

# Carlock/Denman/Irvin/Porter Collection

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## Collection Information

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The Carlock/Denman/Irvin/Porter Collection contains chiefly personal correspondence, but also school records, calling cards, daily calendars, and photographs. The correspondence dates back to the 1850s with some scattered letters associated with the parents and grandparents of Daniel Enyart Denman of White Oak Grove, IL. Correspondence received individually by Armedia Charity Carlock and Daniel Enyart Denman first appears in 1874. The two, who married 9 February 1883, are the earliest “protagonists” of this collection. The letters and cards from family, friends and business contacts trace their family down to their granddaughter, Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter, born 19 April 1922, who donated this collection to the museum in the summer of 2004. Betty Belle passed away February 8, 2012 at the age of 89.

**Armedia “Media” Charity Carlock** (15 August 1858 - 8 October 1928) was one of eight children and the only daughter of Winton Carlock and his first wife, Lydia (Gaddis) Carlock. Her siblings, and their main roles in this collection, are as follows:

**James Willis Carlock** (8 June 1843 – 21 February 1919):

- Lived in Delano, Minn.
- Married to Melissa (Brown) Carlock of Virginia
- Daughter Alice Carlock (Media’s niece) married Will Mealey(?) and had two children, Clara and Blanche Mealey (Betty Belle Irvin’s generation)
- Suffered money troubles, particularly after the death of his father

**Reuben Amos Carlock**

- Joined his nephew Horace Burton Carlock (Son of Philip Marion Carlock) in lumber business, R.A. Carlock & Co., later Carlock-Long Lumber Co. (1895)

**John Franklin Carlock** (22 December 1846 – 8 September 1916)

- Married to Julia Ann Stephens
- Early ‘80s: owned general store in Hudson, IL with brother Alvin W.
- Founder of town of Carlock
- Moved to Carlyle, Mont. In 1907
- Of his seven children, Daisy Alice (Carlock) Artis appears in this collection
- Second marriage to Mamie (Ayers) Carlock (20 November, 1912)

**Philip Marion Carlock** (4 April 1850 – 27 January 1884)

- Suffered typhoid fever at a young age
- Married Sarah Jane “Jennie” Denman, D.E. Denman’s sister (27 February 1873)
- Moved from Illinois to Howard Lake, Minn. in 1880
- The last of his four children was born in Howard Lake—this birth is recorded in letters in this collection. They were: Horace Burton, Willard Lee, Effie Pearl and Harry George
- Horace Burton lived with Armedia and D.E. Denman in Carlock, IL for several years after Philip’s death in 1884.

**Silas G. Carlock:** Died in infancy

**George W. Carlock**

- Wrote to Media Carlock from school in Watseka, IL, in the 1870s

**Alvin Winton Carlock**

- Owned general store in Hudson, IL
- Married Daisy (real name: Anna Mirenda) Hubbard (sister of Elbert Hubbard) in 1881
- Died in 1880’s

**Daniel Enyart “Gene” or “Jing” Denman** (8 January 1855-4 October 4, 1939) was the son of Mathias Elston Denman and Elizabeth Barbary Smith Denman. He was one of six children. The others were:

John Hampton Denman

-Lived in Sac City, Iowa

Thomas Shipman Denman

-Lived in Paynesville, IL

Sarah Jane “Jennie” (Denman) Carlock Long (Twin of Thomas)

-Married to Philip Marion Carlock until his death in 1883

-Mother of Horace Burton, Willard Lee, Effie Pearl and Harry George Carlock

-Remarried to William Anderson Long (23 March 1901)

Eunice (Denman) Gilstrap

-Lived in Tacoma, Wash.

-Married to W.H. Gilstrap

-Mother of Frank and Ray Gilstrap

Belle Denman

-Died young and single

Media and Gene corresponded for several years before they became engaged. During this time, Gene appears to have carried out flirtatious correspondence with several young women. Nevertheless, the couple married on 9 February 1883, a union that lasted until Media’s death in 1928.

Media and Gene had three daughters:

Lydia Denman (22 June 1888 – 6 January 1914)

Lutie Belle (Denman) Irvin (28 February 1891 – January 1974)

Lois (Denman) Stubblefield

The collection follows Lydia’s childhood and adolescent correspondence most closely. She received a large number of postcards from friends and cousins around the country and even in Europe. From 1910-1913, Lydia corresponded with and was engaged to Ralph Yoder, a young man who traveled west to Eugene, OR seeking his fortune—or at least a career and home to support a wife. Ralph’s brother, Lee, and sister, Mary, also appear in this collection. In the summer of 1912, Lydia and her younger sister Lutie traveled to the Northwest to visit their relatives, the Gilstraps (Gene Denman’s sister Eunice was married to W.H. Gilstrap of Tacoma, Wash.) and also spent time with Ralph. Lydia was later diagnosed with tuberculosis and the engagement to Ralph was dissolved. She spent the fall of 1913 in Globe, Ariz. with her mother, Armedia, seeking better health, but never fully recovered and died 6 January 1914. Ralph Yoder seems never to have gotten over the guilt, and wrote to the Denman family repeatedly after Lydia’s death trying to justify the broken engagement.

Winton Carlock, Media’s father, passed away 7 January 1914, leaving D.E. Denman as the executor of his estate. Much controversy ensued among Media’s siblings and nieces and nephews as the Carlock land, consisting of about 200 acres, was divided among them, rented or sold.

Most of the correspondence collected by Gene and Media after Lydia's death consists of holiday cards and graduation, wedding and baby announcements. Lutie Denman taught school in Kentucky for a short time beginning in 1913 and later married Frank Irvin of Normal, IL. Lois Denman married Guy Stubblefield of Peoria. Both daughters remained in close contact with their father after Media's death in 1928 through his death in 1939

In the next generation, the letters in this collection follow most closely the family of Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Frank Irvin, and their two children, Betty Belle Irvin and Otis "Buddy" Irvin, who died very young.

Betty Belle Irvin, who grew up in Normal, IL, was close with her first cousins (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield's children), Media Jayne and Sarah Jean "Sally" Stubblefield, who lived in Peoria and corresponded with her second cousins, Marilyn Gilstrap and her twin sisters, Margaret and Marie, the daughters of Ray Gilstrap and his wife, Gertrude. Her other major correspondent throughout this collection is her friend, Mary Jane "Wobbly" Ward, who writes with great animation from junior high through her marriage in 1944.

Betty Belle graduated high school in 1940 and attended the Illinois State Normal University from 1940-44, where she majored in Home Economics and was certified to teach. Letters from her university peers in the fall of 1943 and written by her to her parents in the spring of 1944 illustrate the experience of a student teacher at that time. Letters from friends at college and in the service from 1941-1946 portray the experience of young men and women during World War II: army camp life in the states, the warfront overseas and, Mary Jane Ward's biggest concern, college campuses largely emptied of men.

Betty Belle began dating Charles "Bal" or "Chuck" Baddely Porter in high school and their first correspondence appears in the summer of 1939. They wrote throughout college and Charles' stint in the army (he never went overseas). The couple wed 4 July 1944 and moved to Moscow, Idaho, where Charles was in dental school at the University of Idaho. They were transferred to Tacoma, Wash. and then to Denver, Colo. in 1944. When Charles was relocated to California as he was discharged from the army, Betty Belle lived with her parents, Frank and Lutie Irvin, in Normal. Charles and Betty later moved to Marshall, IL. Their daughter, Janet Porter, was born in 1946, followed several years later by another daughter, Barbie. By the 1950s-60s, the Porter family had moved to Champaign.

What can be found in this collection? There is, most obviously, a great deal of detailed (if sometimes spotty) history of the family members involved. However, even researchers who have no specific interest in the Carlock/Denman/Irvin/Porter family will find a window into life in central Illinois from the middle of the nineteenth century through the middle of the twentieth. Nearly all letters address local weather, the health of family members, and when they last received a letter/when they expect to mail the current one. Other common themes are:

Accidents  
Agriculture

Animals  
Business  
Camp  
Children  
Church  
Clothing  
Clubs  
Conflict  
Correspondence  
Crafts  
Courtship  
Domestic life  
Education  
Entertainment  
    Film  
    Lectures  
    Radio  
    Theatre  
Ethnicity  
Food  
Health Care  
    Dental  
    Eyes  
    Women's  
Historical Events  
    Civil War  
    Influenza (1918)  
    Great Depression  
    Chicago Convention  
    World War II  
Holidays  
Housing  
Hunting  
Illness  
Gender Issues  
Gossip  
Legal Matters  
Mail Service  
Marriage  
Military  
Money  
Parties  
Photographs  
Politics  
Riding  
Scouting  
Social life

Sports  
Transportation  
    Automobiles  
    Carriages  
    Horses  
    Railroad  
    Sleighs  
Travel  
Wedding

## **Box 1: 1854-1882**

**Personal Correspondence of the immediate ancestors of Daniel Enyart Denman (D.E., Gene, Jean, Ging), of Armedia Charity Carlock (Media) and of D.E. Denman himself (22 Folders)**

### **Folder 1: Letters of D.E. Denman's Parents and Grandparents (1854-1890) (and one to Melissa Brown Carlock's parents)**

- 1.1.1 17 January 1854 (land document)
- 1.1.2 5 January 18 1855 (Gene's uncle S.M. Denman to his father Mathias Elston Denman, Perryton Licking Co. Ohio) *Business, education, gossip, holidays, hunting, legal matters, money, railroad, riding*
- 1.1.3 5 February 1856 (Gene's parents Mathias Elston and Elizabeth Barbary Smith Denman to "Brother and Sister," Hanover, Ohio) *Agriculture, domestic life, parties, recreation, travel* (original and photocopy)
- 1.1.4 5 February 1856 (Marta Enyart in Hanover, Ohio to brother and sister)
- 1.1.5 6 July 1856 (Mathias and Elizabeth Denman to "Brother and Sister," Hanover, Ohio) *Agriculture, travel*
- 1.1.6 14 July 1856 (Gene's paternal grandfather Zenas Hathaway (Z.H.) Denman to "Friends," Perryton, Ohio) *Agriculture, education, work*
- 1.1.7 1 December 1856 (Gene's maternal grandmother Elizabeth Barbary Gander) *Agriculture, business ethnicity, sports*
- 1.1.8 21 May 1861 ("D" to Mathias Elston Denman) *agriculture, money*
- 1.1.9 13 December 1863 (Zenas Hathaway Denman to Mathias Elston Denman, photocopy and original) *Illness, military, work*
- 1.1.10 25 June 1864 (D.T. Enyart to Mathias Elston Denman, Hanover, Ohio) *Agriculture, Chicago Convention, Civil War, drought* (Original and photocopy)
- 1.1.11 18 August 1865 (??? Denman to Mathias Elston Denman) *very difficult to read*
- 1.1.12 18 January 1866 (Gene's paternal grandmother Jane Smith Denman to Mathias Elston and Elizabeth Barbary Denman) *Agriculture, gossip, marriage, money (debts)*
- 1.1.13 4 February 1868 (John S. Smith & Joseph H. Leatherman, McLean County, IL) *Memorandum of lease of property*
- 1.1.14 16 November 1882 (Melissa Carlock to her parents, Howard, MN)
- 1.1.15 10 December 1890 (J.H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa, to his father M.E. Denman)
- 1.1.16 30 July 1896 (Montgomery & Parker wholesale and retail druggists) *picking up Ozonate Lithia water at H. H. Green, druggist, in Bloomington*
- 1.1.17 Undated from mother. *Travel, arrived in Cambridge, health- father feeling better*

