and with what was considered worthy of being bequeathed.

The numbering format of this genealogy is that used in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; i.e., the earliest man of a line is assigned an Arabic 1; his first child is 2 plus a lower-case Roman numeral i. If the next two children had no known descendants, they are ii and iii. Then comes a child whose line will be carried forward, so he is 3. iv. JOHN. As time goes on one has to turn many pages before the sketch of 3 iv. will be found. Having the name in all caps after the numerals makes it easier to find a certain person. Some have very informative sketches -- a lengthy epitaph, a will, military records, strange deaths, and so on. The mother of Daniel Webster even rated a complimentary physical description.

After 343 pages under the running head of "Batchelder Genealogy" there are about 250 labeled "Batcheller Genealogy," although both sections show variant spellings.

As may be expected in a book of this length, there are not a few discrepancies. For example, sometimes the Roman numerals of the children do not correspond with their dates of birth. Possibly the author discovered three older children after he had described two younger ones, and he did not trouble to re-arrange and renumber them.

One entry had this reviewer baffled for two pages: "1060. iv. SALLY, b. Aug. 21, 1775. Nathaniel Green was born in Boscawen, May 20, 1797. He was christened Peter, but having great respect for the memory of his father, by permission of the legislature of Massachusetts he took the name of Nathaniel."

(1) Apparently the period after "1775" should have been a semicolon followed by m. (for "married"). (2) The phrase "respect for the memory of his father" immediately brings to mind the famous Gen. Nathanael Greene, but he died in 1786, eleven years before this Nathaniel was born. Nowhere in the 2 1/2 following pages did



the author disabuse the reader of that false impression! (3) He finally did state that Mr. Greene married Sally, daughter of Rev. William Batchelor of Haverhill, Mass. (4) But Sally's father was a medical doctor named Bachellor in the genealogical chart!

Naturally, when the material in a book is drawn from many sources, there will be discrepancies, but that is a minor matter compared with the tremendous mass of data that is presented. As in all accounts, that data needs rechecking.

That Mr. Pierce found so many statistics was an amazing feat, but including so many biographical details is mind-boggling to us today. Fortunately for him and his readers, nearly every New England town kept good records of its vital statistics.

A glance at the two indexes leaves one awestruck -- the time it must have taken to compile them by hand makes the modern writer with a computer feel humble indeed. HOWEVER, the indexer did not show middle names: in 30 lines of page numbers for John (about 300 listings) there was no clue to help me find my ancestor, John Calvin Batchelor -- all spellings of the surname lumped together. I did find that name by random riffling, but there was not an iota of similarity to the statistics I had found in family records.

May other searchers have better luck! But even if you do not find your ancestors, there is a great deal of interesting reading to enjoy during your search.

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### Excerpts from the diary of Sophie Marie Zedler

In the previous (September) issue we presented an excerpt covering the years 1914-1915 from the diary of Sophie Marie Zedler, nee Thuem. She was the grandmother of AGS member Col. Donald L. Zedler, USAF Ret. Mrs. Zedler was born 7 October 1861 in Schweinitz, Saxony, Prussia and immigrated to Texas with her parents, Christian Heinrich and Sophie Dachner Thuem some time thereafter. The family settled in Gonzales County, where on 5 May 1887 she married Berthold Zedler. The couple lived thereafter in Ottine, just southeast of Luling where Berthold was a cotton ginner and miller. Sophie died 8 March 1948 and is buried in Luling. Recently Donald recovered a box in the family home containing hundreds of pages of a diary, written in German by Sophie and covering a period from 1905 to the time of her death.

Starting on the next page, we are pleased to publish a subsequent portion of that diary from the period January 1916 through January 1919. This, of course, covered the time of the U.S. involvement in World War I and Mrs. Zedler's comments and concerns about her son Otto are touching and heartwarming.

We also wish to mention that it was Dr. Jack Dabbs, whose obituary is on Page 153, who translated the diary for Donald, along with his associate in Bryan, Dr. E. E. Breitenkamp.

Once again we express many thanks to Donald Ziegler for providing this material and for permission to publish it in the Quarterly.

# The Diary of Sophie Marie Zedler née Thuem

Otto's white Carnation, given him on  
Mothers Day 1914 and sent to me as a  
token of his filial love.



Otto's Rose, sent to me from Houston on  
Mothers Day, May 19, 1920.

This Carnation sent me by Otto from Hous-  
ton to Laredo on Mothers Day, May 14,  
1922. God bless him.

## Sophie M. Zedler Diary 19

January 1916

Again a New Year is beginning. May it bring much that is good to us all.

Lenchen and children came to Luling.

Jan 4

Otto and John left again for school.

Jan 2

Lotchen to Cuero to see Dr. Reuss.

Jan 9

A daughter born to Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Janszon.

Jan 1

Toni and I began a trip. From here to Marion, stayed there at

Jan 23

Melinda's until Monday noon; from there we rode with Karl Ko-

Jan 24

negers in their car as far as Cibolo, and stayed with Hilda

Janszen until evening, then took the train to Schertz to Mrs.

Ebert's (Weimer). There we spent the night and stayed until

Tuesday evening, when we again took the evening train, and

Jan 25

having met Berthold, we all went to S.A. There we stopped at

the Crockett Hotel, and had a good time until Thursday, when

Toni got a very sore throat and had to spend the next day in

bed. We stayed until Saturday and then went home. Wilson

picked us up in Luling with the car. Berthold got a bad cold

on the way, and today, Sunday, it is still much worse.

Jan 29

Toni, however, is getting better, was here today.

Jan 30

Hanchen Alex, who spent the week with Delchen, went home again today too.

Wilson went to Luling, to go to Seguin tomorrow on business.

## February 1916

Got news by telephone from Otto that he is in trouble with his exams.

Feb 1

A letter, that he, at least, has decided to stay there despite his dissatisfaction.

Feb 2

Heard from Otto, that he didn't do so badly in the exam, after all.

Feb 5

Hermann and Familie to S. A., took Berthold along to look at their car.

Feb 7

Back from S.A., and brought B. here.

Feb 8 & 9

Lenchen and the two little ones came to Ottine to Hanchen's.

Feb 15

Juncker & Thuem have closed their business.

Feb 17

Lenchen came to our place.

Berthold and several others went to Gonzales to get the road through to Belmont.

Feb 17

Berthold with Hermann & family in their car to Yorktown.

Feb 18

Were in Luling; Toni greatly worried because all kinds of notes are due, and they have no money to pay them. I gave them a check for \$50.00.

Feb 20

Sophie M. Zedler Diary    20  
February 1916

Berthold and the others came back.	
Died: Wm. Eichholz.	Feb 13
Mother fell sick.	Feb 23
Planted violets.	Feb 25
Wm. Voigt entered the hospital in Gonzales.	
March 1916	
Mother very bad Friday and Saturday night.	Mar 3 & 4
Klokaus came in the car & Lenz with them.	Mar 4
Albert and the girls went home again.	Mar 5
Gustav and Riekchen came.	Mar 5
Emma Lenz with Mother & Lotchen went to Luling.	Mar 5
Sister Emma went home by train.	Mar 6
Mother's birthday today, she got so many birthday wishes, but she is so weak, that one can not talk to her.	Mar 9
Franzis J. operated on in Cuero.	Mar 8
Emma Lenz, Lenchen Bohne, and Gustav went home.	Mar 9
+ Died: Mr. Beasley.	Mar 7
+ Died: Mr. Beaversdorf.	Mar 11
Tom & Tonie are in the course of selling out, which is the best.	
Tomorrow, Monday the 13th, everything is to be completed.	Mar 13
Mother has now been sick for more than 2 weeks, and, if the cough is no longer so bad, she is so fearfully weak and has no appetite, and, therefore, one has no idea how it will end.	Mar 12
Mrs. Kelley came.	Mar 19
Eckhardts closed their doors.	Mar 14
Mother still not improved; cough no longer so bad, but her circulation is so bad that she has frightful pains in her legs, and absolutely no appetite.	Mar 18
Lotchen, Toni, Paul, and Bernice were here today with their new car. Will Gregg, who delivered it this morning brought them down here.	Mar 18
Mother better today, Sunday, has some appetite.	Mar 19
Mother worse again today, suffered with her ankles in the forenoon and cough in the afternoon, suffered frightfully the whole night.	Mar 20
Mother quieter but weaker.	Mar 21
Mother is getting weaker and weaker, takes only liquid food lying down, and of that very little. She still frequently complains with her ankles.	Mar 22
Pauline Eckhard came to Luling,	Mar 20
to Ottine with a whole car full.	Mar 21
+ Died: Mrs. Nesloney in Belmont.	
Gustav came.	Mar 22
Uncle Eduart and Aunt Minna came.	Mar 23
Toni came.	Mar 23
+ Died: Our poor old Mother.	Mar 24
At noon, 12 o'clock, 15 mi., she gently passed away after 4 painful weeks of suffering with the grippe. She fell sick on Wednesday, the 27th of Feb. 1916, and grew worse and worse, died on Friday, the 24th of March, was 90 years old on the 9th of March. <u>Peace be with her.</u>	

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 21  
March 1916

We left here with the corpse, and all our German friends who had come in from the country to pay Mother their last respects followed the coffin to the depot. On the train to attend the burial were Herman and Emma, Mother Zedler, and, from here, Hanchen Bunde. Lotchen did not go on from here because she felt bad. Hanchen Alex stayed with Delchen. Toni, Berthold and I, and Riekchen, Aunt Minna and Uncle Eduart, all went together. There, many were waiting for us, and Pastor Poch held a short service in the house and then at the grave. Many friends and relatives paid her their last respects, and her grave was completely covered with flowers. Berthold, Toni, and Hermann went home on Sunday. Mother Z., Hanchen B., and I on Tuesday. Now she is gone and will not return again.  
Our dear old Mother. \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 23

## April 1916

Helen Otto came home for 2 weeks vacation. Apr 2  
Emma Z. came home from Y. Apr 2  
Tonie and Tom closed their business.  
Contras in Caldwell County were offered 425 by the Pros. Apr 8  
Albert Klokau has had a stomach ailment for some time and is in San Antonio under Dr. Witte's care, is, however, somewhat better.  
It has been dry so long, and now, to crown it all, we had a light freeze. Apr 9  
Toni and Tom moved here with bag and baggage. Apr 6  
The furniture all moved. Apr 13  
Drove to San Marcos, ate our noon meal in Roger's Resort and had a good time. Apr 23  
The school closed here, and Mayme had her students nicely trained on Friday. Apr 28  
Austin. We all drove to Austin again, 7 to 10 miles from here. Apr 30  
Were in Luling at 7:30, where the H. Zedlers were waiting for us to take them along. We arrived in Austin at 10 o'clock, left at 4, got home at 8:10; had a good time.  
Tonie began giving Lilian Bunde music lessons.