**Folder 2: Correspondence to Armedia Charity Carlock (Media) from her brother George, while he was at school in Watseka, IL. (1 November 1874 – 19 March 1876) & Marriage certificate, 1876**

- 1.2.1 1 June 1874 *arrived, El Paso, transportation-train*
- 1.2.2 November 1874 *Church, education*
- 1.2.3 10 February 1875 *Housing (rent), photography, recreation, social life*
- 1.2.4 12 April 1875 *Clothes (men's), food (fish), recreation (fishing), work*
- 1.2.5 19 April 1875 (from cousin on George's stationary) *Agriculture (hogs), domestic life, food (sugar-making, gardening), recreation (buggy riding), poem included*
- 1.2.6 19 May 1875
- 1.2.7 25 March 1876 (From George and Lizzie) *(enjoying married life)*
- 1.2.8 1876 Marriage certificate between Geo. W. Carlock and Lizzie West

**Folder 3: To Armedia Carlock from J.M. Emmert of Eureka, IL. (A brief suitor?); related correspondence having to do with their mutual friends, the Bensons, of Eureka, . (9 February 1875 – 22 August 1876) *Courtship, recreation, social life***

- 1.3.1 9 February 1875 *Invitation*
- 1.3.2 21 February 1875 *Church, education-Eureka college, illness-headache*
- 1.3.3 28 March 1875 *Church, deaths-epidemic?, education*
- 1.3.4 2 May 1875 *correspondence, corn, Eureka college, studies,*
- 1.3.5 9 October 1875 (Letter from Benson to Media) *conflict, friendship*
- 1.3.6 22 August 1876 (Invitation from Benson) *Invitation*

**Folder 4: To Armedia Carlock from friends Alvaretta (Ava) Johnston and Frances (Johnston) Brown (sisters) of Bloomington and, later, Normal (4 March 1877 – July 1883) *Accidents, Illnesses, and plenty of visiting***

- 1.4.1 4 March 1877 (Alvaretta) *domestic life-has just the room for an "artist room", tells a dream she had last night about Media taking Jesse or Gilstrap away from her.*
- 1.4.2 25 March 1877 (A) *Health, gossip*
- 1.4.3 17 April 1877 (A) *sister died*
- 1.4.4 May 24, 1877 (A) *Health, Children-babies, fashion-ugly hats, garden, animals, social lives,*
- 1.4.5 12 October 1877 (A) *Clothing, education, food, Recreation-fair, social life, travel*
- 1.4.6 10 December 1877 (A) *Food-candy, illness-typhoid fever, Holidays, Transportation-road*
- 1.4.7 21 January 1878 (A) *Food-Recipe for plum pudding, Holidays, children-baby*
- 1.4.8 10 March 1878 (A)
- 1.4.9 1 April 1878 (Frances) *children, education-schools, illness,*
- 1.4.10 9 June 1878 (A) *Accident, children-baby, family, food, photographs, wedding*
- 1.4.11 11 October 1878 (A) *Accident, children-baby, domestic life, education-school,*

- food, social life*
- 1.4.12 22 December 1878 (A) *Child development, health care-doctor visit, holiday, recreation-sleighbing*
- 1.4.13 20 April 1879 (A) *how is George since he tried the Ale?, Sidney Green*
- 1.4.14 4 May 1879 (A) *Clothes-sewing, correspondence, courtship, illness, wedding*
- 1.4.15 9 June 1879 (A) *Education-school, food, social lives*
- 1.4.16 15 June 1879 (F) *church, Mrs. Derrimen*
- 1.4.17 10 July 1879 (A) *Correspondence, Holiday-Fourth of July, gossip, illness-mumps, food-onions*
- 1.4.18 17 July 1879 (F) *Agriculture-haying, clothes-sewing, death-George's (?)*
- 1.4.19 4 August 1879 (A) *Courtship (?), food-dinner menu,*
- 1.4.20 28 and 26 August 1879 (A) *Food-pudding, crab apples, watermelon, sweet apple preserves, spiced apple, Entertainment-game, Food-grapes, watermelon, cantaloupe, corn, Gossip, Domestic Life,*
- 1.4.21 19 October 1879 (A) *Sidney Green and Ross Case to be married, news of the Hogg murder*
- 1.4.22 21 November 1879 (F) *Accident, domestic life, education-school, illness-sore throat, transportation-cars, social life*
- 1.4.23 30 November 1879 (A) *Food, holiday (Thanksgiving), social lives*
- 1.4.24 12 February 1880 (A) *wants Media to visit*
- 1.4.25 23 May 1880 (A) *will is gone, gone to return no more, sewing \$4.50 a week, store pays 15c/lb for butter and sells at 20c.*
- 1.4.26 30 May 1880 (A) *You would come to see me if you knew how much indeed you*
- 1.4.27 21 June 1880 (A) *Accident, clothes-sewing men's, domestic life, illness-parents*
- 1.4.28 21 April 1880 (A) *Death of parents, Illness-typhoid pneumonia, politics-Grant?*
- 1.4.29 28 June 1880 (A) *Illness-cholera morbus, social life*
- 1.4.30 29 June 1880 (F) *Gossip, health care-dental, social life*
- 1.4.31 6 July 1880 (F & A) *Holiday-4<sup>th</sup> of July, Illness-convalescence*
- 1.4.32 30 January 1881 (A) *Gossip, John Vrooman has new wife, Francie & Gene got married*
- 1.4.33 6 March 1881 (A) *Accident; clothing-dress-making; food-butter, social life*
- 1.4.34 22 July 1881 (A) *Food-dessert; Illness-inflammation of bowels, bleeding, coughing, dysentery, Pyles; Politics-assassination?*
- 1.4.35 27 September 1881 (A)
- 1.4.36 6 January 1882 (F) *Children, Holiday-Christmas, New Year*
- 1.4.37 March 1882 (A) *Accident; domestic life; illness-typho-malaria, fever; pets-birds; transportation-roads; social life*
- 1.4.38 25 December 1882 (A) *holiday, parties, courtship*
- 1.4.39 26 July 1883 (F)

**Folder 5: To Armedia Carlock from her cousins, Mary E. and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hill, of Peoria and Washington, Illinois, and from their family (July 1876-December 1880)**  
*Planning travels, visits and parties*



- 1.5.1 February 1876 (Elizabeth) *Visit from Grand Pa, Domestic Life, Holiday-Valentine's Day, relationships*
- 1.5.2 July 1877 (Mary) *Holiday-4<sup>th</sup> of July, Recreation-summer, social life*
- 1.5.3 17 November 1877 (M) *Death-Eliza; illness-congestion of the brain, diphtheria; recreation-smoking*
- 1.5.4 30 December 1877 (M and Elizabeth) *Holidays-Christmas, gifts, relationships*
- 1.5.5 4 January 1878 (Elizabeth) *Church, crafts- "phantom paper holder"?, Holiday-Christmas, New Years; social life*
- 1.5.6 28 January 1878 (from E, enclosure to Media's parents from M) *Business, church, crafts-quilting, Death-funeral, food-butchering,*
- 1.5.7 30 January 1878 (M) *clothing – dresses, gloves; crafts – wax-work holiday-Christmas; housing; work;*
- 1.5.8 6 December 1878 (E, P.S. from Frank Hill noting enclosure, note for "Aunt Sarah" from "Sarah") *church, crafts – quilting, illness – housebound,*
- 1.5.9 20 December 1878 (E, card from Frank Hill) *photographs, transportation-carriages in winter*
- 1.5.10 18 February 1879 (M) *Courtship-correspondence with Charles Delano, Illness-George Carlock, Deaths-Joe Birket, Dr. Wilson*
- 1.5.11 2 May 1879 ("Mariellen" Hill) *Courtship-Will, correspondence with Charles Delano; Illness-George Carlock; sewing-muslin, hat; transportation-carriages*
- 1.5.12 June 1879 (E) *Church, courtship-Mr. Kline, transportation-carriages*
- 1.5.13 7 September 1879 (E)
- 1.5.14 19 February 1880 (E) *food, illness-cold, lung fever, grandpa; photograph, social life-Leap Year party*
- 1.5.15 5 April 1880 (E) *death-Nellie domestic chores, illness-cold, Emma,*
- 1.5.16 15 May 1880 (E) *church, clothing-hats, courtship, sewing-dressmaking*
- 1.5.17 24 July 1880 (E) *relationships*
- 1.5.18 31 August 1880 (E) *Transportation-buggy*
- 1.5.19 20 December 1880 (E)
- 1.5.20 28 December 1880 (E)
- 1.5.21 14 March 1879 (Frankie Crow)

**Folder 6: To Armedia Carlock from her cousins, Mary and Elizabeth Hill, of Peoria and Washington, Illinois, and from their family (6 Feb 1881- 26 December 1882)**

- 1.6.1 6 February 1881 (E) *Christmas*
- 1.6.2 11 February 1881 (E) *Emma had a splendid time*
- 1.6.3 7 March 1881
- 1.6.4 12 April 1881 (Frank Hill)
- 1.6.5 21 April 1881 (E)
- 1.6.6 25 April 1881 (E)
- 1.6.7 5 May 1881 (E)
- 1.6.8 18 July 1881 (E)
- 1.6.9 21 August 1881 (E)
- 1.6.10 20 December 1881 (M)

- 1.6.11 29 December 1881 (E)
- 1.6.12 29 January 1882 (M)
- 1.6.13 21 April 1882 (E)
- 1.6.14 29 May 1882 (E)
- 1.6.15 16 November 1882 (E)
- 1.6.16 26 December 1882 (E)

**Folder 7: To Armedia Carlock from her cousins, Mary and Elizabeth Hill, of Peoria and later Washington, IL., and their family (UNDATED—NO YEARS LISTED)**

**Folder 8: To Armedia Carlock from her cousins, Mary and Elizabeth Hill, of Peoria and later Washington, IL, and their family (UNDATED—NO YEARS LISTED) Pt. II.**

**Folder 9: To Armedia Carlock from her siblings and parents (27 March 1879 – 10 January 1883), and one from J.W. Carlock to their mother (undated)**