## Sophie M. Zedler Diary 22

May 1916

Tonie began giving Lilian B. music lessons.	May 2
Rain, we finally got the rain, so long longed for, good and penetrating.	May 1
Tom began helping build the derrick.	May 6
Mat Ryan came with wife and child.	May 6
Emma Z. came with Elosine & Bernice. Will stay until Sunday and fish.	May 6
Berthold and I to S.A. to take part in the Texas Sngerfest.	May 7
To New Braunfels to see the Firemen's Parade there. It was very good.	May 8
To Comfort to attend the dedication of the old and new orphanage. Stayed until the next day, then at 3 back to S.A. on a mixed train, and home the next day.	May 10
K. Zedler and family were here.	May 11
Since there was a lack of casing, they have not yet begun to drill. Tom will work on the derrick. They are drilling on G. Lemkin's place.	May 12
Tom, Tonie, Wilson and Delchen went to Gonzales. Baby stayed here.	May 13
Luling School Closing & Exercises. Toni, Delchen, and I with Lotchen went there.	May 14
Had the Ryan relatives here.	May 16
Mrs. Hugo Ebert & Voleska Bolden were here.	May 19
Aunt Heinrich, Max H., and Emma Fechner, and H. Z.'s family were here.	May 22
Took Delchen, Wilson, & baby to Luling to the depot to go to S.A.	May 22
A daughter born to Mr. & Mrs. Hartmann.	May 24
Wedding of Mr. Albert Jngermann & Miss Lilia Roberts.	May 24
Aunt Heinrich went to St. Louis to make her home there.	May 26
Mrs. Kelley departed for El Paso.	May 27
Delchen, Wilson, & baby returned from S.A.	May 26
June 1916	
Delchen, Wilson, & baby returned from S.A.	June 1
Dedication of the swimming pool in Prairie Lee. We were there for an hour.	June 1
Annie Laura Wood began a trip to Ohio.	June 2
Sister-in-law Riekchen to Marlin to take the mineral waters.	June 5
(?) abdomen operated on in S.A. by Dr. Herraff.	June 6
He is in Santa Rosa Hospital.	
Heinrich Thuem has been in Marlin for more than a month because of his health, and is said to be no better.	June 12
Riekchen wrote that she and Aunt Marie Strieber like it real well in Marlin.	
Albert K. is doing real well according to the last reports.	
Laura & Ben Z. with Mrs. Schnabel & Alice came in the car.	June 13
We all attended Club at Wanda's for the first time since Mother's death.	
Otto & John at home since Wednesday.	June 14

## Sophie M. Zedler Diary 23

June 1916

Tom & Eugene left, both to look for work; the former to Freeport, & Eugene to Houston. "Glück auf (Good luck)!"	June 18
Lotchen with her two boys and Lilian Bunde drove to Cuero in their car.	June 22
Mat Ryan and family came to our place.	June 23
Left again.	June 26
<del>Lilian came back.</del>	

July 1916

Lotchen with her sister & her daughter Sophie came back from Cuero. Lilian, Karl Bohne, and Charley boy came by train.	July 1
Bob Ryan, Fehler, & Mat R. all to Galveston, from where Mat wants to go and meet Tom in Freeport.	July 3
Hannie Thuem, Otto Teatz, and Alfred Mollenhauer came to Luling.	July 3

August 1916

Much, much, lies between my last entry and today. We (i.e. Otto, Berthold, and I) took a pleasure trip to Yorktown, Cuero, and Goliad, and at the end of the trip stopped to see Dr. Burns about what I thought was a minor complaint, and get his advice. His advice was that I should be operated on right away.	Aug 31
The next day we went home.	Aug 5
Then to S.A. on the 19th and saw Dr. Herff, who did not consider it so urgent, but also thought the operation to be best.	Aug 14
Then, on the same afternoon (Friday), back to Cuero, where we arrived at 6 p.m.	
The next day to see Dr. Reuss, who wanted to try treatments, and, if that didn't help, then operate. Since, however, I was completely prepared and had gone through all the turmoil, which is unavoidable in such cases, likewise the children, and since an operation would, in the end, probably be necessary, I decided to go ahead with it.	Aug 15
I went from Reuss to Burns, and on the same evening to the hospital, and was operated on the next morning from 8:15 to 9:15.	Aug 20
While I was in the hospital, Lotchen and Louise came, and the latter was operated on two weeks later.	Aug 20
	Aug 21
	Aug July
	July 21
	July 22

August 1916

I am out of the hospital and stayed with Lenchen from Saturday until Monday. Albert picked me up there, and I spent the week there.	Aug 5
A 9½ lb. daughter born to Nettie and Will Luthenbacher.	Aug 5
Aunt Heinrich returned from St. Louis with Albert.	Aug 7
Berthold, who spent the first week with me, went home on Sunday.	Aug 8
	Aug 6
	Aug 6

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August 1916

He came to Cuero again on Sunday to take me home.	Aug 13
To be on the safe side, Dr. Burns prescribed a follow-up treatment with X-rays. On Monday we went to the hospital again and home in the afternoon. Marichen and Olga went along and stayed here for two weeks. I am home again after almost 4-weeks absence, and after so long a time, Florence Marie recognized me again.	Aug 14
I have felt quite well the whole time, considering the situation; only, many days when I have done something that was too much for me, I have had pains.	
Sunday we went back to Cuero again with the girls. Emma & Albert picked us up. Then to Aunt Heinrich's and from there to Klokaus.	Aug 27
The next day (Monday) to the hospital in the morning, where I didn't see Dr. Burns because he had gone to Colorado. Dr. Williams wants me to come back again in 2 weeks. To Lenzen at noon, and toward evening Albert drove me to Bohnes. The next day Joe drove me to the depot to go home again.	Aug 28
	Aug 29

## September 1916

## Kid Key

Elosine Z. & William Miles to Sherman to school.	Sep 6
Freddie to San Marcos to school.	Sep 4
Pauline E. and family moved to San Antonio.	Sep 7
Died; Clide Serell.	Sep 3
Back to Cuero for treatment.	Sep 9
Came back.	Sep 11
For the first time again, to the Club at Mrs. Ryan's.	Sep 14
Toni to San Antonio. Delchen and Wilson took her up there in the car.	Sep 17
Delchen and Wilson came back.	Sep 19
Again to Cuero for treatment, and lost my watch there.	Sep 23
Came back Monday, the 25th.	Sep 25
School begun in Ottine with 2 teachers: Mr. Williams & Miss Mamie Lemkin.	Sep 25
Wedding of Miss Ella Bremer & Mr. Marvin Voigt.	Sep 26
A son born to Mr. & Mrs. Keller Towns.	Sep 27
A stillborn daughter born to Arno & Caroline Schnaber.	Sep 29
Tom had dengue for a week, and now, after he had worked for a week again, he had a relapse.	

## October 1916

Helene Ronnefeld and children taken to North Texas by her parents-in-law.	Oct 2
We, i.e. Berthold, Lotchen, Delchen and baby, and I, all to Yorktown and spent a few hours there at the Hermannsfest in Metz'es Park.	Oct 8



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October 1916

The next day to Cuero, where I was given my last X-ray treatment. 2 weeks before I had lost my watch there, had left it hanging in the X-ray room, and will probably never see it again.	Oct 9
When we were in the park the day before, we got news from Toni that Tom was through as a student fireman. She was very happy about it. The time before, he had had a large boil on the back of his neck.	Oct 8
Also saw Dr. Burns in his office. He said, (after the examination) there was some granulation and a little proud flesh, therefore, my not feeling good, but I didn't feel good this week either.	Oct 9
Dr. Westpohl operated on for an abscess on his kidney. Had to be operated on a 2nd time and have the kidney removed. Despite this, he did rather well on Monday, and even better on Tuesday.	Oct 5 Oct 8
We went home on Tuesday, had a good trip, and no trouble, neither going nor coming. Lotchen went home on the same day.	Oct 10 Oct 10
Willie Ann & Wilson had managed alone, and the former had a good noon meal waiting for us.	
A daughter born to Hermann Thuem & wife.	Oct 6
Berthold left here to go with Hermann from Luling, by way of S.A., to visit the Dallas Fair.	Oct 14
Tom was hired as a relief fireman, and is waiting to be called out.	
The Club met at Soefjes.	Oct 12
1699 bales of cotton ginned.	Oct 14
Nell Rutledge & Alice Ryan went to S.A.; the former to be treated by Dr. Butler. She has suffered for years from a kind of rheumatism.	Oct 14
Tonight Freddie Bunde will come with Kamstadt and Ida Lou from San Marcos.	Oct 14
Freddie came a week later.	Oct 21
Berthold came back from the Fair.	Oct 19
Died: Dr. Robert Westpohl.	Oct 21
Mrs. Schnabel came back from Nordheim.	Oct 21
Tom & Tonie moved to Eckhardt's on Saturday.	Oct 28
Alice Alsop came to Mrs. Schnabel's.	Oct 30
Nell Rutledge came back from San Antonio.	Oct 30
November 1916	
Berthold and I went to Gonzales to hear Alb Wilson. We took Mrs. Woods, & Hans & Mike Huber along.	Nov 3
We all went to New Braunfels to Landa Park, Sunday with the Chas. Zedlers.	Nov 5

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November 1916

Tom and Will's case postponed.  
Tonie came home. Wilson went up with the car on Saturday and came back with Toni on Sunday.  
Berthold and I back to S.A. with Toni.  
We both returned. Tom began his night job.  
To Austin for the football game, U. V. (U.T. ?) against A & M.  
While we were there, we went to Seton Hospital to visit Gustav, but he had already been sent home a few days before. We did, however, visit Henrey Schnabel.  
And then went home in the afternoon.

Nov 6  
Nov 11  
Nov 12  
Nov 24  
Nov 27  
Nov 30

December 1916

Throughout December, I have not found time to write. Today I now have until New Year's Day left.  
Delchen, Florence Marie, and Berthold, all were sick before Christmas, and it took Delchen 2 weeks to get over it, whereas the other two were over it in a few days. All had the grip.

Otto came on Friday.

Dec 22

Toni and Tom on Sunday.

Dec 24

And we had a very lovely Christmas. Of course, Delchen still didn't feel so good, and Wilson too was down with the same sickness after Christmas, but all were satisfied and happy that we could be together.

The first day of Christmas we spent with Mother Z., the 3rd with Lotchen. The 2nd afternoon with Hanchen, and on the 29th we and R. Ryans had a very lovely party for Otto. 6 o'clock dinner and dance afterwards. Everything was beautifully decorated and given in the Gonzales Country Club, of which Otto is president.

Dec 29

Tonie and Tom left again on Sunday, the 31st.

Dec 31

The poor girl, her situation is not the best. I see her leave with a heavy heart.

Wedding of Mr. Ferdinand Boldten and Verena Voigt.

Dec 27

January 1917

Otto left for school.

Jan 2

Anna Laure Woods took her first lesson for Grand Opera.

Jan 4

Berthold and I went to Yorktown for Gustav's birthday, and to visit him because of his eyes. His eyes are better, but still not too good.

Jan 7

While there, I got a pain in my right side that still hasn't left me.

Returned Thursday.

Jan 11

Wedding of Ervin Voigt & Miss Classen.

Jan 16

Tom came from San Antonio.

Jan 17

Tom stopped off in Seguin to help at Savarnia with the oilwell.

Tom arrived.

Jan 22

Both went back to S.A. again with Dick Ryan to see about the Mexico proposition. We don't want to let Toni go because conditions are too dangerous there.

Jan 26

Gustav's eyes are better, but still not good.

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January 1917

Toni and Tom went to San Antonio in the car to see the president of the oil company. They liked him very much, and he wants to take his wife. We can not, however, decide to let Toni go. If he wants, he can go first, and if the conditions are satisfactory, perhaps she can follow. Jan 26

Toni and Tom returned from S.A. Jan 29

Pauline and the little girls came along.

Berthold went to S.A. with his dad to fit him with glasses, and he wants to go to a kidney specialist, is afraid everything is not right with them. Jan 30

Berthold and Father Z. returned from S.A. Jan 31

and the latter can not get glasses; his eyes are in a state, so that he can not find suitable ones.

Berthold did not have time to go to a specialist, postponed that until later, but he again has a few very bad boils on the right arm.

The aunts from Luling were at Hanchen's in the forenoon, here in the afternoon, even Lieschen was along. Jan 31

Emma Z., who has been sick since New Years and has not recovered, went to S.A. this week to the doctor. Since I have not been in L. since Christmas, I don't know what she was told.

February 1917

Wedding of Edgar Weil and .... Feb 14

Emma had heart disease in S.A. but is better again.