- 1.9.1 27 March 1879 (Alvin W. Carlock, Hudson) *Temperance meeting, singing a solo, Hubbards is all right*
- 1.9.2 6 August 1879 (Alvin W. Carlock, Hudson) *Social life, visit*
- 1.9.3 13 August 1879 (Alvin W. Carlock, Hudson) *received an invitation to attend an ice cream supper at the Poor Farm Friday, my love to all inquiring friends*
- 1.9.4 23 December 1879 (Alvin W. Carlock, Hudson) *Mrs. Hubbard wants you to come for Christmas, they are going to have turkey roast*
- 1.9.5 22 October 1879 (Sarah and Winton Carlock, 22 October 1879) *clothes jeans, hat/hood; for Sunday, food*
- 1.9.6 8 June 1880 (Alvin.W. Carlock, Hudson, IL) *transportation-buggy;*
- 1.9.7 30 July 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, St. Paul, Minn.) *Children, Travel-to Minn.*
- 1.9.8 14 October 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, St. Paul, Minn.)
- 1.9.9 27 October 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.9.10 7 December 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.9.11 17 January 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.9.12 15 February 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.9.13 5 March 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.9.14 10 March 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.9.15 10 March 1881 (A 2<sup>nd</sup> from Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn., enclosure from wife Jennie Denman Carlock)
- 1.9.16 18 April 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Jennie, and Burt (Howard Burton Carlock))
- 1.9.17 12 May 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn., enclosure from Jennie)
- 1.9.18 25 May 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn., enclosure from Jennie and H. B. Carlock (her son), and Vol.2 No. 20 of The Little Ones with pressed flowers inside)
- 1.9.19 15 June 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.9.20 10 July 1881 (Winton & Sarah Carlock in Oak Grove to Media in Howard, MN)
- 1.9.21 14 July 1881 (A.W. Carlock, Hudson, IL, to Media in Howard, Minn)
- 1.9.22 27 July 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *Lee & Ellie thought they'd*

- finish letter, not named baby yet (Henry?)*
- 1.9.23 31 July 1881 (Media's parents addressed to Howard, Minn.—Media with Philip for the birth of a new baby?)
  - 1.9.24 7 August 1881 (A.W. Carlock, Hudson, to Media in Howard, Minn.)
  - 1.9.25 16 August 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn., addressed to Media in Litchfield, Minn.)
  - 1.9.26 17 September 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn)
  - 1.9.27 22 October 1881 (Winton Carlock, Little Falls, Minn) *traveling*
  - 1.9.28 30 November 1881 (Jennie Carlock to Media in Oak Grove)
  - 1.9.29 2 May 1882 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
  - 1.9.30 3 May 1882 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard. Minn.,)
  - 1.9.31 6 July 1886 (A.W.C., Toronto, Canada) *travels*
  - 1.9.32 16 June 1882 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn., enclosure from Jennie Denman Carlock)
  - 1.9.33 20 July 1882 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn., enclosure from niece Alice)
  - 1.9.34 17 September 1882 (A.W. Carlock of Carlock, Ewins & Co., Hudson)
  - 1.9.35 19 October 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.) *First indication of marriage plans between Media and Gene?*
  - 1.9.36 27 October 1882 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn)
  - 1.9.37 8 November 1882 (Philip Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *enclosure from Jennie and nieces/nephews*
  - 1.9.38 5 December 1882 (Jennie Denman Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
  - 1.9.39 31 December 1882 (Melissa Carlock & Alice Carlock, Howard Minn.)
  - 1.9.40 10 January 1883 (Jennie Denman Carlock or Philip Carlock, Howard Minn to Armedia)
  - 1.9.41 Date illegible (Winton & Lydia Carlock, Hudson, Illinois)
  - 1.9.42 Undated (J.W. Carlock to mother, Lydia Gaddis Carlock)

**Folder 10: To Armedia Carlock from her friend “Em” or “M”, of Oak Grove Illinois (19 August 1879 – 26 March 1882)**

- 1.10.1 19 August 1879
- 1.10.2 22 October 1879
- 1.10.3 18 March 1880
- 1.10.4 25 March 1880
- 1.10.5 17 August 1880
- 1.10.6 23 July 1881
- 1.10.7 “Tuesday Morning” 1881 *enclosure of ad for wart/corn removing stick*
- 1.10.8 26 March 1882

**Folder 11: General correspondence of Armedia Carlock's up to her marriage to D.E. Denman in February, 1883 (23 March 1874 – 7 December 1882)**

- 1.11.1 7 August 1873 (Unknown, can't read, in Arkansas City, Kansas)
- 1.11.2 23 March 1874 (Cousin Ella B. Henschaw, Bloomington)
- 1.11.3 18 March 1875 (Cousin Phebe E. Carlock, Watskea, IL)

- 1.11.4 4 November 1875 (Cousin Ella, Arkansas City, Cowley County, Kansas, and C. M. H.)
- 1.11.5 19 December 1875 (from unknown in Putnam, Connecticut)
- 1.11.6 20 June 1877 (Ida Richardson, Secor, IL)
- 1.11.7 14 July 1877 (Mary Lantz, Shenandoah, Iowa)
- 1.11.8 9 September 1877 (Mary Lantz, Shenandoah, Iowa)
- 1.11.9 1 May 1879 (Laura Balkin, DeLand, IL)
- 1.11.10 10 June 1879 (Clella, unknown location) *Matt was so young to die, Sorry George turned(?) Advent*
- 1.11.11 20 October 1879 (Daisy Hubbard, Roadhouse, IL)
- 1.11.12 6 January 1880 (Daisy Hubbard, Roadhouse, IL)
- 1.11.13 10 February 1880 (Daisy Hubbard, Roadhouse, IL)
- 1.11.14 21 March 1880 (Cousin Mag Crusinbery, Nugents Grove, Linn Co, Iowa)
- 1.11.15 26 March 1880 (the Vandervorts)
- 1.11.16 April 1880 (James Gue\_ford(?), Oak Grove, Illinois)
- 1.11.17 4 April 1880 (Daisy Hubbard, Roadhouse, IL) *yesterday it was so warm no ladies out walking wore a wrap, illness- Henry with measles, went to St. Louis to hear Moody & Sankey, will teach next year*
- 1.11.18 26 April 1880 (Maria Pickard, Minonk, IL)
- 1.11.19 26 May 1880 (Maria Pickard, Minonk, IL)
- 1.11.20 23 July 1880 (Mrs. Eugene C. Brown, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.11.21 12 September 1880 (Cousin May Gaddin(?), Martinton, IL)
- 1.11.22 20 September 1880 (Daisy Hubbard, Morris, IL)
- 1.11.23 3 Oct 1880 (Maria Pickard, Minonk, IL)
- 1.11.24 26 Dec 1880 (Maria Pickard, Minonk, IL) *describes xmas gifts & S.S. program*
- 1.11.25 6 February 1881 (Granny Brown, Pittwood, Illinois) *Holiday-Christmas*
- 1.11.26 27 April 1881 (Cousin Manny? Danny? Franny?, Watseka, IL)
- 1.11.27 18 May 1881(Daisy (sister-in-law?), Dorrie (?), IL)
- 1.11.28 29 May 1881 (Sarah McCullough, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.11.29 2 June 1881(Lula G., Washington, IL)
- 1.11.30 4 July 1881 (Mary Tomson, Chicago, IL)
- 1.11.31 31 July 1881 (Daisy, Hudson, IL)
- 1.11.32 7 August 1881 (Laura E. Nethers)
- 1.11.33 19 August 1881 (Cousin Mary A. Tomson, Chicago, IL)
- 1.11.34 3 September 1881 (Friend Laura, Cedar Mills, Minn.)
- 1.11.35 2 November 1881 (Libbie Gilbert, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.11.36 14 November 1881 (Cousin J.B.M Valentine, Ellsworth, IL)
- 1.11.37 30 November 1881 (F. M. Richardson, Secor (?), IL)
- 1.11.38 18 December 1881 (J.B.M. Valentine, Ellsworth, IL)
- 1.11.39 6 January 1882 (“Jollie and Hugh” (J.B.M. and husband), Ellsworth, IL)
- 1.11.40 30 January 1882 (Robert Beard, Oak Grove, IL)
- 1.11.41 8 February 1882 (UNKNOWN, Hudson, IL) *poem about receiving meat in the mail*
- 1.11.42 12 February 1882 (CANNOT FIND SIGNATURE! Cedar Mills, Minn.)
- 1.11.43 19 February 1882 (Hugh & Sarah, Ellsworth, IL)
- 1.11.44 5 March 1882 (Libbie Gilbert, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.11.45 16 April 1882 (Aunt Mary, Putnam, Conn.)

- 1.11.46 2 May 1882 (Jollie B. (J.B.M.) Valentine, Danvers, IL)
- 1.11.47 16 May 1882 (Dick, Woodland, IL)
- 1.11.48 11 June 1882 (Friend Laura)
- 1.11.49 11 June 1882 (From who? Howard Lake Wright Co., Minn.,) *photograph of little girl enclosed—but taken in Bloomington?*
- 1.11.50 8 October 1882 (Friend Laura, to Media in Howard, Minn.)
- 1.11.51 19 October 1882 (Belle and E. B. Denman in Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.11.52 17 Nov 1882 (Jollie, Danvers, IL)
- 1.11.53 21 Nov 1882 (Laura to Media Carlock, Hudson, Illinois)
- 1.11.54 5 December 1882 (Ma & Mary to Media, Hudson, Illinois)
- 1.11.55 7 December 1882 (SAME PERSON?, Cedar Mills, Minn.) *enc. From Libbie Gilbert?*

**Folder 12: Armedia Carlock's general correspondence (UNDATED—NO YEAR GIVEN)**

**Folder 13: Envelopes addressed to Armedia Carlock (no letters to match)**

**Folder 14: To D.E. Denman (Gene) from his cousins, the McKinneys, of Hallsville, Dewitt County, IL (October 1875 – 24 April 1878)**

- 1.14.1 October 1875 (Ida McKinney)
- 1.14.2 9 January 1876 (C.A. McKinney)
- 1.14.3 14 May 1876 (C.A. McKinney)
- 1.14.4 6 February 1877 (Will McKinney)
- 1.14.5 29 April, 1877 (Will (W.H.) McKinney)
- 1.14.6 1 November 1877 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.7 3 December 1877 (Will)
- 1.14.8 19 December 1877 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.9 1 January 1878 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.10 15 March 1878 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.11 31 March 1878 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.12 24 April 1878 (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.13 26 March 188\_ (sheet is torn) (W.H. McKinney)
- 1.14.14 30 April (Year Unknown) (Ida McKinney)

**Folder 15: Correspondence to D.E. Denman from his siblings (29 February 1876 – 23 December 1880)**

- 1.15.1 29 February 1876 (John H. Denman), Indianola, Iowa)
- 1.15.2 26 March 1876 (John H. Denman, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.3 16 April 1876 (Hank, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.4 18 April 1876 (John H. Denman, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.5 23 July 1876 (Hank, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.6 24 August, 1876 (Philip M. Carlock, Pitwood, IL)
- 1.15.7 27 December 1876 (John H. Denman, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.8 2 March 1877 (John H. Denman, Gilman, Iowa)

- 1.15.9 19 January 1878 (John H. and Molly Denman, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.10 6 December 1878 (John H. Denman, Gilman, Iowa)
- 1.15.11 1 March 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.12 30 April 1880 (Thomas S. Denman)
- 1.15.13 5 May 1880 (John H. Denman(?), Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.14 19 June 1880 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.15.15 28 July 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, St. Paul, Minn.)
- 1.15.16 15 October 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, St. Paul, Minn.)
- 1.15.17 17 October 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.18 26 October 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.19 4 November 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.15.20 7 November 1880 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.15.21 16 November 1880 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.15.22 24 November 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.23 3 December 1880 (Thomas S. Denman (T.S.D), Pellsville, IL)
- 1.15.24 12 December 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.15.25 12 December 1880 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL) *enc. of news story of arrest*
- 1.15.26 22 December 1880 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.15.27 22 December 1880 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.15.28 23 December 1880 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)

**Folder 16: Correspondence to D.E. Denman from his siblings (6 January – 24 December 1881)**

- 1.16.1 6 January 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.16.2 9 January 1881 (Thomas Denman, Pellsville, Illinois)
- 1.16.3 12 January 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.4 25 January 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.5 5 February 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, Illinois)
- 1.16.6 16 February 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.7 27 February 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.8 12 March 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.9 18 March 1881 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.16.10 20 March 1881 (Thomas S. Deman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.11 15 April 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, most written by Jennie Denman Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.12 9 May 1881 (Jennie Denman Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.13 23 May 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.14 27 May 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL )
- 1.16.15 12 June 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.16 18 June 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.17 19 June 1881 (John H. Denman, no location listed)
- 1.16.18 9 July 1881 (Belle Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.19 31 July 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)

- 1.16.20 23 August 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.21 13 September 1881 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.16.22 29 September 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.23 1 October 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.24 29 September 1881 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.16.25 31 October 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.26 27 (or 28) November 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minnesota)
- 1.16.27 4 December 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, Vermillion Co., IL)
- 1.16.28 12 December 1881 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.16.29 14 December 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.16.30 24 December 1881 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)

**Folder 17: Correspondence to D.E. Denman from his siblings (1 January 1882 – 5 February 1883)**

- 1.17.1 1 January 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.2 6 January 1882 (Thomas S. Denman Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.3 8 January 1882 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.17.4 ? January 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.5 6 February 1882 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.17.6 14 February 1882 (Thomas S. Denman., Farmer City, IL)
- 1.17.7 9 March 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.8 24 March 1882 (Jennie Carlock, Howard, Minn)
- 1.17.9 30 March 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Oak Grove, IL)
- 1.17.10 20 May 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.11 7 June 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.12 21 July 1882 (Jennie Denman Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.13 30 July 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.14 9 August (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.15 16 August 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.16 2 September 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.17 3 September 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.18 20 September 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.17.19 21 September 1882 (Thomas S. Denman)
- 1.17.20 27 September 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard, Minn.)
- 1.17.21 9 October 1882 (Belle Denman, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.17.22 22 October 1882 (Thomas S. Denman., Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.23 23 November 1882 (John H. Denman, Odebolt, Iowa)
- 1.17.24 18 December 1882 (Thomas S. Denman, Pellsville, IL)
- 1.17.25 3 January 1883 (C. L. Denman (Who??\*\*Possibly Charles Denman, perhaps at some point married to Mary Carlock? There is a Mary Denman, married to a Charles, who is part of the process when Armedia's father (a Carlock) dies\*\*), Oak Grove, IL)
- 1.17.26 5 February 1883 (Thomas S. Denman, Parnell, IL)

**Folder 18: D.E. Denman's correspondence with young women other than Armedia Carlock, (1881-1882)**

- 1.18.1 12 February 1881 (Mollie Dunlap, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.18.2 15 March 1881 (Louisa Lee, Stanford, IL)
- 1.18.3 28 March 1881 (Louisa Lee, Stanford, IL)
- 1.18.4 25 April 1881 (Louisa Lee, Stanford, IL)
- 1.18.5 28 May 1881 (Louisa Lee, Stanford, IL)
- 1.18.6 21 June 1881 (Louisa Lee, Stanford, IL)
- 1.18.7 10 August 1881 (Hattie Birkett, Washington, IL)
- 1.18.8 30 August 1881 (Hattie Birkett, Washington, IL)
- 1.18.9 12 September 1881 (Hattie Birkett, Washington, IL)
- 1.18.10 23 September 1881 (Hattie Birkett, Washington, IL) *President Garfield's funeral*
- 1.18.11 5 January 1882 (Mollie Dunlap, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.18.12 14 April 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.13 24 April 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.14 9 May 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.15 24 May 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.16 21 June 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.17 14 July 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.18 3 August 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.19 21 August 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.20 12 September 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.21 25 September 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.22 20 October 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.23 8 November 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.24 25 November 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)
- 1.18.25 13 December 1882 (Minnie Hull, Wapella, IL)

**Folder 19: General Correspondence of D.E. Denman up to his marriage to Armedia Carlock in February, 1883 (26 March 1876 - 9 February 1883)**

- 1.19.1 30 January 1876 (T.S. Smith to Ging, Roberts, Ford Co., IL)
- 1.19.2 26 March 1876 (T.S. Smith, Roberts, Ford Co., IL)
- 1.19.3 30 April 1876 (Thomas Smith, Roberts, Ford Co., IL)
- 1.19.4 27 January 1878 (W. H. McKinney, Hallsville, IL)
- 1.19.5 30 June 1878 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)
- 1.19.6 4 August 1878 (Thomas Smith, El Dorado, Butler Co., KS)
- 1.19.7 22 August 1879 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)
- 1.19.8 23 September 1879 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)
- 1.19.9 2 December 1880 (ME Denman, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 1.19.10 21 December 1880 (I.R. Krum Lumber, Grain and Coal, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.19.11 22 December 1880 (I.R. Krum, Bloomington, IL)
- 1.19.12 22 June 1881 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)



- 1.19.13 8 July 1881 (B. J. Johnson, Oxford, IN)
- 1.19.14 17 July 1881 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)
- 1.19.15 21 August 1881 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, Illinois)
- 1.19.16 15 February 1882 (Luna Smith, Pharisburg, Ohio)
- 1.19.17 12 March 1882 (Luna Smith, Pharisburg, Ohio)
- 1.19.18 13 March 1882 (S. Elliott, Elliott, IL)
- 1.19.19 27 March 1882 (G.M. Kirkpatrick, Chenoa, IL)
- 1.19.20 30 March 1882 (James McKinney, Saybrook, IL)
- 1.19.21 1 April 1882 (Cyrus Brown, Melvern, Osage Co., Kansas)
- 1.19.22 7 April 1882 (G. M. Kirkpatrick, Chenoa, IL)
- 1.19.23 16 April 1882 (Luna Smith, Magnetic Springs, Ohio)
- 1.19.24 13 May 1882 (Cyrus Brown, Melvern, Kansas) *not married yet, living with family from IL, write to Uncle Nathan to try and get money*
- 1.19.25 15 May 1882 (Cyrus Brown, Melvern, KS)
- 1.19.26 18 May 1882 (Luna Smith, Magnetic Spring, Ohio)
- 1.19.27 20 June 1882 (Luna Smith, Magnetic Spring, Ohio)
- 1.19.28 26 June 1882 (Cyrus Brown, Melvern, Osage Co., Kansas)
- 1.19.29 1 July 1882 (Boone Ingels Agricultural Implements, El Paso, IL)
- 1.19.30 16 July 1882 (Luna Smith, Hallsville, Ill)
- 1.19.31 28 July 1882 (St. Paul Minnesota)
- 1.19.32 7 August 1882 (Luna Smith, Hallsville, IL)
- 1.19.33 6 September 1882 (presumably from Cyrus Brown, Melvern, Kansas)
- 1.19.34 25 October 1882 (Eva Campbell-no location given)
- 1.19.35 7 November 1882 (Ada Arnold, LeRoy, IL)
- 1.19.36 16 December 1882 (Horace Brown, Hudson, IL)
- 1.19.37 18 January 1883 (Cyrus Brown, Melvern, Osage Co., Kansas)
- 1.19.38 22 January 1883 (Registry Return Receipt)
- 1.19.39 1 February 1883 (W.C. Denman, Alda Hall, Neb.)
- 1.19.40 4 February 1883 (Frank Park, Alda, Neb.)

**Folder 20: General Correspondence of D.E. Denman in Oak Grove, IL (UNDATED—NO YEARS GIVEN)**

**Folder 21: Envelopes addressed to D.E. Denman in Oak Grove, IL (no letters to match)**

**Folder 22: Correspondence between Armedia Carlock and D.E. Denman before their marriage in February, 1883 (June 30, 1878 – June 19, 1882)**

- 1.22.1 5 December 1877 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Telling Gene she will visit the Johnstons'; Gene wanted to know when she went out of town; Invited Gene (and sister?) to dinner after church*
- 1.22.2 8 December 1877 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Trying to convince Gene to resume visits which he has stopped; She does "think a great deal of him" (with emphasis); They are not too young, as Gene has said; Reference made to "that last spring arrangement"*
- 1.22.3 23 June 1878 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Expresses affection for cousin Lizzie's visit; Lizzie told Media she likes Gene better than other young men; Drops names of other men she's been socializing with; Silver Thimble as gift for Lizzie's birthday; Has to*