I, myself, have not been feeling so good since January and don't know why. I felt fairly well the first six months and fear it could be something serious. I sent for a 3-month treatment from the Viavi Co. that arrived today and which I will begin tomorrow. Feb 28

Otto's report card arrived today, and he failed two subjects, so, in any case, he will have to stay another year. Feb 28

Tom went to Gonzales today to begin his job with the auto sales company tomorrow. Wilson, Delchen, and Toni went there this evening to take his things to him. Berthold went bowling, so I am all alone with the baby. Feb 28

Wedding of Cillil Hudson & Nora Muller. Feb 22

March 1917

Tom has begun his job and is working hard. He believes that he has sold a car. Mar 1

We went to Gonzales to take Delchen to see Dr. Hildebrand, and he gave us very disturbing news. Delchen's kidneys are very bad, and she is already beginning to swell. He must have found something very serious, for he gave us quite a fright. Mar 5

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March 1917

I, myself, didn't feel good and strong either. Often have a dull pain on the right side. Have begun the Viavi treatment. Yesterday evening I began the first massage. I hope, I'll have good success. Oh, I only hope that everything will turn out all right. I am so worried about Delchen.

Today is Mother's birthday. I sent her a violet wreath. Here all of us have observed this day together. For almost a year she has been resting in her grave. Last year, this was her time of suffering.

Mar 9

Lotchen with her boys and Elosine drove to San Antonio.

Mar 8

Emma Z. worse again; her heart is again as bad.

Lotchen with Mother Z. to Cuero.

Mar 10

Delchen, Toni, and F. M. to Luling to spend a few days.

Mar 14

Berthold doesn't feel good, and I fear it is something serious working on him. The symptoms seem to me to be a kidney ailment.

Andreas Strieber together with Wille St. with wife and their daughter Roberta visited here. The next day to Luling; spent the day with Mother Z., and the 3rd day went back again to Yorktown.

Mar 20

Mar 21

Mar 22

Willi and his family want to move to Runge to build a gin there.

They were up here for the purpose of looking at other gins.

Tomorrow is the day of Mother's death. A year ago today, Aunt Minna and Uncle Eduart came. Who knows what will be at this time next year, and for whom one will have to mourn.

Mar 23

Jessie & Joe Bohne departed for Great Lakes, Chicago, going as Navy volunteers.

Mar 25

April 1917

Decorating graves in Yorktown.

Apr 1

Mr. Edd Lemkin operated on in Yokum by Doctors Burns & Gray.

Unfortunately, they did not find what they were looking for, namely gallstones, but something worse.

Apr 3

Here it is said that war has been declared, then, that it was not certain. Now they say, by Friday, the 6th. I fear, war will be declared — our poor boys!

Apr 3

Today I have such pains in my side again. Only God knows what that is —.

Apr 5

I am greatly worried about Delchen because of her bad kidneys.

In her present state, she often doesn't feel good.

The baby had fever last night and the whole day, so there is sorrow and trouble everywhere.

Berthold went to Dr. Hildebrand, and I have the consolation that his trouble stems from an enlarged gland, and not from the kidneys, as I feared, which is a relief.

Kate Huber will have the Club today at Alice Ryan's.

Apr 5

Berthold departed for Waco as delegate of the Sons of Hermann.

Apr 15

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April 1917

News came from Great Lakes that Jessie Bohne is dangerously sick.	Apr 15
News came that he died.	Apr 16
To Cuero in cars. Lotchen with Charley boy, Hermann, & Elosine in theirs, then Lieschen, Pauline, Francis, & Hanchen in one.	Apr 16
In Ceasar's car were Ceasar, Freddie, Toni and myself.	Apr 18
The body arrived on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and buried the same afternoon at 5 o'clock. He was buried with military honors. Joe is on the battleship Arizona, and they haven't heard from him yet. It is all so sad, and since now war is to be waged against Germany, all our hearts are heavy, for who knows how many we will yet have to mourn.	Apr 19
Berthold came to Cuero from Waco Wednesday night to attend the burial.	
Peschkes had come from Arizona.	Apr 19
We came home.	Apr 21
: Wedding of Miss Cora Schorlemmer & Mr. Braun.	Apr 19
Peschkes went back to Arizona.	
Freddie, whom the measles left with bowel trouble, he and his dad brought back his things from San Marcos on Sunday. He has quit for this year.	
Alice Ryan is sick with appendicitis and kidney stones.	Apr 22

May 1917

Otto came home, only to leave in a few days for Leon Springs, where they will get 3 months training for war service. If only they aren't sent across!	May 3
John Otto came a day later.	May 4
Telegram arrived that Joe Bohne also contracted spinal meningitis. Nothing further has been heard, and one is hoping that, since this is the 5th, he is over it. If they would lose him also, it would be just too terrible.	May 2
Tom is night watchman for the S. P. Railroad and is stationed in Malton. He doesn't like it, so will probably be back here again soon.	
Today is our — and Toni's wedding anniversary. We are celebrating with heavy hearts, for who knows how much sorrow the near future will bring!	
Tomorrow is Otto's 21st birthday, just old enough for war.	May 3
Father Zedler sick.	
Telegram arrived that Joe Bohne too is now down with the fright-disease, spinal meningitis.	May 2
He had his crisis, and one hopes that he will get over it.	May 6
Father Z. better again.	
Mrs. Brown, who had measles, had a relapse after she was already convalescing and is now very seriously ill. They have taken her by train to Gonzales to the hospital. She can not swallow and also has difficulty speaking.	May 8
Otto came home, didn't take any exams there, and they will be taken to Leon Springs for 3 months training, and what then, only God knows.	May 4
	May 5

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May 1917

John came.  
 Otto and John left again, from here to S.A. and then to Leon Springs. When will they come back —? May 7  
 Otto arrived in Leon Springs. May 9  
 + Died: Mrs. Alma Bell Brown, age 37 years. May 9  
 : A son born to Albert & Myrtle Thuem in Belmont. May 6  
 + Joe Bohne died in Portsmouth. May 9  
 Berthold to Cuero to give his support to Lenchen and Fritz. May 9  
 Wilson, Toni, Mrs. Kane and Willie Ann, and I went to the funeral of Mrs. Brown in Gonzales, had a beautiful burial in the Masonic Cemetery, but it was a rainy day. May 10  
 A letter from Otto, he is nicely settled there in Leon Springs and content, but very busy, is helping shape up the company; he belongs to Company 8. May 11  
 Today it was made public that everyone between 27 and 31 must register; that takes in Otto, Tom, and Wilson, which we look on as most unfortunate. May 11  
 Mrs. Kelley, her daughter Mamie, and little son came. May 11  
 To Cuero to Joe's funeral, Ceasar, Freddie, and I, then 2 cars from Luling. May 14  
 Joe buried, private service at home, but at the cemetery almost as many attended as at Jessie's burial. May 14  
 Came back on Tuesday; Hanchen came home with us, likewise Bohne's whole family, except Karl, who is to come somewhat later. It is very sad for both parents, Lenchen is completely broken up. May 15  
 Tom was here from Moulton, where he is employed as a night watchman of the S.P., and stayed from ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday the 10th until Monday. May 14  
 Emilie came from Belmont, where she had stayed with Albert's wife for 3 weeks; went home again the next day, Sunday. May 20  
 Hilda Sloma & Elosine came to spend the day, took Toni along to keep them company.  
 Lenchen and family spent Saturday with Hanchen, also came over here for a while. May 19  
 Hilda, Toni, Elosine, & Hinie Peoples came to get the baby. May 22  
 Berthold and I to Luling to get Florence Marie again. May 23  
 Louise graduated from St. Mary's Hall; was valedictorian. Came home. May 24  
 Otto must drill vigorously in Leon Springs, was inoculated there for typhoid fever. He was made corporal.  
 Delchen's time is getting closer and closer. If it were only over! Her kidneys didn't get as bad as I feared, but are still not normal.  
 Wm. Müller and Lenchen Zuch, Gustav and Riekchen came here for a visit. May 31  
~~To Luling: Tom, Tonie, Riekchen, Lenchen.~~ May 22

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June 1917

Tom came home from Moulton.	June 1
Tom, Tonie, Riekchen, Lenchen, and I went to Luling to visit Mother Z. and Lotchen.	
Sunday to Gonzales, and toured the town.	June 3
All the men went to Luling in the morning to visit Father Z. and to bowl in the afternoon.	
All came home again on Monday.	June 4
Lenchen Bohne came to our place.	June 6
Stayed here until Saturday.	June 9
Otto came home. Toni, Tom, Mamie Hues, and Alice Ryan met him and John in San Marcos and brought them here toward evening. Otto then went to Luling in the evening, and at noon the next day we left here and took them to San Marcos again, where their car came through at half past 2 from Austin, and from there the eight of them drove on and were to register in Camp Funston (Leon Springs) right after 7. They have to drill hard, which is tough in the heat, but they are content and feel good.	June 9
Lenchen in her great sorrow is so to be pitied. She feels her loss so deeply, and there is so little to be said to console her. Delchen's time is here; from tomorrow on she is due any hour. Oh, if it were only over! and if it all goes well.	June 10
Emma Z. with Bernice are still in S.A. at the doctor's. The former had another bad attack.	
: A little son born to Delchen and Wilson.	June 17
Although she had a hard time, the birth proceeded without instruments, and she felt good and strong until Thursday, when she had some fever. I can not imagine from what? The baby is a Sunday child, came into the world at 3 p.m. Today she has no fever so far. If it only doesn't return!	June 21
Emma very bad, so that Hermann and Elosine went up there.	June 22
Delchen better, her fever is gone, temperature below normal several times from too much quinine.	June 22
Otto came with a friend, Wilson brought them.	June 23
Otto and friend Mirlin Mitchel left again.	June 24
Tom & Toni drove them.	
Berthold to San Antonio to be with Hermann if needed, for Emma is very bad.	June 24
Three cars came from Yorktown. Wanda & Andreas Streaber and H. Junkers, all with families, to camp along the river and let the children swim.	June 24
Berthold came back.	
Emma a little better.	June 26
Hermann back from S.A. on Thursday.	
The Yorktowners went home.	June 28
Our barn with over 300 bales of hay burned down.	June 27
Hermann was called back to S.A. Emma worse again.	June 29

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June 1917

Delchen exerted herself too much during the fire, doesn't feel so well since. She got up Tuesday for the first time. The baby has been very good so far.	June 27
Tom started his new position as overseer in a gravelpit with a salary of \$60.00.	June 26
Otto and a Mr. Crieg came, this time by way of Gonzales.	June 25
+ Died: Elf. Tolk.	June 30
: Wedding of Norma Stolz and Mr. ...	June 23
	June 30

July 1917

Otto and his friend Crieg left again.	July 1
Delchen went downstairs for the first time.	July 1
Berthold and Wilson to S.A. to buy a tractor but didn't find one, stopped by Emma's and found her so changed, so listless, that there is little hope for her recovery.	July 1
Monday they both came back.	July 2
Florence Marie sick with her stomach, likewise Winston Fehles.	July 3
Mrs. Kelley & Heries back to El Paso.	July 3
The little brother had fever all night.	July 5
Otto, John, and a Mr. Spencer came by way of San Marcos. The war is getting ever more serious. Some of our boys are said to be in France already.	July 7
Otto and his friends left again today. Freddie took them to San Marcos, because our car was not completely running right.	July 8
Lenchen Bohne with her children back to her husband in Cuero; Pauline E. and Francis went along.	July 8
The boys of Ottine have joined the National Guard of Gonzales and left here Friday. They are Willie Pochert and Oscar Wilber Vancil and John Voigt.	July 10
Emma Z. came home. Hermann got her in the car. They left there at 6 o'clock on Friday and got here at 1 o'clock at night. Her sister Anna is with her.	July 13
+ Died: the little son of Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Baker, age 2 years.	July 14
Delchen drove today for the first time in the car. She doesn't feel well, at all. Has so many headaches. Baby 4 weeks old today. Went to Luling to visit Emma.	July 15
Tonie and Tom went camping today at the river near his work-site. A Ryan, H. Huber, & B. Perrie went with them.	July 15
In 4 weeks Otto can come home for 2 weeks leave; by then he will have completed his 3-months officer's training. Oh! and what will become of him then, only God knows.	
Louise Zedler to San Antonio to take a business course there.	July 11
Mrs. Ham & Anna Laura departed for Spafort to see her son Alvie.	July 14



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July 1917

Mr. Fehles got Johnney Voigt released by going to Headquarters in Austin.

Klokau's entire family, together with Estella Lenz, came to Florence Marie's birthday. July 16

Klokaus left again. July 18

Ceasar Bunde, with Freddie, Lilian William, E. and Berthold, all drove to Yorktown in their car. July 29

Berthold with Gus and Riekchen came back, and have brought Mrs. Henze and Bernice Z. along. They drove Mrs. H. to Alex's the same afternoon. July 31

Berthold, Riekchen, and Bernice went on to Luling.

August 1917

The first bale of cotton ginned. Aug 1

Alexes have brought Mrs. Henze back.

Cicil Jackson arrived and spent the night here. Driven by Wilson to Luling the next morning to catch the early train and go to San Antonio and join the Navy there. On the way back he stopped at Alex's and brought Hanchen along, who then went along to Yorktown. Aug 1  
Aug 2

All left right after breakfast. Aug 2

Emma is doing better than expected.

Today, Friday, Nettchen with children and Manilla want to come. Aug 3

Will Lutenbacher, Milchen and Donavan came the night from Saturday to Sunday. Aug 4-5

Left again on Sunday, 6 o'clock. Aug 5

Caroline Schnabel came from Yorktown. Aug 5

Went on to Belmont. Aug 6

Will Lutenbacher came the night from Saturday to Sunday and brought his mother along. They all left again at 3 p.m. Aug 12

Berthold, I, Toni, and Florence Marie went to San Antonio to get Otto. Aug 13

The first day as far as Schertz, spent the night at Mrs. Ebert's (Weimar), the next morning to S.A., then in the afternoon to Camp Funston, however, we couldn't bring him along because they have all gotten their commissions and must be sworn in on the 15th. He took his oath then at night, a few minutes after 12 midnight, and then, with many others, came to the hotel in S.A. at 3 o'clock in the night. He has become a 2nd lieutenant. And we all, with John and Otto, came home on Wednesday. Delchen had become sick in the meantime but is now better again. Aug 15

They are now ginning. Since the harvest looks very poor, I fear that it will yield very little.

Emma is swollen again. The poor soul, how will it only turn out for her? Elosine is making preparations to marry. The wedding is to be on September 1.

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August 1917

Anna Fritsch and son Herbert came Sunday.	Aug 19
went to Hanchen's on Wednesday.	Aug 22
Ella Viereck, Lieschen Tietz, Elosine and Bernice Z. came from Luling to spend the day. Emma didn't come because she wasn't strong enough.	Aug 23
It will probably be Elosine's last visit as an unmarried woman.	
Anna F., who was at Hanchen's for a few days, went back with them to Luling, to return to Houston on Saturday.	
There was an uprising in Houston, caused by the Negro soldiers. The war with Germany goes on. Many of our soldiers are said to already be there.	Aug 23
Otto is making good use of his leave. Every evening he drives to Luling. On the 29th he must go back to S.A.	
Ada Ladner with her little girls is planning to visit on Monday.	Aug 27
Ada with her little girls came.	Aug 28
Otto left again, from here by train to Luling, to report on the 29th (Wednesday) in S.A.	
Ada Ladner went home.	

September 1917

Ada Ladner went home.	Sept 1
Otto came to visit.	Sept 2
: Wedding of Henrey Couples & Elosine Zedler.	Sept 1
Ewald came here to work.	Sept 2
Louise Z. came back from S.A.	Sept 3 or 4
Went to Luling and found Emma very sick.	Sept 7
Had the Club here.	Sept 6
The Catholics had a festival here from Saturday until Tuesday. 11 children confirmed. The bishop and 2 priests were here.	Sept 8
Freddie Bunde left for S.A. to look for work.	Sept 9
Pauline and children went back to San Antonio.	Sept 11
Hanchen Bunde intends to go to Cuero tomorrow to visit Lenchen.	Sept 12
Eugene Schnabel was here to make farewell visits; he must report on the 19th.	Sept 11
Cotton ginned to Saturday: 555 bales.	Sept 15
Elosine wanted to come home with her husband.	Sept 15
Emma isn't doing good at all.	
Hanchen B. and Mother Z. came back from Cuero.	Sept 16
Wilyn M. to Sherman Kid-Key to school.	Sept 12
Lotchen was here.	Sept 14
Gonzales County is to be voted dry.	Sept 8
I went to Luling by train to visit Emma because she was so bad again on Sunday and Monday; found her a little better again but rather swollen. Her mamma has been there for a few weeks. I stayed with her the first night, the 2nd with Lotchen, and went home again on Thursday.	Sept 18
	Sept 19

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September 1917

Mr. Lemkin came to Cuero again to see Burns. He is to come again later, possibly to be operated on.	Sept 18
The drafted men all had to leave on Wednesday. Many tears and heavy hearts.	Sept 19
Hams left here on Tuesday.	Sept 2-
Tonie went with Jane Walker to Luling.	Sept 2-
Mr. Ham has been relieved by a relief agent; he is afraid of being dismissed; made an unlawful mistake.	
Francis and Pauline G., and in the afternoon, Lina Strieber with Josie Strieber and the two smallest girls came to Hannchen's in Ottine.	

October 1917

Emma was very bad. Hilda Sloma has been with her for some time.	Oct 1 and 2
The war is continuing; more and more men are being inducted.	
Lina and Josie came to our place, likewise Francis and Pauline G.	Oct 5
Sunday was my birthday. All the relatives were here, except Hermann and Emma, the poor soul. She is to stay in bed for 3 months (under Dr. Pitt's care). In the afternoon Francis St. and little Ruth came and stayed until Monday morning, and then all went to Hanchen B.'s until Tuesday, from there to Luling.	Oct 7
Wilson went to Gonzales to see Dr. Hildebrand. His state of health is not good. Tonie, Tom, and Delchen with children also went along. This week Wilson is out with the peanut threshers.	Oct 8
Little B.Z. is developing so nicely, looks so healthy, and is also much better behaved.	Oct 10
Otto had a car accident for the 2nd time.	Oct 10
+ Died of summer disease: the little son, 1 year and 2 months old, of Frank and Cecilie DeBoard.	
Viola Reilly came Sunday for a visit.	Oct 14
intends to go to W. Bats today.	Oct 17
Otto came.	Oct 20
left again.	Oct 21
To the silver wedding at O. Voigts.	Oct 26
Emma is very bad. Have even sent for Elosine. Hanchen and Hilda are still there.	Oct 24
Saloons closed.	Oct 31
+ Died: Mr. Wm. Eckhardt.	Oct 28

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 36  
November 1917

Today the 3¢ postage rate for letters begins.	Nov 1
I am going to Luling today, have received news that Emma is so bad that one fears the worst.	Nov 2
+ Died: Emma Zedler, 8.45 a.m.	Nov 5
Anna came the same day by train.	Nov 5
Mrs. Damkin came the next day, Saturday.	Nov 6
Emma passed away after much suffering on Monday, quarter to nine, and was buried on Tuesday afternoon in the Lutheran Cemetery in Yorktown.	
Tietze's family is badly stricken with typhoid fever. Lieschen with 3 children, Frieda, Waldimar, and Lorine, are seriously sick with it.	
+ Died: Frieda Tietz, Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock.	Nov 13
The relatives from here were well represented at Emma's funeral. Berthold with F.M. went right home again on Wednesday.	
We others went to Runge's on Thursday.	
Hanchen B. went home on Friday, and the others to Cuero to Lenchen's and home the next day.	
Delchen and the little boy and I stayed longest. We had him baptized on Thursday forenoon at Gustav's, and have had Elosine, and Louise Zedler, and Hugo Yunker, and Ed Mollenhauer as sponsors. It happened to be Pastor Poch's silver wedding anniversary.	Nov 8
The same day, Hermann, Elosine with her husband, and Bernice went home and took Hanchen with them.	Nov 8
Delchen had felt bad the whole time that we were in Y.; constant headache, and very high fever the first night.	Nov 8
: Wedding of Mr. Bode and Ellie Schwarz.	Nov 4
It is said that the gravel-pit is to be closed; that will mean unemployment for Tom.	
Will Ryan went to Austin today to finish the papers, making him a captain of the Texas Rangers with \$100 25.00 salary. John Otto to Laredo.	Nov 16
Hermann hired a housekeeper, Miss Maneyfee.	Nov 30
	Nov 12

December 1917

Mrs. Schnabel moved to Cibolo.	Dec 5
Mrs. Miles came to visit us.	Dec 9
left again to Y.	Dec 15
Lotchen came with Paul.	Dec 16
Went home.	Dec 17
Mary Lenz & Ida Semple to Luling.	Dec 16
To Ottine.	Dec 18
Back to Cuero.	Dec 19
: Wedding of Herbert Menn & Martha Poch.	Dec 21
: Wedding of Rodney Alsup & Louise Schwarz.	Dec 22
Went to Luling, stopped at Hermann's, met Miss Mannefee. She made a good impression.	Dec 21

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Dec 22

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Again a year is gone. Oh! May the new one bring us happiness and peace.

Tom left for S.A. to find work on the new comtolment (?). Jan 2

We had Lotchen and her children with us on New Years, Han- Jan 1

chen and Mrs. Soefje in the afternoon.

Wilson and Berthold went to Gonzales to pay off a few notes on Jan 2

the place, and also to take it all over, and I bought \$5.00 worth of wool yarn to knit some wool things for Otto.

Mrs. Hildebrand phoned us that she had seen in The Express Jan 4

that Otto with many others had received a first lieutenant's

commission, another joy through him. It means \$20.00 more pay

a month. \$16 per month clear, and yet still too little for his

tastes.