- get up to pick strawberries and raspberries; Lizzie weighs 114 (but has gained 10 lbs.), Media 124; Family background—siblings, uncles, cousins and where*
- 1.22.4 29 June 1878 (Gene to Media, Oak Grove, IL)
- 1.22.5 30 June 1878 (Gene to Media, Oak Grove, IL) *Decide to end their relationship and cease correspondence; Media has gone out with someone else?; Gene would rather see her dead than with “him,”; If they never meet again in this world, they will meet in Heaven*
- 1.22.6 3 July, 1878 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Media brokenhearted; He should have told her earlier; Gene treated her far worse than she treated him; Lost 5 lbs. in one week; Wants a picture of him, will give him a bookmark she made*
- 1.22.7 18 August 1879 (Media to Gene, Normal, IL) *Hijinks and comedy of errors as she tries to visit Alvaretta, Francis; Attended church, Sunday School picnic; Has a terrible cold but her fun will not be ruined; Going to Will’s with the girls for ice cream*
- 1.22.8 7 March 1881 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 1.22.9 17 June 1881 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Requests that he return picture of her; Remarks he has made have offended; She wouldn’t ask if he had given a return picture, as requested; \*Signature is cut out of letter*
- 1.22.10 20 June 1881 (Gene to Media, Oak Grove, IL) *Picture enclosed—thought it had been a gift; “Such is life man is doomed to disappointment”; Lizzie’s influence? Should mind her own business; Media drafts a reply inside: Lizzie was not part of the decision; Gave him a picture expecting to receive one; She would never share their secret business or letters*
- 1.22.11 21 June 1881 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Received picture and note; Repeats her draft: Lizzie had nothing to do with it; She didn’t show or tell anyone anything; \*Signature cut out*
- 1.22.12 8 July 1881 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake Minn.) *Visiting her brother Philip and Gene’s sister/Philip’s wife Jennie); Does NOT want to make up, convince him to “have her;” He is flattering himself with this idea; She is “not that kind of chicken;” He should treat girls he sees with respect afterwards; She would never mistreat anyone in her home; Synopsis of her trip*
- 1.22.13 7 December 1881 (Gene to Media, Oak Grove, IL) *Please forgive every unkind word and act; It may be the last favor I will ever ask of you*
- 1.22.14 11 December 1881 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL) *Of course she forgives; Good Book says to do so; She has a great deal to forgive, couldn’t know rumors weren’t true; He is distant from the church—why so ashamed?*
- 1.22.15 17 January 1882 (Media to Gene, Ellsworth, IL) *Out of town and may not return in time for Sunday engagement; If he doesn’t see her at church he will know she’s not back; Come during the week instead of Sunday evening*
- 1.22.16 5 April 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 1.22.17 11 April 1882 (Gene to Media, Oak Brook IL Easter Sunday) *Surprised to hear from her; Election is past, no lives lost, no blood spilt, John won; Wants her to come see him, will go see her, etc.*
- 1.22.18 25 April 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 1.22.19 3 May 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 1.22.20 14 June 1882 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL)
- 1.22.21 19 June 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL) *Visit with Lizzie Woke up before six, had dinner by 11 a.m.—early!; Letter from Philip and Jennie—she should write more; A trip*

- up north this summer for \$7; Found a four leaf clover, will send on to him  
1.22.22 22 December 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson IL) very light, hard to read.

## **Box 2: 1882-1912**

### **Correspondence of Media and Gene up to and after their marriage; their daughters Lydia, Lutie and Lois. (25 Folders)**

#### **Folder 1: Correspondence between Armedia Carlock and D. E. Denman prior to their marriage in February, 1883 (July 1882-February 1883)**

- 2.1.1 18 July 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL) *Enjoyed visits with Gene's sister Belle; Wanted to go horseback riding; Forgot to mail letters Belle asked her to; Weighed again: 119 ½; Alvaretta was 112; Ask a phrenologist about what kind of husband she will have; Why won't he ever come up to see her; Something is wrong and has been, but he won't say what*
- 2.1.2 26 July 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL) *Picture enclosed; jokes about looking old; Up before 7 a.m., no nap all day; Got her dress—will send a piece; It is a mystery why he makes her feel bad on purpose; Won't write until she hears from him*
- 2.1.3 7 August 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard, Minn.) *Why doesn't he write? Why does he act like she hasn't?; Has written him four times without response; Belle received a letter from him, and he didn't say a word to Media; Friend Libbie is "jolly" and "boss"*
- 2.1.4 16 August 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.5 23 August 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.6 1 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.) *Your letters seem a little cool; don't know why*
- 2.1.7 9 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Hallsville, IL)
- 2.1.8 11 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.1.9 12 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Cedar Mills, Ill.)
- 2.1.10 17 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Cedar Mills, IL)
- 2.1.11 27 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.12 30 September 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.13 3 October 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.14 6 October 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.15 8 October 1882 (Media to Gene, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.1.16 26 October 1882 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 2.1.17 3 November 1882 (Media to Gene)
- 2.1.18 8 November 1882 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL)
- 2.1.19 28 November 1882 (Media to Gene, Washington, IL)
- 2.1.20 5 December 1882 (Media to Gene, Washington, IL)
- 2.1.21 23 January 1883 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 2.1.22 1 February 1883 (Media to Gene, Oak Grove, IL)
- 2.1.23 6 February 1883 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)

**Folder 2: Correspondence between Gene and Media after their marriage, 9 Feb 1883**

- 2.2.1 13 February 1883 (Media to Gene, Hudson, IL)
- 2.2.2 16 January 1884 (Gene to Media, Chenoa, IL)

**Folder 3: Correspondence received by Gene and Media from siblings and their immediate family while living in Oak Grove, IL (26 February 1883 – 7 December 1884)**

- 2.3.1 26 February 1883 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.2 27 February 1883 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.3 3 March 1883 (John H. Denman, location?)
- 2.3.4 19 April 1883 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.3.5 13 May 1883 (Thomas S. Denman, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.3.6 5 June 1883 (Jennie Denman Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.7 20 June 1883 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.3.8 8 October 1883 (“Mama” Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.9 5 December 1883 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn. *Thanksgiving, terrifying dentistry*)
- 2.3.10 16 December 1883 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *Dentistry*
- 2.3.11 30 December 1883 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.3.12 2 January 1884 (Thomas S. Denman, Parnell, IL)
- 2.3.13 10 January 1884 (Philip M. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.14 18 January 1884 (H. B. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.15 23 January 1884 (Media’s brother A.W. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.16 23 January 1884 (Thomas S. Denman, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.3.17 26 January 1884 (Media and Gene’s nephew/Philip’s son Bertie Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.18 4 February 1884 (Jennie Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *Telling about Philip’s death*
- 2.3.19 5 February 1884 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *Philip’s death*
- 2.3.20 8 February 1884 (J. W. Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.21 21 February 1884 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.) *Jennie coming back to IL*
- 2.3.22 25 February 1884 (J.H.D., Schaller, Iowa) *Livestock and crop prices*
- 2.3.23 21 April 1884 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.3.24 7 December 1884 (Thomas Denman, Parnell, IL)
- 2.3.25 31 December 1884 (W. W. Carlock, Howard Lake, Minnesota)

**Folder 4: Correspondence received by Gene and Media from siblings and their immediate family while living in Oak Grove, IL (4 January 1885 – 12 May 1889)**

- 2.4.1 4 January 1885 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.4.2 7 January 1885 (Mama C to Media)
- 2.4.3 7 April 1885 (Eunice Gilstrap (Gene’s sister?), Normal, IL)
- 2.4.4 7 May 1885 (Bertie Carlock (Philip’s son), Oak Grove, IL)
- 2.4.5 11 May 1885 (Melissa Carlock, Howard, Minn.)

- 2.4.6 17 May 1885 (J.H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.4.7 10 July 1885 (J.H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.4.8 25 September 1885 (Mary and Hamp Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.4.9 23 October 1885 (Melissa Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn)
- 2.4.10 24 January, 1886 (Alice Carlock (Melissa's daughter, Media's niece, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.11 15 July 1886 (Melissa Carlock, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.12 18 July 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebraska)
- 2.4.13 23 July 1886 (Winton Carlock, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.14 26 July, 1886 (Thomas Denman, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.4.15 5 August 1886 (A. W. Carlock, Glencoe, Minn)
- 2.4.16 6 August 1886 (Pa & Ma, Glenco, Minnesota)
- 2.4.17 30 August 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebraska)
- 2.4.18 4 September 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 2.4.19 22 September 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 2.4.20 8 October 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 2.4.21 22 October 1886 (Belle Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 2.4.22 31 October 1886 (Father and Mother, Hudson, IL)
- 2.4.23 12 December 1886 (Melissa Carlock, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.24 10 April 1887 (Melissa Carlock, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.25 22 April 1887 (Melissa Carlock, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.26 10 June 1887 (J.H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.4.27 18 July 1887 (T.S. Denman, Parnell, IL)
- 2.4.28 21 December 1887 (Daisy Hubbard Carlock) *holiday card- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*
- 2.4.29 15 March 1888 (Melissa and Alice Carlock, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.4.30 27 October 1888 (Brother C.D. Denman?, Alda, Nebr.)
- 2.4.31 1 November 1888 (Brother C. D. Denman? Alda, Nebraska)
- 2.4.32 27 September 1888 (J. H. Denman, Schaler, Iowa)
- 2.4.33 28 January 1889 (Melissa Carlock, Howard Lake, Minn.)
- 2.4.34 12 May 1889 (Melissa Carlock?, Glencoe, Minn.)
- 2.4.35 Year Unknown (Ma & Pa, Merchant's Hotel, Glencoe, Minn)

**Folder 5: General correspondence of Armedia and D.E. Denman while living in Oak Grove (25 March 1883 – 11 March 1889)**

- 2.5.1 14 March 1883 (Lizzie to Mrs. Media Denman) *Congratulations for marriage*
- 2.5.2 23 March 1883 (Laura A. Nethers, Litchfield, Minn.)
- 2.5.3 27 April 1883 (Laura, Litchfield, Minn)
- 2.5.4 1 May 1883 (Lizzie Hill, Washington, IL)
- 2.5.5 22 October 1883 (Sarah Winter, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.5.6 8 January 1884 (G.H.D, Roberts, IL)
- 2.5.7 3 February 1884 (Alvaretta Johnston, Normal, IL)
- 2.5.8 8 February 1884 (No Signature, Chenoa, IL)
- 2.5.9 21 March 1884 (Laura E. Neither, Litchfield, Minn.)