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 38  
January 1918

Otto came as first Lieutenant with Willyn.	Jan 5
Left again. Wilson went up by train to get the car.	Jan 6
Berthold was sick with the grippe from the 4th to the 17th,	Jan 4
when he worked a little again for the first time and went out.	Jan 17
Toni went with Will Rutledge to S.A. in the car. Also his father	Jan 10
and Nell and Alice went along. They had trouble on the road,	
didn't get there but had to spend the night with Mrs. Schna-	Jan 10
bel, and only reached S.A. the next day. In the evening,	
when they reached Sevilla, a cold norther surprised them. It	
brought us snow and ice in the night, so that everything was	
white, and we had to think of Tom and Otto. And Tom had it	
bad enough.	
Toni returned from S.A. Wilson brought her and Alice R. back.	Jan 15
Baby has been sick a couple of times recently. First, a kind of	
croup, and now we think that it comes from the teeth.	
Toni wanted to go home tomorrow but felt so badly that she de-	Jan 19
cided to stay longer.	Jan 22
Toni and Anna Laura went to S.A. Berthold, F.M., and I drove	
them to Luling.	
Freddie B. came home.	Jan 30

February 1918

Otto & Toni came home.	Feb 2
Left again Sunday.	Feb 3
Viola Reilly came with son Jack.	Feb 4
Today, 5th day of Emma's death. It has been 3 months.	Feb 5
+ Died: Helene Otto (Rannefeld).	Feb 10
Hanchen Alex came.	Feb 12
Viola was here to see Eva Botts.	Feb 12
I went to San Antonio to spend some time with Otto, for we fear	Feb 18
that he will soon be sent to France.	
Otto was with us almost every evening.	
Went to Camp Travis.	Feb 20
+ Mrs. Röker took her own life by jumping from the bridge in	Feb 20
Belmont.	
On Washington's birthday they had a big military parade. We all	Feb 22
went and saw everyone whom we knew that was there. Berthold	
had come the evening before.	Feb 21
Otto came in the afternoon, and we all went out to R. Eck-	
hard's. Tom phoned there that he had met E. Schnabel on the	
street, and they were waiting for us in Toni's room. We stop-	
ped at Guggan's on the way back and bought another ticket for	
Eugene. And then in the evening to the Beethoven Hall to	
hear Anna Schumann Heink sing. Was very good.	Feb 22
Monday Berthold and I came home again.	Feb 25
Toni and Tom came a day later to take up his work in the gra-	
velpit again.	Feb 26

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 39  
March 1918

Received news from Otto that he is being sent to New York in 20 days. Who knows how and why, and when he'll come back? Oh! the terrible war! What all will we yet have to go through?	Mar 9
Berthold went to S. Antonio to see Otto one more time before his departure and bring him some money for the trip, for the Government pays his expenses only when he returns. God only knows how it will all turn out.	Mar 10
Toni is moving today into our house with Walkers. Until later the part will also be empty.	Mar 10
Today is Brother Wilhelm's birthday, yesterday was Mother's.	Mar 10
Otto plans to begin the trip on Monday evening at 7 o'clock with 4 other first lieutenants. His orders are to escort 500 privates to a certain port of embarkation to be sent directly to France, (a sad duty), the poor, poor boys! And one is plagued by the doubt, if, at the last moment, Otto won't get orders to go over there with them. It is already Wednesday, and we have not yet heard from him, and he wanted to write a card now and then.	Mar 11
+ Died: Hermann Gips, age 70 years.	Mar 13
+ Mrs. Adolph Spiess died, age 67 years.	Mar 15
+ Died: Mrs. Friedericke Buschick, age 85.	Mar 16
Otto unexpectedly returned; so another reprieve, but for how long? —	
Otto left again to report to his captain. There were 6 first lieutenants with 456 privates; the officers had to take the privates to North Carolina to be sent to France.	Mar 2-
To the Club at Soefje's.	Mar 21
Father Z.'s birthday.	Mar 23
Tonie, Tom, F.M., and Lilian to Luling to visit Hermann and Bernice; stayed all night.	Mar 23
Lenchen B. with her family came to her dad's birthday, and we were all there.	Mar 24
Lenchen and family came here in the forenoon, and went home in the afternoon.	Mar 25
April 1918	
Riekchen surprised us with her visit.	Apr 2
: Wedding of Helene Otto & Karl Huber.	
To the Club at Wm. Voigt's.	Apr 4
Riekchen was called home by phone because Hanchen is very sick and, according to the doctors, needs an operation.	Apr 5
Hanchen Thuem, operated on in Yorktown.	Apr 6
: Wedding of Bill Huber & Helene Otto in San Antonio's St. Mary's Cathedral.	Apr 3

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April 1918

+ A Soefje boy died of pneumonia in Georgia. Apr 16  
Hanchen Bunde went to Cuero with her mamma to help poor Apr 16  
Lenchen through her days of sadness, for on the 16th, it will  
have been a year since Jessie died. Her period of mourning  
lasted a month then, and since her family life leaves much to  
be desired, she is doubly to be pitied.  
From down there, Hanchen brings the news that Karl Strieber  
spoke against the government, and a mob came and beat him.  
At night they came and arrested him, and he is now in jail.  
Otto came Saturday. Apr 27  
Left again. Apr 28  
Shower for Helene Otto (Huber).

May 1918

Shower given here for Helene Otto (Huber). She received from May 2  
the Club as a gift: silver knives and forks, a beautiful cut-  
glass water service. Price from Huber: \$25.00.  
+ Died: Karl Nickel. May 5  
Today is Otto's birthday, 22 years old. He is still in Camp Tra- May 6  
vis, but who knows how long that will be?  
Delchen was sick the whole time.  
Otto. News received from Otto that he has received orders to  
leave his camp and company and to transfer to officers' train-  
ing camp as instructor. He dislikes leaving his company and  
friends, but we felt that it is a favorable thing, for his depart-  
ure for Europe will be postponed until later.  
About a month ago Karl Strieber was beaten until he collapsed  
by a mob of about 50-60 men, then dragged off to jail, where  
he stayed for 16 days before he was able to be freed on bond.  
His bondsmen were his brothers, Gustav, Herm, Chas., and  
Louis Strieber. All of this because of disloyalty, and he claims  
to be completely innocent (terrible conditions for us Germans  
now.)  
Today his trial is to be held. Hope, he isn't convicted. May 13  
Otto wanted to come home on Saturday because, from now on, it  
will be more difficult for him to get away. He let us know that  
he can not come until later. Delchen with the little ones, Dad,  
and Toni did, however, come up to get little Berthold. May 11  
The aunts went through here to Luling. May 11  
Aunts M. Strieber, Alwine Mollenhauer, and Louise Schubeck May 18  
stayed in Luling until Tuesday, then to Hanchen in Ottine until  
Wednesday, then from Wednesday to Thursday here with us. May 21  
Mother Z. was also here with them.  
School is out. Today is the big school picnic, and this evening May 24  
patriotic speaking and the Belmont home-talent play.  
Lotchen Z. to Cuero as church delegate. May 19  
Gustav with 3 Nordheim men visited us; came from S.A. and New May 23  
Braunfels.  
left again today, Friday, the 24th. 24  
: Wedding of Edwin Alsup & — Balden. May 31



## Sophie M. Zedler Diary 41

June 1918

- + A small son of Lillie Bohorn (Mueller) was run over and killed by a car.
- Eugene Schnabel and Melinda were here with the baby. The former to say farewell, for he expects very soon to be sent to Europe with the 90th Inf. Division.
- Otto also belongs to this Division, and we are very afraid that he will have to go too.
- Lotchen went to Cuero too, to attend the funeral of the little Mueller child. June 5
- Tom and Will Rutledge had an unpleasantness, in which Tom received a blow over the head from the latter. This left a deep cut. June 4
- Otto left. Saturday we received a letter, which he sent Thursday, in which he wrote that when we get his letter, he will be on his way. It was a hard blow, even though one had to expect it. Because he had been spared so long, we have trusted in our good star, and so it was unexpected. May God be with him and shield him from the worst! How long will it only be until we see him again? — June 8
- Tuesday we received the first letter from Otto since he has been enroute. It was mailed in Tennessee. June 11
- : Wedding of June Fuque & Vernon Crowell. June 8
- Rained all around us, but here everything is burning up.
- Oskar Voigt went to the Army today. From here to College Station to study gas engines. June 11
- Sunday Irma Alvis (Voigt) was operated on for piles. June 12
- Mrs. Voigt's health is said to be very poor.
- Mike Huber had the good fortune, through the mediation of B. Ryan, to get a position in College Station that still happened to be open, and he immediately went with Oskar without taking leave of his family.
- + Died: Handy Riedel (Adex) while her parents were enroute to visit her. June 15
- A letter from Otto from Long Island, N.Y. June 17
- Reinhold and wife came on a visit. June 17
- Mrs. Otto with Ella took a trip to Laredo to visit John. The two came back Monday. Ella stayed in S.A. June 14
- Lenchen, Fritz, and family came. Ceasar, Hanchen, Berthold, and I met them in the lane, and then all went back to Luling. The next day they stopped here, and then, toward evening, went home. June 25
- June 24

## Sophie M. Zedler Diary 42

July 1918

Berthold and I drove to Yorktown with Hermann.	
The same day Tom went to Austin with Bob R. where he wanted to see Adjutant General James A. Harley. He promised him a commission, but he must join the Texas Cavalry Brigade and train with them for 3 months in Gonzales, which he will do.	
4 July, a patriotic festival in Metz Park, which we also attended.	July 4
: A son born to Mr. & Mrs. A. Hartmann.	July 4
To Klokau's in Cuero with Gus and Riekchen.	July 5
Visited relatives and Ida Riedel.	July 6
We two went to Cuero with Hermann to visit Lenchen, took Aunt M. Strieber along to Miechen's. Bernice has been sick as long as she has been in Yorkt.	July 7
Was operated on by Dr. Allen.	July 5
Out of the hospital, is doing very well.	July 7
Nettie with children and Manilla arrived for a week's visit with Riekchen.	July 7
Went home again with Hermann.	July 8
Delchen sick with fever.	July 9
: Card came from the Government announcing Otto's arrival overseas.	July 8
Hanchen and children arrived again.	July 12
+ Aunt Bremer died.	July 13
Toni and Tom to Yorktown to the funeral.	July 14
Tom trained with the Texas Cavalry for the 2nd time.	July 13
Nando Strieber's and Gus Schulz's families arrived for a visit.	July 15
Tonie & Tom came back.	July 15
The first bale of cotton ginned.	July 18
Visitors left again.	July 18
Operated on by Dr. Allen.	July 13
H. Alex went into the Army.	July 25
Pauline E. came to Ottine.	July 25
Willyn Miles received the first letter from Otto.	July 25
: Letter from Otto arrived.	July 27
August 1918	
: Letter from Otto, written in England on 4th of July.	Aug 3
Tom went to Houston.	July 31
came back.	Aug 2
Tonie & Tom went to S.A. to see Adj. Harley.	Aug 3
Letter from Otto arrived from France.	Aug 8
2nd letter from Otto.	Aug 9
Klokau's children arrived.	Aug 10
Ada Ladner & children arrived.	Aug 11
Klokaus left again.	Aug 12
Hurt my arm in a fall.	Aug 13
Carman & Grace Strieber came to Lillian B.'s.	Aug 15
Ada Grace to Luling.	Aug 17
2 letters from Otto.	Aug 19
Ada L. to Luling.	Aug 19
Carman, Grace, Minerva & Lillian to Luling.	Aug 19
Minerva D. to Sleyden.	Aug 22
Carman & Grace to Yorktown.	Aug 23
Mrs. Gohmert broke her hip.	Aug 21

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August 1918

Länchen came.

Letter from Otto.

Aug 26

September 1918

Registration day for those aged 18 to 45.

Sept 12

My hand still not completely well, and it has already been 5 weeks.

Sept 16

Tom left for S.A. All officers are to register Wednesday in Camp Stanley.

Sept 23

Riekchen and Gustav came by train.

Sept 25

A letter from Otto after 2 weeks.

Sept 23

Gustav and Riekchen arrived.

Sept 23

Gustav and Riekchen left again Friday.

Sept 23

2 letters from Otto.

Sept 27

: A son born to Elosine & Henrey Cupples.

Sept 27

October 1918

Card from the Government, announcing Oscar Voigt's arrival.

Oct 3

Hanchen and Freddie to Cuero to have the latter operated on.

+ Died: Bernice Janszen, age 9 years, 6 months.

Oct 4

Delchen, Wilson, and I went to the funeral.

Oct 5

came back.

Oct 6

+ Saw in the newspaper that Capt. Sam R. Craig died in France; he also belonged to the 90th Division and was killed on 14 Sept. in the St. Mihiel Drive by an exploding bomb.

Oct 6

Offers of peace by Germany received by the President.

Oct 7

I hope to God, they are accepted.

They have begun to wean Berthold Zedler.

Oct 8

+ Died: Oscar Pocher, in Houston, in Camp Logan of Spanish influenza. The disease is raging horribly in all the military camps. Camp Travis alone is said to have 3000 cases.

Oct 8

Camp Funston Stanley, where Tom is, has 400.

Oct 9

Also news came today that George Heckkoff is down with influenza, very seriously sick.

Oct 9

Oscar Pocher buried.

Oct 11

: A daughter born to Mr. & Mrs. R. Denment.

Oct 11

The conditions in the camps are terrible. In Camp Travis alone there are said to be over 6,500 cases. Toni is very worried about Tom, for in Camp Stanley, too, it is very bad. Capt. Greem now out of danger, and Lieut. Parr was reported dead yesterday, and in the northern camps it is said to be worse.

Oct 11

Otto presumed to be at the front. Oh, if one only knew how he is. Since the prospects for peace are good, one must be happy if he is only spared to us.

+ Fallen in France, Lieut. Montgomery Fly on 13 Sept.

The news reached here that Alvy Rutledge also fell in combat over there on Sep. 12th.

Oct 12

Toni made the trip to S.A. to see Tom.

Oct 12

Freddie Bunde came home.

Oct 11

Tonie came back from S.A.

Oct 14

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October 1918

We received news through others that Otto had been gassed, whereupon we sent him a cablegram. God grant that he is still alive and able to sustain his life. Oct 14

Spanish influenza is raging terribly in the army camps everywhere, and one suspects that just as many are dying here as over there in combat, if not more. Oct 16

Here, victims of the influenza are Freddie and Lillian Bunde, and Wanda & Winston Fehles.

Tom is still healthy and doing well.

News reached here that

Karli Bohne is also down with influenza. Oct 14

Francis and Lieschen Gips are down with it. Oct 15

+ Died: Karlie Bohne in Camp Mose of pneumonia. Oct 24

Letter from Otto on Friday. Oct 16

3 letters from Otto on Tuesday. Oct 22

Influenza still very bad, many are dying. Oct 25

Still no reply to our cablegram. Oct 26

How is he? — is he alive — or has he too fallen? —

Tom came. He has a knot in his side that he will let Dr. Pits examine. Oct 27

Hanchen Bunde went to Cuero to be with Lenchen in her great sorrow. Oct 27

+ Karl's corpse arrived Wednesday. Oct 30

: A daughter born to Berthold & Jane Thuem. Oct 30

Viereck and Hanchen Thuem, both very sick with influenza.

November 1918

2 letters from Otto on Saturday. Nov 2

4 letters from Otto on Monday. Nov 4

Otto must have been very badly gassed, much worse than he let us know.

Hope, Otto is not at the front again, for one hopes that peace is near, for, since all the other belligerents have withdrawn, Germany stands alone and can well not do otherwise that surrender.

4 letters from Otto. Nov 6

: Wedding of Jessie Strieber and Lora Gelnhardt.

Peace. Finally Peace, or at least armistice, which means as much as peace. Just on Delchen's birthday. Nov 11

Happy are those, whose family members survived. Nov 11

Tom left again on Wednesday. Nov 6

Elosine came with the baby, Zedler with Toni & Wilson. Nov 6

left again. Nov 7

Mrs. Miles, Willyn, Lotchen, and Louise came on a visit. Nov 13

Reiley family visited. Nov 14

left again. Nov 15

Viereck finally better, sat up for the first time. Nov 13

Berthold, however, in bed again, a relapse from influenza, Hanchen also better.

12.48 bales of cotton ginned by Saturday. Nov 16

there is still some top brap.

Tonie & Alice Ryan went to S.A. Nov 16

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 45  
November 1918

The Government notification that Otto — suffered undetermined wounds. The cablegram says „about the 20th.“ It should say, however, on the 13th.	Nov 14
Otto's notice of being wounded was published in the casualty list on Friday.	Nov 22
Every day, death notices of the fallen come in. I fear for the coming week. In that time most everything will have been reported. The Rainbow, and 36th Division are supposed to have suffered very heavy losses.	
+ Died: Mrs. Rose.	Nov 21
Had the first frost worth mentioning.	Nov 24
1281 bales of cotton ginned.	Nov 23
Strawberries planted.	Nov 23
Onions planted.	Nov 25
Otto's box sent off.	Nov 29

December 1918

+ Died: Annie Schorri, née Zedler, of influenza.	Dec 2
Mr. Harman fell from the roof, hurt his back.	Dec 3
Tonie went to S.A. with Capt. Will Ryan.	Dec 5
Tom's big day, graduation at Camp Stanley.	Dec 6
Delchen, Wilson, & FM., who wanted to go to S.A., had to give up their trip because they were all not feeling well, and because the influenza is much worse again.	Dec 7
+ Died: Mrs. William M. Wolf of influenza.	Dec 5
Cotton ginned by lamplight, another 34 bales for the day.	Dec 6
Miss Blakesly to Cuero, (news) not yet received that her brother died in France.	Dec 7
+ Arthur Pin died of wounds received at the front.	
+ Died: Mrs. Kraege on Sunday.	Dec 8
2 letters from Otto, one on Saturday,	Dec 14
the other on Monday.	Dec 16
Tom took over his position at the gravelpit again.	Dec 16
Otto arrived in the U.S.A.	Dec 25
+ Died: Charles Hoskins.	Dec 31

January 1919

Now the frightfully unhappy year is over. Oh, how much woe and misery it has brought! Here and over there, how many of our brave boys will not return, and many will come back as cripples. Oh, may God console their poor families, and help them recover from their grievous losses.	Jan 1
Today, New Year's Day, we celebrated in a quiet manner as seldom before. I cooked a good noonday meal, had Tom & Tonie here. In the afternoon I darned socks and patched some underwear; late, toward evening. Kate H. came for a while, and still later Jane Walker came for milk, and that is everybody outside the family that we have seen.	Jan 1
Otto has been back in the U.S.A. again since Christmas Eve, thanks be to God; however, how he is doing, we don't know.	

Sophie M. Zedler Diary 46  
January 1919

Received a telegram on the 2nd day of Christmas, in which he reports his arrival. Willyn received a 2nd one on Sunday, in which he says, "Still in Camp Merrit, leave for Michigan & then home." This tells us little, for we don't know how long and why he must stay there. God grant that he is not holding something back, for we learned later that he was first wounded gassed, and then wounded, and was left with a cough from the gas.

Today, the 11th, is B's birthday.

Jan 11

Otto came. Thanks be to God! He is indeed thin, but doesn't look bad, and doesn't complain. Toni and Tom drove to Luling to see Dr. Pits about Toni. He came then on the afternoon train from Houston, and arrived here just as we were sitting at supper. Our joy was overwhelming.

Jan 10

But the doctor advised Toni to have her tonsils removed and says, she also has influenza, is feeling better today, however. Otto asked for an honorable discharge, and he is now out of the Army. What will he do now?

Otto here today with Willyn.

Jan 11

Ella Otto, who is sick with the flu, and was already better again, is so bad today that the doctor took her to G. to the hospital. It is now said to be pneumonia. Who knows how she'll come back! — Karl Huber and his wife are also down with it. Mr. and Mrs. Otto are complaining too. Mr. Glass is also seriously sick with it. Also Mrs. Huero and children are sick. It is a terrible disease. Wilson, who had it, but in milder form, is up again.

Jan 11

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+ Ella Otto died of influenza, age 18 years.

Jan 15

John Otto came

Jan 15

Ella Otto buried.

Jan 16

Mrs. Otto, who immediately had to go to bed in G. from the same disease, was brought in the ambulance.

Jan 15

Otto brought John from G. the same day.

Toni has been sick with the flu for over a week now; fever keeps returning.

Jan 20

Otto to Houston to look for employment.

Jan 19

Wilson, Delchen, and Florence to San Antonio.

Jan 20

Mrs. Otto seriously sick; have had Dr. Mammes. He declared it to be bronchial pneumonia.

Jan 20

Have a new black woman as help, Ida — began on the 10th.

Jan 10

Otto back from Houston, came on Thursday.

Jan 23

Delchen and family came back.

Jan 25

Otto was given a great surprise. The citizens of Ottine have given him a big reception with a ball and banquet, a speech by Mr. Otto, singing by Mrs. Miles and her choir, and he was given a watch with inscription by Mr. Otto in the name of all the citizens. All was very beautifully decorated, and he was very honored, and it showed great good will and friendship for us.

Jan 25

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Geo Woods Maunsell ]

] Secretaries.

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Chairman of the Board of Examiners

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Registrar

[Embossed Seal of  
The Royal Dublin  
Society]

Received this Certificate from the Royal Dublin Society,  
this 28th day of July 1871.

Isaac Gillespie

Drum, Killyea, Co. Armagh.

Signature and Address of the Person

to whom this Certificate has been awarded.



## POCKET NOTEBOOK OF ISAAC GILLESPIE

Introduction

The preceding page represents the Certificate of Merit, a sort of diploma, which was presented in 1871 to 21-year-old Isaac Gillespie of County Armagh, Ireland. He was the grandfather of Mr. Hal Starkey of Austin, Texas, who has the good fortune to possess an interesting collection of memorabilia pertaining to this ancestor. Mr. Starkey is also fortunate to have a wife (Liz, a member of AGS) who has devoted much time to tracing this line. Our Society is grateful to both of them for allowing us to publish Isaac Gillespie's pocket notebook containing two accounts of his 1874 voyage across the ocean and his financial accounts while he was a teacher in San Augustine and Sherman, Texas, 1876-77, and other things.

Biographical Data

Isaac Gillespie b. 1 Jan 1850, Killylea, Co. Armagh, Ireland; d. 29 Feb 1892, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX; m. 26 Jan 1876 at Melrose, Nacogdoches Co., TX, to

Rebecca Anna Hardeman b. 16 Mar 1857, Melrose; d. 23 May 1939, Jacksonville.

Children

1. Bertha Georgina Gillespie b. 9 Dec 1876, San Augustine, TX; d. 5 Mar 1941, Galveston, TX; m. 25 May 1902 at Dawson, Navarro Co., TX, J.R. Holland.

2. Rebecca Anna Gillespie b. 1 Aug 1879, Melrose; d. 19 Jun 1903, Jacksonville; m. 7 Sep 1902 at Jacksonville, W.Y. Forrest.

[These girls were baptized at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sherman, Grayson Co., TX, probably by the Rev. E.W. Gilliam, rector. Christ Church in San Augustine apparently had no rector between 1867 (when the Rev. Robert D. Shindler resigned) and 1880. On 22 Oct 1876, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg, Bishop of Texas, licensed Isaac Gillespie to act as Lay Reader in Christ Church, but that office does not include baptizing. (This was a very appropriate act, since Gillespie means "Servant of the Bishop.") Presumably the bishop did not return to San Augustine between the time that Bertha was born and the Gillespies' move to Sherman. That would explain why Bertha was not baptized before Rebecca Anna.]

3. Isaac Gillespie Jr. b. 20 Sep 1887, Austin, Travis Co., TX; d. 14 Apr 1918, Palestine, Anderson Co. TX; m. in December 1905 at Jacksonville, Fannie Whitehead.

4. Vera Gillespie b. 15 Jul 1889, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA; d. 14 Mar 1970, Jacksonville, TX; m. 19 Jul 1909 at Jacksonville, Homer Blakeley STARKEY.

Mentioned in the notebook is a George Gillespie, thought to be a younger brother of Isaac, who came to America with him. At one time his address was Paris, Texas. W. Gillespie is also listed, with three addresses in New York.

There is a manuscript essay on Education in Isaac Gillespie's handwriting, across the top of which is written "To R.G. with compliments from his brother Ike." Further faint clues to family members are found in a letter written 19 Sep 1891 at Quarry Hill, Killylea, addressed to "My Dear brother" and signed Annie. Unfortunately, we are unable to decipher most of the names mentioned -- interested readers may contact the Starkeys.