- 2.5.10 2 April 1884 (Alvaretta Johnston, Normal, IL) *Philip's death, scarlet fever, death in childbirth*
- 2.5.11 9 April 1884 (Mary Hill, Peoria IL) *Death, accidents, pictures, furniture, clothing, street-cars, books,*
- 2.5.12 15 April 1884 ("M", Woodland, IL) *pet bird, house-cleaning, Sunday School, Methodism, weather-rainy*
- 2.5.13 24 June 1884 (Scott family, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.5.14 13 August 1884 (Nannie Bush in Normal to Mrs. Denman)
- 2.5.15 25 August 1884 (Mollie Dunlap, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.16 9 October 1884 (Winton & Sarah, North Platte Neb)
- 2.5.17 15 October 1884 (Winton & Sarah, Dismal River, NE) *hunting trip*
- 2.5.18 22 November 1884 (W.C. McIntire, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.5.19 8 March 1885 (G. H. Kimmerling) *offering hand for summer*
- 2.5.20 9 March 1885 (N.B., Normal, IL)
- 2.5.21 20 March 1885 (Geo H. (or A?) Kimmerling, New Madison Ohio)
- 2.5.22 10 April 1885 (Daisy Carlock, Hudson, IL)
- 2.5.23 15 April 1885 (W.C. McIntire and Julien??, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.5.24 4 May 1885 (Geo. A. Kimmerling, Franklin, IL)
- 2.5.25 8 August 1885 (C.A. McKinney, Wapella, IL)
- 2.5.26 8 November 1885 (Lizzie Hill, Washington, IL)
- 2.5.27 14 December 1885 (W.C. McIntire, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.5.28 29 December 1885 (Laura A. Nethers, Husted, Col.)
- 2.5.29 12 January 1886 (Fannie in Hudson to Cousin Media & Gene)
- 2.5.30 22 January 1886 (Lizzie Hill, Washington, IL)
- 2.5.31 20 March 1886 (Nannie Bush, Normal, IL)
- 2.5.32 18 April 1886 (Thomas (Tommy) Tucker, Louisville, Clay Co. IL)
- 2.5.33 1 June 1886 (Thomas (Tommy) Tucker, Louisville, Clay Co. IL)
- 2.5.34 25 July 1886 (Thomas (Tommy) Tucker, Louisville, Clay Co, IL)
- 2.5.35 7 August 1886 (Alvaretta Johnson, Normal, IL)
- 2.5.36 9 August 1886 (P. M. Brown, Pittwood, IL)
- 2.5.37 11 October 1886 (A. A. Newman, Roberts, IL)
- 2.5.38 9 November 1886 (Alvaretta Johnson, Normal, IL)
- 2.5.39 15 November 1886 (Chicago and Minonk Coal and Coke Co., Minonk, IL)
- 2.5.40 5 January 1887 (John Beatty, Propr. My Store, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.41 17 January 1887 (Laura Nethers, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.42 23 January 1887 (Laura Nethers, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.43 24 March, 1887 (Laura Nethers, Monument, Colo.)
- 2.5.44 20 April 1887 (The Scotts, Howard, Minn.)
- 2.5.45 8 June 1887 (Laura Nethers, Monument, Colo.)
- 2.5.46 9 June 1887 (R.P. Smith, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.47 13 September 1887 (W.W. Hutchen, Bloomington, IL) *receipt*
- 2.5.48 19 December 1887 (S. Carlock, Hudson, IL)
- 2.5.49 28 February 1888 (Alice, Secor, IL)
- 2.5.50 4 March 1888 (Laura Nethers, Monument, Colo.) *Entertainment- subscribe to Ladies Home Journal*
- 2.5.51 10 March 1888 (Melissa, Glencoe, MN)

- 2.5.52 9 June 1888 (Frances B., Bloomington, IL)
- 2.5.53 14 October 1888 (Melissa, Howard Lake MN) *Politics*
- 2.5.54 31 December 1888 (B. F. Johnson, Fowler, IN)
- 2.5.55 11 March 1889 (Mary and James Pickard, Frank IL)
- 2.5.56 26 February 1894 (To Armedia from Mother & Father)
- 2.5.57 14 March 1895 (Melissa, Minneapolis, MN)

**Folder 6: Wedding invitations/announcements received by the Denman Family (1880s-1890s)**

- 2.6.1 7 March 1880 (W. W. Pusey & Margie G. Carlock, Oak Grove, IL)
- 2.6.2 4 August 1881 (Alvin W. Carlock & Daisy Hubbard married)
- 2.6.3 13 May 1885 (Mary J. Hill to Simeon Roberts, Washington, IL)
- 2.6.4 May 1887 (H. J. Whitcomb & Son, invitation to Annual Art Reception in Chicago)
- 2.6.5 25 November 1887 (Birthday party for Albert A. Phillips)
- 2.6.6 24 May 1888 (Mamie L. Irvin to John H. Bright, Normal, IL)
- 2.6.7 13 September 1888 (Mary E. Hubbard to William R. Heath, Hudson, IL)
- 2.6.8 24 November 1898 (Albert Smith Hanna married to Martha Luella Denman, Nokomis, Illinois)

**Folder 7: Correspondence received by Gene and Media from siblings and their immediate family while living in Carlock, IL (1890-1902)**

- 2.7.1 3 March 1890 (W.H. Gilstrap, Omaha, Neb.)
- 2.7.2 7 November 1890 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.7.3 12 March 1891 (Daisy H. Carlock, Berea, KY)
- 2.7.4 24 April 1891 (Daisy H. Carlock, Berea, Ky.)
- 2.7.5 12 December 1891 (Liss (Melissa?) Carlock, Excelsior, Minn.)
- 2.7.6 June 19, 1892 (Daisy, Berea College, Berea, Ky.)
- 2.7.7 8 February 1893 (Alice Mealey? Carlock, Minneapolis, Minn.) *incomplete*
- 2.7.8 12 February 1893 (Niece Alice Mealey? Carlock?, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.7.9 20 February 1893 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.7.10 6 March 1893 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.7.11 3 September 1893 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.7.12 2 February 1896 (Thomas S. Denman, Farmer City, IL)
- 2.7.13 13 December 1896 (John H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.7.14 7 May 1902 (Belle Denman, Chicago to D. E. Denman)
- 2.7.15 23 April 1903 (Belle Denman, Chicago, IL to D. E. Denman)
- 2.7.16 20 May 1903 (Belle Denman, Chicago, IL to D. E. Denman)
- 2.7.17 28 May 1903 (Belle Denman, Chicago, IL to D. E. Denman), *enclosed clipping titled "Fibroid tumor- vomiting and chills- extreme nervousness"*
- 2.7.18 3 June 1903 (Belle Denman, Chicago, IL to D. E. Denman) *doctor in Bloomington, weather*

**Folder 8: General correspondence of the Armedia and D.E. Denman family while living in**

### **Carlock, IL (1890s)**

- 2.8.1 19 February 1892 (“Dear Aunt” incomplete letter, no signature, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.8.2 7 November 1892 (Incomplete letter (no signature), Washington, IL)
- 2.8.3 31 January 1893 (A.A. Philips, Highland Park, Cal.)
- 2.8.4 10 February 1893 (J.H. Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.8.5 12 March 1893 (Lizzie Long to Lydia, Washington, IL)
- 2.8.6 27 March 1893 (Media’s cousin B.F. Johnson, Washington, IL)
- 2.8.7 30 April 1893 (Lizzie Long, Washington, IL)
- 2.8.8 15 October 1893 (Lizzie Long to Lydia, Eureka, IL)
- 2.8.9 15 November 1893 (Media’s cousin Lib/Libbie?, Eureka, IL)
- 2.8.10 5 December 1893 (J.H. Denman to Ging, location unknown)
- 2.8.11 4 March 1894 (Media’s cousin Bert to little Lydia, Valparaiso, IN)
- 2.8.12 1 May 1897 (Pastor R.L. Beshers, Carlock, IL)
- 2.8.13 8 August 1899 (“Father and Mother,” (Winton Carlock and wife), Carlock, IL)

### **Folder 9: General Denman Family Correspondence (1902 – 1913), up until the death of daughter Lydia Denman (b. 1888, d. 1913)**

- 2.9.1 30 April 1902 (John H. Denman to Belle Denman, Schaller, Iowa)
- 2.9.2 25 December 1907 (Jennie Lang to D.E. Denman, Carlock, IL)
- 2.9.3 16 May 1908 (McKinney Manufacturing Co., Colorado Springs, Colo., to Armedia (Carlock) Denman)
- 2.9.4 1 June 1908 (McKinney Manufacturing Co., Colorado Springs, Colo., to Armedia (Carlock) Denman)
- 2.9.5 29 July 1909 (Postcard from M.B.P., Prospect Point, Niagara Falls)
- 2.9.6 3 September 1909 (Alice Mealey, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.9.7 11 July 1911 (J.F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 2.9.8 5 September 1911 (Zelda Pickard to Lois, Osceola, Iowa)
- 2.9.9 22 August 1912 (J.F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 2.9.10 30 September 1912 (J.F. Carlock, School Croft, Mich.)
- 2.9.11 27 January 1913 (Dr. G.F. Sargaty/F.C. McCormick, Normal, IL)
- 2.9.12 21 July 1913 (J.F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 2.9.13 9 October 1913 (Maggie A. Wolf to Lois Denman)
- 2.9.14 24 October 1913 (H.L. Denman, Kirksville, Mo. to D.E. Denman)
- 2.9.15 24 October 1913 (J.F. and Mamie Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 2.9.16 29 December 1913 (Jessie M. Dillon, Church Treasurer, to Media, Normal, IL)
- 2.9.17 29 December 1913 (Maggie A. Wolf to Media, Carlock, IL)

### **Folder 10: Lydia’s apparently rejected proposal, 1905-1906, (She was 17 or 18 years old)**

- 2.10.1 1 November 1905 (George Baldrige, Carlock, IL)
- 2.10.2 16 January 1906 (George Baldrige, Carlock, IL)



**Folder 11: Correspondence of Lydia Denman received while living in Carlock, IL (1906–1909) Mostly postcards, one letter.**

- 2.11.1 Undated (very young) (Lucille Rice, no location)
- 2.11.2 10 June 1906 (M.C.C., Valparaiso, IN)
- 2.11.3 29 December 1906 (Carrie, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2.11.4 7 January 1907 (no signature Bloomington, IL )
- 2.11.5 26 January 1907 (cousin F.H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.11.6 12 April 1907 (cousin Frank Gilstrap, Champaign, IL)
- 2.11.7 9 June 1907 (cousin Frank Gilstrap, Denver, Colo.)
- 2.11.8 12 July 1907 (Stella, Ogden, Utah)
- 2.11.9 23 August 1907 (Stella, Caldwell, Idaho)
- 2.11.10 10 September 1907 (cousin Frank Gilstrap, Illi-cilli-wait Valley, British Columbia)
- 2.11.11 17 September 1907 (Pearl, Urbana, IL)
- 2.11.12 18 October 1907 (cousin Walter K. Denman, Boswell, Indiana)
- 2.11.13 28 October 1907 (S.T. (Stella?)?, Parma, Idaho)
- 2.11.14 6 November 1907 (Ethel G., Eureka, IL)
- 2.11.15 27 December 1907 (cousin Frank Gilstrap, Champaign, ILL)
- 2.11.16 6 January 1908 (cousin George R. Carlock, Paris, France)
- 2.11.17 11 February 1908 (Stella, Idaho)
- 2.11.18 16 April 1908 (cousin Maude, Boswell, IN)
- 2.11.19 2 June 1908 (Stella, Omaha, Neb.)
- 2.11.20 20 June 1908 (Beth, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.11.21 25 June 1908 (Edna, Carlock, IL)
- 2.11.22 4 July 1908 (cousin Lydia B., Deer Creek, IL)
- 2.11.23 9 July 1908 (Effie and Merle, Boswell, Indiana)
- 2.11.24 16 August 1908 (cousin George Carlock, Paris, France)
- 2.11.25 7 October 1908 (Ethel Gaddis, Eureka, IL)
- 2.11.26 21 October 1908 (Etta Lantz, Champaign, IL)
- 2.11.27 14 December 1908 (Etta Lantz, Carbondale?, IL)
- 2.11.28 22 December 1908 (Mary Yoder, Normal, IL)
- 2.11.29 29 December 1908 (Ella, Burlington, Iowa)
- 2.11.30 29 December 1908 (Ethel Gaddis, Carlock, IL)
- 2.11.31 31 December 1908 (M.B.Parke, Staunton, IL)
- 2.11.32 6 January 1909 (cousin George Carlock, Paris, France)
- 2.11.33 13 February 1909 (P.R., Champaign, IL)
- 2.11.34 1 March 1909 (Etta Lantz, Champaign, IL)
- 2.11.35 5 April 1909 (Della and Ethel, Eureka, IL)
- 2.11.36 7 April 1909 (Edna, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.11.37 9 April 1909 (cousin Ray Gilstrap, Champaign, IL)
- 2.11.38 25 May 1909 (Minnie and Earl, Lafayette, IN)
- 2.11.39 27 May 1909 (Mrs. John Schmidel(?), Colfax, IL)
- 2.11.40 4 June 1909 (Pearl L. Syatt, Long Beach, Calif.)
- 2.11.41 6 June 1909 (Lola Selders, Longasport, IN)