To quote from Two Centuries in East Texas by George Louis Crocket: "... two well-educated Englishmen,\* Messrs. Isaac Gillespie and William R. Leonard, were employed in 1876. By this time the public school system\*\* of the State had been put into operation, and this was School Community No. 1 [of San Augustine County]. The strong points of the school were mathematics and English. ... Mr. Gillespie left for Jacksonville [Sherman] about 1877."

On 20 July 1877, a highly complimentary letter was addressed to Professor Isaac Gillespie. Signed by 12 "patrons of the School taught here [San Augustine] by yourself and Mr. Leonard during several sessions," the writers "feel convinced that your teaching has been thorough to an extent not excelled by any teacher we have ever known." They acclaimed him as an "honest, refined, and cultivated gentleman" and regretted that he had decided to move to Sherman.

Not all of Professor Gillespie's residences and occupations are known; there is evidence that he sold insurance at some point. It is known that he was

Associate Principal of Bells High School in Grayson County, for in May 1883 the Mayor of Sherman highly recommended him to Mayor Dodson of Gainesville, Cooke County. For a few months in 1885-86 Isaac Gillespie was principal of West Austin Ward School (name changed to Pease Austin Public School in 1902), and was replaced by Prof. W.R. Leonard who served four years.

It is to be hoped that further research will reveal more of the life and family of this interesting man. Meanwhile, details of the ocean voyage and of items (with their prices) that were essential to the life of a school master in East Texas in the 1870s should be of interest to many of our readers.

\*When Isaac Gillespie made his Declaration of Intent to become a Naturalized Citizen on 21 Mar 1881 in the County Court of Grayson County, it was recorded that he named England as "Country of Birth or Allegiance," although family records say he was born in Ireland. Armagh is one of the six Protestant counties in Northern Ireland that in 1922 demanded to remain in the United Kingdom. It is believed that at least part of Isaac's education was conducted in England.

\*\*Although called public schools, students were charged tuition (Audray Bateman, Austin American Statesman, 15 Aug 1980).

*Editor's Note:*

*We appreciate Liz and Hal Starkey's furnishing this highly interesting information concerning Isaac Gillespie and his travels, and thank Helen Rugeley for assembling it. In this issue (the next six pages) we present, first, Mr. Gillespie's Pocket Notebook followed by explanatory notes; then a copy of a letter from Mr. Gillespie to William Strong Esqr. in London (with notes preceding). Because of their length, the reprinting of Mr. Gillespie's financial accounts will be carried in our first quarter 1993 (March) issue.*

The Notebook

The brown fabric-covered notebook measuring slightly over three by five inches has a wrap-around cover and marbelized endpapers. It opens with a printed 1874 calendar and a "Concise Ready Reckoner" for shillings and pence, plus a Table of Stamp Duties.

Entries are not continuous -- some are out of chronological order and many pages are blank. Some entries were made in pencil, some in ink, which was often blurred and illegible. Fragments of Isaac's favorite poems are scattered throughout. There are some pages of unexplained figuring and some in a shorthand that several modern secretaries could not decipher.

The transcriber and editor has arranged the contents into sections, such as the log of the voyage, a letter elaborating on the trip, accounts, addresses, etc. Following each section of verbatim entries, presented in boldface, is an interlude of explanatory notes in another font.

On the first ruled page, young Isaac seems to have written the names of the various schools he had attended.

Abbreviations used: Evg = evening; K = Knots; Newfd. = Newfoundland; O.C. = o'clock.

Question marks in brackets = writing not clear to transcriber.

## POCKET NOTEBOOK OF ISAAC GILLESPIE

Isaac Gillespie

## Addresses:

Drum, Killylea, Armagh  
Educational Institution Dundalk  
Santry School nr. Dublin  
Slough - Bucks  
Croom's High School Greenwich

Set out for America on Tuesday 6 Jany 1874. Left Killylea by 5 past 9 (A.M.) O.C. Train - Left Belfast at 11 O.C. P.M. on Liverpool Boat "Galvanic." Evg calm but when well out a steady breeze began to blow in our face. Boat listed and heaved fearfully making us terribly giddy. Landed in Liverpool 2 O.C. found that "State of Minnesota" had sailed -- took up quarters at The Globe 46 & 48 Regent Street Clarence Docks Liverpool. Saw Leonard -- took passage per Allan Line ship Canadian to Norfolk & through to Shreveport on same day (Wednesday 7th 1874) Thursday visited the Museum and Library -- Day Showers -- read aftermath [sic] Also went to see the Wax Works

Friday -- Day fine -- Crossed the Mersey to Birkenhead -- Saw Bill Curry -- Explored principal parts of Liverpool -- Went to Alexandra Theatre -- Pantomime -- Lalla Rookh -- Clowns & Pantaloons as usual most amusing.

Saturday -- Day fine. Spent morning in bed -- afternoon at Library -- had an edifying conversation with a young British Seaman. Went for a walk in the Evg.

Sunday had a walk with Marshall, Curry, McKeown & Lockheed. Spent Evg with Marshall -- Day fair.

Monday -- Went to Library -- wrote letters. Day fine.

Tuesday -- Went to ship at 11 O.C. Day fair. Left L'pool at 6 O.C. Strong head wind. Boat "Canadian" & running west.

Wednesday -- Morning rainy (slightly) reached Queenstown about 5 O.C. P.M. Evg very fine -- promenading Deck till half past nine --

Thursday -- Wind still ahead raining more or less all day -- nearly everyone sick. Geo. sick both yesterday & today. Self feeling queer today.

Friday -- fine with occasional squalls & showers of hail & sleet. (Both feeling queer still getting better) Saw part of a wreck -- the sea in its majesty -- continual shipping of seas -- 35 Knots

Saloon passenger got his arm broken. Night wild & stormy -- great rocking about.

Saturday (14th Jany) 9½ Knots -- Morning & afternoon clear. Sea subsided considerably -- Evg head wind still continuing blowing stronger. Sea high -- A very wild night.

Sunday 5 O.C. Morning. Cabin sky-lights broken in. Ladies rushing about screaming. Some of the Engine valve tackle breaks -- vessel stops -- more crying out What's wrong? Are we going down? -- 5½ Knots -- Weather continues rough all day -- toward Evg wind veered a little to the Northward. Continuing steady till

Monday morning. rate 11 Knots. Wind as usual all the day.

Tuesday Morning fine -- sun pretty strong (54° F) (previous day 42° F) Evg wind a little stronger -- rate during night from 7 to 10 Knots -- passed a vessel

Wednesday morning at 6 O.C. Wind & sea very high all the day with a good deal of rain. Waves dashing even over hurrican<sup>a</sup> deck & spray half mast high. Just dodging about all the day. Water getting everywhere through the vessel.

Thursday. Morning wind & sea down a great deal (36° F) 10½ K. 9 O.C. Evg fair with pretty strong wind.

Friday fine cold morning 31° F Evg some rain -- S.W. wind -- sea very high. Made St. Johns at 4 o'clock on

Saturday morning -- Went into St. Johns at 5 O.C. -- stayed about an hour (snowballing &c) left at 9 O.C. -- quiet Evg & night.

Sunday (24° F) Morning fine. Service in Saloon twice -- Evg a fall of snow (24° F)

Monday Mornng foggy (6° F) lying off Halifax Harbour (9 O.C.) Thick fog continuing (-11° F) -- Dodging about & lying to (-17° F)

Tuesday -- Morning a little clearer (-6° F) -- got into port at about 1 O.C. -- Saw over a great part of Town -- Had tea in Royal Hotel -- Evg Went out with 2nd Officer -- entered 3 houses -- Private -- had "smiles" --

Wednesday -- Thawing & raining -- left at 2 O.C. rain continuing

Thursday -- Dry & cold -- sea running high (32° F 30.C.) -- night calm and clear.

Friday -- Morning bright (40° F) -- saw a sail at 12 O.C. Shortly after 4 Sails appeared. Evg calm & fine.

Saturday -- Very fine day -- Sea smooth as a lake. Saw a no. of Steamers & Sailing Vessels. Dancing on board in the Evg. -- Pilot came on board at 12 O.C. Midnight.

Sunday morning fine but cold (32° F 11 O.C.). Landed between 5 & 6 at Baltimore -- Crossed Ferry, went up Broadway & into a Baptist Chapel. Saw a woman Baptized &c &c.

Monday Left Boat early -- got luggage out of Customs & crossed Ferry. Snow continued to fall all the day. Left Camden Sta at 6 O.C. Slept about 2 hours during the night --

Tuesday -- Dry day but not very clear -- Jogging along through innumerable hillocks generally covered with shrubs & trees of a shrivelled & stunted appearance-- here & there were small clearings with one or more log huts almost all presenting a bleak dismal swampy appearance -- Anything boasting the name of town burgh or ville in general was anything but inviting with their streets Knee or Knave deep with mud. Now & then we saw a rather handsome building. No greenness to be seen except in myself. Got into Cincinnati about 10 O.C. Slept on floor of waiting room all night. --

Wednesday started for Louisville at 7 O.C. A.M. Scenery a little more open & an occasional piece cleared -- long narrow swampy valleys -- got into Louisville about 12 O.C. Great bridge over Ohio 1 mile -- Day dry -- Left Louisville at 7-35. Slept till about 3 O.C. pretty well.

Thursday -- thought morning interminable. Very broken sleep till about 8 O.C. -- Tennessee finest woods & clearings I have seen yet. Changed trains at Milan (10 O.C.) Morning very fine Sun, clouds & sky just like one of our finest Summer days but the air a little thin. A good deal of rain fell during the night.

Friday. Left Jackson at 6 O.C. -- fare to Vicksburg 2.80 Dollars -- got there about ½ past 10 O.C. Crossed Mississippi 2 K [H?] Boxes 1 Dollar. From Delta to Monroe 72 miles 5 Dollars each arrived about 6 O.C. Could get no farther by Rail. Stopped in Mrs. Doolers Boarding Ho. Supper bed & Breakfast for two, 3 Dollars. Monroe rather extensive but scattered. Scenery around swampy. Washita [Ouachita inserted above line] river as broad as Thames at Richmond. Many extensive planters around. Forests & undergrowth something sublime -- remains of last summer's gigantic creepers. Only civil people to be seen at Jackson were niggers -- Awful hard swearers one & all.

Saturday. Left Monroe a pied for Shreveport about one or two O.C. -- road which is pseudonym for a dirty marshy chunky cut up & most irregular track

through interminable forests with here & there a log hut with an Apartment or two at each end and a broad passage through the middle in which stand a pail of water with a drinking ladle and a partially cleared space surrounding showing traces of cotton or maize these are the only objects to break the monotony and are graphically styled house & farm respectively. Night coming on we went into a house to enquire distance to first village and finally agreed to stop all night for 50 cents -- slept well -- 20 miles

Sunday day fine as usual -- Geo. & I had some good crack on the way particularly after imbibing some cereal essence known as Jersey Lightning or Chained Lightning or some such name and were often amused by men hailing us or by answers given to our questions. "I reckon" timepieces are a scarce commodity as all "guesses" or "calculations" with respect to time were taken in about three seconds from the sun -- "an hour high", "two hours high" &c -- Had Dinner in Vienna hotel -- 75 cents each -- bivouacked in woods all night -- kept up a roaring fire and slept curhuggihly [?] -- 30 miles.

Monday had some refreshments at private houses & reached Minden 30 miles about 4 O.C. Stopped in hotel all night.

Tuesday Feb. 10th set out for Shreveport 30 miles at 6 O.C. 14 miles to nearest village 8 miles of almost impassable swamps intervening -- arrived there at 12 O.C. & had refreshments for which we were asked to pay a second time and had a jolly row but came off [f] conqueror. Set off for reamining 16 miles about nine of which were in a fearful condition. We took off [f] boots & plunged away full many a time and oft we were on the border of despairing -- however we pushed on manfully and at length reached the long desired haven about 8 O.C. Could find nobody at No. 23 Texas St. -- put up in Boarding House at 11 O.C. for the night -- bed & Breakfast for 2 Two Dollars. "All's well that ends well."