- 2.11.42 11 June 1909 (Ray Gilstrap, Spokane, Wash.)
- 2.11.43 18 July 1909 (Pearl L. Syatt, Long Beach, Calif.)
- 2.11.44 4 August 1909 (Pearl R., Chautauqua, IL)
- 2.11.45 6 August 1909 (Della C.L., Carlock, IL)
- 2.11.46 13 August, 1909 (Della C.L., Carlock, IL)
- 2.11.47 18 August 1909 (cousin Frank H. Carlock, Fort Thomas, Ky.)
- 2.11.48 23 August 1909 (W.H. Storm, IL)
- 2.11.49 27 September 1909 (Harry & Frances, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.11.50 4 October 1909 (Luella Denman Hanna, Hollis, NY)
- 2.11.51 6 October 1909 (Fannie B., Lafayette, IN)
- 2.11.52 13 November 1909 (M.H.S, Hoopeston, state?)
- 2.11.53 23 December 1909 (Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Creighton, Indianapolis, IN)

**Folder 12: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman in Boswell, IN (c/o Uncle T.S. Denman), and at home, University St., Normal, IL (1910-1911)**

- 2.12.1 18 January 1910 (Clara Stutzman, Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.2 27 January 1910 (Nan Denman, Clinton, IL)
- 2.12.3 22 February 1910 (D.M.S, Cuba, IL)
- 2.12.4 10 March 1910 (Clara Stutzman, Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.5 18 March 1910 (Clara (Stutzman) King, Chicago, IL)
- 2.12.6 28 March, 1910 (Stella Chism, Normal, IL)
- 2.12.7 29 March 1910 (No signature, Eureka, IL)
- 2.12.8 5 April 1910 (Effie, location?)
- 2.12.9 10 April 1910 (M.B.P., Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.10 20 April 1910 (M.B.P., Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.11 22 April 1910 (Clara King, Atlanta (?), IL)
- 2.12.12 25 April 1910 (D.M. Stutzman, Peoria, IL)
- 2.12.13 26 April 1910 (M.B.P., Bloomington, IL)
- 2.12.14 26 May 1910 (Effie, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.12.15 17 June 1910 (Clara (Stutzman) King, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.12.16 1 July 1910 (Mary, Location?)
- 2.12.17 12 July 1910 (Jessie Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 2.12.18 20 July 1910 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.19 20 July 1910 (M.M.D.P., IN)
- 2.12.20 21 July 1910 (M.B.P., Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.21 3 August 1910 (Edith, Pontiac, IL)
- 2.12.22 3 August 1910 (M.M.D.P, Boswell, IN)
- 2.12.23 6 August 1910 (D.M.S., location?)
- 2.12.24 9 August 1910 (Pete, Hoopeston, IL)
- 2.12.25 10 August 1910 (D.M.S., Peoria, IL)
- 2.12.26 18 August 1910 (M.M.D.P., Boswell, IN)
- 2.12.27 20 August 1910 (Jessie Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 2.12.28 22 August 1910 (M.B.P., Staunton, IL)
- 2.12.29 23 August 1910 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
- 2.12.30 2 September 1910 (Miss Myrtle Parke, Bloomington, IL/Lydia to Mary)

- Yoder, Undated.)
- 2.12.31 10 September 1910 (George Carlock, Paris, France)
  - 2.12.32 16 September 1910 (Miss Parke, Springfield, IL)
  - 2.12.33 20 September 1910 (Miss Parke, El Paso, IL)
  - 2.12.34 21 September 1910 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.35 6 October 1910 (M.M. D. P., Boswell, Indiana)
  - 2.12.36 7 October 1910 (D.M.P. Springfield, IL)
  - 2.12.37 13 October 1910 (Maude, Boswell, IN)
  - 2.12.38 21 October 1910 (Miss Myrtle Parke, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.39 14 November 1910 (Jessie Williams, Woodland, IL)
  - 2.12.40 17 November 1910 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.41 23 November 1910 (Miss Myrtle Parke, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.42 27 November 1910 (Edna, Champaign, IL)
  - 2.12.43 13 December 1910 (Jessie Williams, Woodland, IL)
  - 2.12.44 21 December 1910 (Jessie Williams, Woodland, IL)
  - 2.12.45 24 December 1910 (Mrs. J.R. Dodge, Normal, IL)
  - 2.12.46 31 December 1910 (Edna, Rankin, IL)
  - 2.12.47 18 February 1911 (Ella, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.48 22 February 1911 (Everett Larrabee, Normal, IL)
  - 2.12.49 23 February 1911 (Julia, Ottawa, IL)
  - 2.12.50 27 February 1911 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.51 20 April 1911 (Effie, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.52 1 June 1911 (Clara (Stutzman) King, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.53 8 June 1911 (George W. H., Bloomington, IL)
  - 2.12.54 19 June 1911 (Clara (Stutzman) King, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.12.55 11 July 1911 (Edna, Los Angeles, Calif.)
  - 2.12.56 September 1911 (Jess Williams, Woodland, IL)
  - 2.12.57 16 September 1911 (E. Pickard, Weltoon (?), Iowa)
  - 2.12.58 29 October, 1911 (Ben Williams, Decatur, IL)
  - 2.12.59 16 November 1911 (Edna P., Rankin, IL)
  - 2.12.60 1 December 1911 (Effie, Carlock, IL)

**Folder 13: General correspondence received by Lydia Denman at home, University St., Normal, IL (1912-1913)**

- 2.13.1 26 January 1912 (D.M.P., Buffington, Ohio)
- 2.13.2 28 January 1912 (George R. Carlock, Paris, France)
- 2.13.3 27 February 1912 (Julia, Carlock, IL)
- 2.13.4 19 April 1912 (Edna, Rankin, IL)
- 2.13.5 29 April 1912 (Ben Williams, Decatur, IL)
- 2.13.6 16 May 1912 (Jess Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 2.13.7 26 June 1912 (Cora Wells, Cropsey, Ill)
- 2.13.8 28 June 1912 (Jess Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 2.13.9 2 July 1912 (aunt Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 2.13.10 10 July 1912 (cousin E. F. Gilstrap, Chicago, IL)
- 2.13.11 2 September 1912 (cousin George Carlock, Paris, France)

- 2.13.12 24 January 1913 (Clara (Stutzman) King, Carlock, IL)
- 2.13.13 28 January 1913 (Ray Gilstrap, Winchester, Wash.)
- 2.13.14 3 February 1913 (Valeria, South Pasadena, Calif.)
- 2.13.15 7 February 1913 (Mary P., Location?)
- 2.13.16 10 February 1913 (Frank L. Irvin, Snoqualmie Falls, Wash.)
- 2.13.17 21 March 1913 (Mandle Cook, Chenoa, IL)
- 2.13.18 28 March 1913 (Lucily F., Normal, IL)
- 2.13.19 14 June 1913 (Frank and Judith Carlock)
- 2.13.20 6 August 1913 (Jenny Rice)
- 2.13.21 6 August 1913 (M.B.P., Staunton, IL)
- 2.13.22 23 August 1913 (Julia, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 2.13.23 15 August 1913 (Coila E. Richards, Glen Carbon, IL)
- 2.13.24 4 September 1913 (Mrs. Herman Schauster, Normal, IL)
- 2.13.25 11 September 1913 (Mr. and Mrs. W.H.S., Peoria, IL)
- 2.13.26 8 October 1913 (Vera Irwin, Normal, IL)
- 2.13.27 16 October 1913 (Maud Carlock, Elgin, IL)
- 2.13.28 20 October 1913 (Grace B. Parke, St. Louis, Mo.)
- 2.13.29 24 December 1913 (Julia, Location?)
- 2.13.30 Christmas 1914 (Lucille Rice, location?)
- 2.13.31 31 December 1913 (Ethel Gaddis, Carlock, IL)

**Folder 14: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman from her cousin Blanche Mealey in Delano, Minn. (1906-1910)**

- 2.14.1 23 July 1907 (Delano, Minn.)
- 2.14.2 18 September 1907
- 2.14.3 26 October 1907
- 2.14.4 19 November 1907
- 2.14.5 31 December 1907
- 2.14.6 26 February 1908
- 2.14.7 13 April 1908
- 2.14.8 20 April 1908
- 2.14.9 30 June 1908
- 2.14.10 26 July 1908
- 2.14.11 28 August 1908
- 2.14.12 13 October 1908
- 2.14.13 26 October 1908
- 2.14.14 23 December 1908
- 2.14.15 26 December 1908
- 2.14.16 9 January 1909
- 2.14.17 21 March 1909
- 2.14.18 4 June 1909
- 2.14.19 12 July 1909
- 2.14.20 28 March 1910

**Folder 15: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman from the Yoder family, including**

**the mother, brother and sister of her fiancé, Ralph (1906-1913)**

- 2.15.1 12 June 1906 (Mary (sister), Bloomington, IL)
- 2.15.2 30 March 1907 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.3 25 December 1907 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.4 21 June 1908 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.5 22 June 1908 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.6 22 December 1908 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.7 24 December 1909 (Mary, Bloomington, IL)
- 2.15.8 19 August 1910 (Mary, McLean, IL)
- 2.15.9 19 September 1910 (Mary, Granville, IL)
- 2.15.10 29 October 1910 (Mary, Granville, IL)
- 2.15.11 2 June 1911 (Mary, McLean, IL)
- 2.15.12 21 June 1911 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.13 29 December 1911 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.14 9 April 1912 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.15 18 April 1912 (Mrs. Ana Yoder (mother), Normal, IL)
- 2.15.16 24 April 1912 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.17 26 August 1912 (Mary in Normal, IL)
- 2.15.18 31 August 1912 (Mary in Normal IL ) *Entertainment- fair, races, death of a racer, suicide of "red" Tom Day*
- 2.15.19 12 September 1912 (Mrs. Ana Yofer, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.20 19 September (Mary in Normal, IL) *Education*
- 2.15.21 15 January 1913 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.22 2 February 1913 (Lee (brother), location? Probably in town)
- 2.15.23 13 February 1913 (Mary, Normal, IL)
- 2.15.24 25 August 1913 (Mary, McLean, IL)
- 2.15.25 31 August 1913 (Mary, Carbondale, IL)
- 2.15.26 8 October 1913 (Mary, Noeca, IL) 18 December 1913 (Mary, Noeca, IL)