#### NOTES

On Isaac Gillespie's General Certificate of Merit, the subject "Mensuration" was a branch of applied geometry.

Drum (in his address) is believed to be the name of the family residence.

Killylea is a small town in western County Armagh, one of the six predominantly Protestant counties of Northern Ireland (Ulster); namely, Londonderry, Antrim, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Armagh, and Down. Dundalk is a town in county Louth, south of Armagh. Slough is a town in Buckinghamshire, west of London. Greenwich, in Co. Kent, is southwest of London. These are believed to be places where Isaac attended school.

William R. Leonard was also a teacher going to Texas. "Took passage" means bought ticket, not sailed. Norfolk, Virginia, not England.

The River Mersey flows between Liverpool (in Lancashire) and Birkenhead (in Cheshire) and out through Liverpool Bay to the Irish Sea. Still a very important waterway.

Lalla Rookh is a long narrative poem about an East Indian princess, published by Thomas Moore in 1817. Pantaloon, in Italian comedy, was the stereotype of a lean old man, a buffoon, the butt of a clown's jokes and blows.

Queenstown, now Cobh, is the seaport of the city of Cork in Cork Harbour. George is thought to be a younger brother of Isaac. He went to Paris, Texas.

Saloon passengers had first-class accommodations. The ship's saloon was on their deck but could not be patronized by other passengers. A hurricane deck was exposed to the weather; no roof over it.

St. John's -- a town on southwest coast of Newfoundland. Halifax Harbour -- on southeast coast of Nova Scotia.

Pilot for Chesapeake Bay, presumably. If they were ticketed for Norfolk, why the detour to Baltimore? Perhaps because it is the farthest west of all northeast Atlantic ports and is a great railroad center: Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Western Maryland rail lines. The Gillespies went across West Virginia to Cincinnati, Ohio, thence to Louisville, Kentucky; then south to Milan (Gibson Co. in western Tennessee); south to Jackson (Madison Co., TN), and thence probably along the Mississippi River to Vicksburg, Mississippi (Warren Co.). Opposite Vicksburg there is a town named Delta in Monroe Parish, LA. Monroe is in Ouachita Parish, LA.

Don't know when it was built, but on a 1938 map the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad ran from Monroe to Shreveport, LA. (Caddo Parish)

"broad as the Thames at Richmond" ... If the place names on the first page of the notebook denote places where he attended school, Isaac had spent time in Slough, Bucks., west of London. Richmond (then in Middlesex, now in the County of London) on the River Thames is several miles nearer London.

"niggers" -- Britishers tended to call all dark-skinned people niggers, including those from India.

a piéd - afoot. Isaac and George walked northwest from Monroe to Vienna in Lincoln Parish. Meaning of "some good crack" not known, but one definition of crack is a Scottish and dialectical English term for a friendly chat or a good story. Later on, it seems to mean homemade liquor, "moonshine."

Minden is county seat of Webster Parish. Swampy may be Bayou Baaed. They reached Shreveport on Tuesday, 10 Feb 1871, and the notebook has no more entries until 4 Feb 1876, dateline San Augustine, Texas.

An uncensored account of the same journey appears in the first draft of a letter from Isaac to his friend William Strong in London. Although it is written on a maze of pages farther on in the book, we insert it here for easier comparison with the original log.



#### NOTES ON LETTER TO WILLIAM STRONG ESQR. OF LONDON (Next two pages following)

"... the parting from home on George's a/c" -- perhaps their mother was more emotional about parting with her younger son?

Perhaps they missed the sailing of the State of Minnesota because ships' schedules were governed by the tides, not hard and fast hours.

"sang froid" = cold blood; that is, being cool and collected.

William R. Leonard was the friend whose path paralleled that of Isaac in the early part of their Texas residence.

"... some level crack" -- straight whiskey?

"... bunks athwart the ship" -- perpendicular to prow of the ship so that one's head does not point in the direction the ship is heading.

Pub owner a Patriot -- an Irishman?

"... blue-noses" were natives of the Canadian Maritime Provinces, especially Nova Scotians. Halifax on southeastern coast of Nova Scotia.

Hard to tell if Leo was W.R. Leonard or someone else. Leo went to Philadelphia; Mr. Leonard was in San Augustine, Texas in 1876.

Meaning of "smiles" and "chained Lightning" still not clear.

[First draft of a letter to William Strong Esqr. in London? See Addresses.]

My dear Strong,

I hope you may have written to me at least 2 months before you get this -- if not look out for squalls.

Up to the present I have not had time (shall I say it, perhaps inclination would be better) to think -- Now for the trip -- You may imagine the parting from home on George's a/c particularly. We left home on 6th Jan'y 9 A.M. Train -- had a while with John in Belfast -- started same Ev'g for Liverpool per Boat Galvanic and didn't we suffer buckrum thought I'd lose my senses with giddiness -- Arrived in Clarence Dock at 2 O.C. just 2 hours too late for getting aboard the State of Minnesota for New Orleans which was our intention --

The Dock wolves jumped on board swarming round us like bees and engaging themselves to carry our luggage -- I was doing the pipe with as much sang froid as I could assume. Not knowing that State of M had gone I set to work with a desperate courage -- Set Geo. to mind the luggage, was pointed out an Agent for State Line, interrogated him -- Boat not going till 4 O.C. Way to Agents? I'll take you. Into a Big empty office & ticket half written out like Winky. I said, Not house asked for -- good Morning. Agent after me & brought me to right one this time, to learn that Boat had sailed 2 hours ago -- Was recommended by a co. in Belfast to lodgings -- found it out. Porters tried to run round corners with luggage away from Geo. Met Leonard by appt. -- got passage to Baltimore per SS Canadian, Allan Line, to sail following Tuesday. We had 6 whole days to put in in L'pool. Lay long in Morn'gs, had a good Breakfast -- went to the Free Library read & wrote letters or walked about town -- had Dinner or Tea in Ev'g -- so on day by day. Went to Wax Works & to Alexandra Theatre Pantomime -- Lalla Rookh -- On Sunday saw some neighbours & had tea with them.

Spent the time fairly -- L'pool a finer town than I thought -- crossed to Birkenhead -- Got on board Tuesday 11 A.M. Sailed at 4 P.M. head wind -- 15 Intermediate passengers: 5 men 4 young women & 2 Married couples with two young children. Our Manly Companions were a starved looking Welshman going out to Newfoundland as Missionary, the other the most volatile best hearted open handed little chap you ever saw -- pug nose & altogether monkeyish from Glasgow -- The women all young -- One a Cockney going to Cincinatti to be married, 2 Welsh girls not unlike shopgirls & a servt to a Saloon passenger. First night about 3 past 8 Julius might have been seen making love to one of the Welsh girls and actually kissing frequently. Next night on leaving Queenstown I got on so far with same one that I steered clear for remainder of voyage. Suffice it to say that our part of vessel soon became best known & was generally acknowledged to be the place where most enjoyment was going on so that some of the officers & Saloon passengers became frequent visitors -- particularly one jolly old chap who had been a Sea Captain for 30 yrs. Our girls became the objects of attention from all quarters.

Leonard & George got sick leaving Queenstown & were not quite well for about 3 Days. I missed but one meal & Scotty none at all -- his was a never flagging gaiety -- Captain & most of crew were Scotsmen. One by one 3rd, 4th & 2nd officers, Purser, Chief Steward & Doctor became our fast friends. Drinking, smoking, painting, singing & talking betimes -- Passage to St. Johns Newfd. very rough head wind all the way -- for two days though steaming at full speed we scarce made 100 [?] miles. Hurricane Deck was truly in mid ship covering about half the vessel & the waves dashed over this at intervals sending spray half mast high -- What was the Deck proper like? Cabin boys with their dishes, stewed & sometimes venturesome passengers might be seen riding gloriously along some of the passages on the crest of an aqueous intruder. I got [wet?] up to the knees once -- Leonard & I [got?] a shower bath from hurricane Deck & Leon & Scotty a regular drenching from Same [?].

The sea & motion of vessel might appear something terribly frightening but there is a sort of opium influence -- a careless fearlessness seeming to prevail over every other sensation. On the first Sunday mornng. about 5 O.C. we 5 men in the one Compartment awoke about the same time which was occasioned by sundry sounds & motions -- immediately the engines were stopped and in a very few seconds more footsteps were hurrying to and fro above & below, Ladies rushing about half dressed, screaming some, crying others, and many of both sexes shouting "What's the matter?" "Are we going down?" &c &c

We five came to the philosophic conclusion that if anything was wrong we would just go down quietly in our bunks -- A valve had been broken some skylights shattered & water pouring into the Saloon -- The night before we got into St. John's, Scotty, Leonard & I went into the bar room kept by Chief Steward. We had a few Brandy cocktails with Chf Engineer, Chf Steward, Purser, Doctor &c & some level crack by & bye we were left alone with Chf Steward. This was Scotty's last night with us -- the excuse was "this is the last night -- Just one more" (parallel to 3 hard wines)

At length we started to get to bed & if you have a notion of the motion of the ocean together with the elevating effect of the Cocktails you might almost imagine how we got over the journey of about 20 yds accompanied by Chf Steward himself well on -- Leo. was worst & began to retch holding on by side of vessel like grim death -- How we got into bed was a mystery -- Scotty & I slept together in my little narrow bunk -- Some bunks were athwart the ship -- unfortunately mine was & many a night I kept describing an angle of 90° viz from 45° below to 45° above the horizontal plane & perhaps more sometimes.

Arrived at Newfoundland (We 3 did not know how nor did we hear the gun go off) We slipped ashore got into a Pub -- found owner to be a Patriot made fast friends got beer & newspapers & he actually would not take money from us.

A party of us commenced snowballing the natives & had 'on the whole' good amusement.

We got some blue-noses & some Yankees on board & set off for Halifax -- got on well till we got to the mouth of the Harbour -- by this time Thermometer was 6° below Zero going down. A sort of fog thickening around & the deck, open bulwarks, Masts, ropes, &c covered thick with ice formed from spray giving the ship the appearance of a fairy fabric. this was Sunday night 25th --

All day on Monday we kept drifting & dodging about in fog. Cold intense 17 below Zero. Some of crew got hands frost bitten -- during the night we were in dangerous proximity to where Atlantis [?] was wrecked. Got into harbour about 2 O.C. on Tuesday -- made acquaintance with several Irishmen on shore -- had supper in Royal Hotel -- had a few "smiles" & some "chained Lightning." Most things cheap. Leo, Geo & I had some private liquor with 2nd officer then went out with him -- snow pretty deep & still falling -- he was on lookout for a brothel & almost drunk -- He coolly walked into 3 private houses apparently (in different streets) first two no go -- not so the 3rd. We were ushered into a room full of swell dressed & well looking girls mostly Irish. One sitting in doctor's arms -- had 3 rounds of drink, 2nd officer quite drunk taken to bed by one. Soon the room was quite filled -- Music, dancing & songs -- Doctor & I went out for a walk. Called at wrong house, got an awful scolding, found right one -- L, G & I in a fix but soon got slipping out, wiser but nothing the worse.

Remainder of voyage calm -- dancing on board &c &c -- Got into Baltimore on Sunday 1 or 2 P.M. Went ashore & into a Baptist Chapel. House & fittings something splendid. While waiting for parson there was an occasional hymn struck up extemporarily. Service about 2 hours -- afterwards an elderly woman baptized. A collection made & all were asked for donations in a most outrageously barefaced manner -- Baltimore a very nice town -- Started by rail on Monday Evg--Leo to Philadelphia, we for Shreveport where we arrived on Tuesday 10th Feby --

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