**Folder 16: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman from immediate family members (1908-1913)**

- 2.16.1 3 December 1908 (Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 2.16.2 18 August 1909 (Lutie, C.H. and Evans, S.D.)
- 2.16.3 20 August 1909 (Lois, Sheldon, IL)
- 2.16.4 15 September 1909 (Lutie, Normal, IL)\
- 2.16.5 9 November 1909 (Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 2.16.6 17 November 1909 (Lutie, Normal, IL) *photocopy*
- 2.16.7 30 November 1909 (Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 2.16.8 22 June 1911 (Lois, Carlock, IL)
- 2.16.9 11 July 1910 (Lutie, Normal, IL) *photocopy, photocopied card from Blanche Mealey (date unreadable) attached*
- 2.16.10 27 July 1912 (Lois, Carlock, IL)
- 2.16.11 26 August 1912 (D.E. & Armedia Denman, Normal, IL)

- 2.16.12 21 September 1912 (Armedia (Carlock) Denman, Chicago, IL)
- 2.16.13 28 September 1912 (D. E. Denman, Normal, IL to Lydia in Tacoma)
- 2.16.14 10 November 1913 (D.E. Denman, Normal, IL) *envelope only*

**Folder 17: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman from Ralph Yoder (fiancé) (1910-1912)**

- 2.17.1 28 March 1910 (Decatur, IL) *visiting with friends, forgot books*
- 2.17.2 4 April 1910 (Billings, Mont.)
- 2.17.3 28 April 1910 (Decatur, IL)
- 2.17.4 2 May 1910 (Hubbard, OR)
- 2.17.5 8 June 1910 (Portland, OR) *Rose Show Week*
- 2.17.6 11 June 1910 (Hood River, OR)
- 2.17.7 28 June 1910 (Hood River, OR) *Graduation, professional advancement, oration contests?, gossip*
- 2.17.8 5 August 1910
- 2.17.9 22 August 1910 (Hood River, OR) *provocative joke*
- 2.17.10 27 September 1910 (Hood River, OR) *Washington Apples vs. Illinois*
- 2.17.11 4 October 1910 (Hood River, OR)
- 2.17.12 31 October 1910 (Hood River, OR) *Halloween, outing near Mt. Hood*
- 2.17.13 30 November 1910 (Portland, OR) *charity in Salem, skipping church*
- 2.17.14 5 December 1910 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.15 11 December 1910 (Hood River, OR)
- 2.17.16 17 December 1910 (Hood River, OR)
- 2.17.17 28 December 1910 (Portland, OR) *mail delivery*
- 2.17.18 14 January 1911 (Beaverton, OR)
- 2.17.19 24 January 1911 (Beaverton, OR)
- 2.17.20 30 January 1911 (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- 2.17.21 12 February 1911 (Milford, IL)
- 2.17.22 13 February 1911 (Kansas City, Mo.)
- 2.17.23 2 March 1911 (Watseka, IL) *Short visit home this Saturday and Sunday*
- 2.17.24 3 March 1911 (Watseka, IL) *not coming home this week*
- 2.17.25 20 March 1911 (Watseka, IL)
- 2.17.26 5 April 1911 (Watseka, IL) *poor, travel*
- 2.17.27 2 May 1911 (Watseka, IL) *social cancellations, friendly jokes*
- 2.17.28 24 May 1911 (Newton, state?)
- 2.17.29 24 May 1911 (Kansas City, Mo.)
- 2.17.30 25 May 1911 (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 2.17.31 25 May 1911 (Denver, Colo.)
- 2.17.32 26 May 1911 (Denver, Colo.)
- 2.17.33 27 May 1911 (Helper, Utah)
- 2.17.34 27 May 1911 (Salt Lake City, Utah) *temple/tabernacle, pick out wives (marriage jokes)*
- 2.17.35 28 May 1911 (Pocatello, Idaho)
- 2.17.36 28 May 1911 (Pocatello, Idaho?)
- 2.17.37 29 May 1911 (Hood River, OR)

- 2.17.38 3 June 1911 (Springfield, OR)
- 2.17.39 3 June 1911 (Salem, OR)
- 2.17.40 7 June 1911 (Hubbard, OR) *Rose Carnival, Lee is sick*
- 2.17.41 15 June 1911 (Hubbard, OR)
- 2.17.42 16 June 1911 (Corvallis, OR)
- 2.17.43 28 June 1911 (Corvallis, OR) *handling cord wood, forgotten birthday*
- 2.17.44 6 July 1911 (Salem, OR)
- 2.17.45 13 July 1911 (Portland, OR)
- 2.17.46 20 July 1911 (Hood River, OR) *letter*
- 2.17.47 18 August 1911 (Hood River, OR)
- 2.17.48 29 August 1911 (Hood River, OR) *busy, curt*
- 2.17.49 11 September 1911 (Portland, OR) *church, travel*
- 2.17.50 12 September 1911 (Eugene, OR) *real estate agent, office work, scenery in Eugene, OR*
- 2.17.51 13 September 1911 (Salem, OR)
- 2.17.52 14 September 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.53 18 September 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.54 21 September 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.55 3 October 1911 (Eugene, OR) *rain, furniture shopping, jury duty?*
- 2.17.56 4 October 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.57 12 October 1911 (Eugene, OR) *speaking at church for Y.M.C.A., research at library, scenery compare to ISNU?*
- 2.17.58 19 October 1911 (Eugene, OR) *ordered books, correspondence balance, "western girls"*
- 2.17.59 26 October 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.60 30 October 1911 (Normal) *Halloween card sent through Mary Yoder*
- 2.17.61 2 November 1911 (Eugene, OR) *bells and preaching at church, moving to coast, night clerk at Y.M.C.A, wants advice*
- 2.17.62 7 November 1911 (Eugene, OR) *rain, moving office and boarding house, yell leader for children's parade*
- 2.17.63 28 November 1911 (Eugene, OR) *fundraising, Thanksgiving, Friday night social committee, frosty weather*
- 2.17.64 29 November 1911 (Eugene, OR) *conflicting dinner invitations, young people at church (Bible school), social committee, fundraising*
- 2.17.65 8 December 1911 (Eugene, OR) *skipped church, running a bachelors' quarters*
- 2.17.66 16 December 1911 (Eugene, OR) *letter written 3/27/11 but not sent until December*
- 2.17.67 20 December 1911 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.68 8 February 1912 (Eugene, OR) *rain, general valentine, business*
- 2.17.69 8 March 1912 (Springfield, OR)
- 2.17.70 15 March 1912 (Eugene, OR) *mail delivery, prayer meeting, rain, travel (unsuccessful)*
- 2.17.71 4 April 1912 (Eugene, OR) *business conference, construction plans, planting flowers, encouragement to study*
- 2.17.72 2 July 1912 (Eugene, OR)

- 2.17.73 2 September 1912 (Vida, OR) *rain, trip to mountains, contract work, camp life, "longing for Lutie" (?)*
- 2.17.74 13 September 1912 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.75 4 October 1912 (Eugene OR)
- 2.17.76 25 October 1912 (Eugene, OR) *safe trip home from Colo. Springs, come west for health, don't use auto "too hard,"*
- 2.17.77 30 October 1912 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.78 6 November 1912 (Eugene, OR) *dates card 10/6, prohibition, Illinois "crazy over Teddy, "after Lutie and Lydia's trip out west, equal suffrage*
- 2.17.79 14 November 1912 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.80 24 November 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.81 29 November 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.82 1 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.83 9 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.84 12 December 1912 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.17.85 15 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.86 22 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.87 26 December 1912 (Eugene, OR), *the season's best wishes*
- 2.17.88 29 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*
- 2.17.89 30 December 1912 (Eugene, OR) *Letter*

**Folder 18: Correspondence received by Lydia Denman from Ralph Yoder (fiancé) (1913)**

- 2.18.1 4 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.2 11 January 1913 (Forest Grove, OR), *elected secretary of convention, banquet soon*
- 2.18.3 16 January 1913 (Eugene, OR) *too busy to write until Sunday, bookkeeping*
- 2.18.4 17 January 1913 (Eugene, OR), *reflects on convention, family visit, apple from Forest Grove, description of work hours, Y.M.C.A. workings, book-keeping, Fred B. Smith – chairman of Religious Work on the YMCA International Committee, Raymond Robins Chicagoan devoted to social work, conflict: is Lydia willing to move to Oregon?*
- 2.18.5 22 January 1913 (Eugene, OR), *Wednesday holiday, bookkeeping, Christian service vs.(self?)-righteousness, joking speculation on married life, ham and meat pies, fire at a local store, dating, local basketball game, racism—Kentucky,*
- 2.18.6 14 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.7 23 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.8 24 January 1913 (Eugene, OR) *Serious illness (Lydia's), basketball games, dating*
- 2.18.9 25 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.10 27 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.11 28 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.12 29 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.13 30 January 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.14 1 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)



- 2.18.15 1 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.16 2 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.17 5 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.18 6 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.19 7 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.20 8 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.21 10 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.22 11 February 1913 (Eugene, OR) *addressed to Media, about Lydia, tuberculosis, weather*
- 2.18.23 12 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.24 16 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.25 21 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.26 24 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.27 25 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.28 25 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.29 28 February 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.30 9 March 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.31 16 March 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.32 26 March 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.33 26 March 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.34 6 April 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.35 20 April 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.36 5 May 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.37 11 May 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.38 26 May 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.39 10 June 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.40 5 July 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.41 6 August 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.42 30 August 1913 (Eugene, OR)
- 2.18.43 19 October 1913 (Eugene, OR) *effect of illness on mental health, broken engagement, regret, sell house now that no one will be there, business, friend's bridal shower, gifts given, new girlfriends*
- 2.18.44 20 December 1913 (Eugene, OR)

**Folder 19: From Lutie and Lydia Denman to Armedia and D.E. Denman, and related correspondence, during a trip out West (Summer/Fall 1912)**

- 2.19.1 5 August 1912 (Beach North Oak, IL?) *ice cream supper, visit to ranch, car ride, trip to Badlands, rainy and cold, visiting, flax, oats and wheat crop, cultivation, train travel, family visit in Minn., stomach trouble, chore contributions*
- 2.19.2 24 August 1912 (Tacoma, Wash.) *room rental, sickness (bronchitis, fever, gum disease), letter writing, trips and prices, circus parade, fishing, peach canning, soup, rabbits, fashionable bags*
- 2.19.3 6 September 1912 (Tacoma, Wash.) *clothing: raincoats and suits, fashion, hats, weaves, sickness, need money, land investments and prices*

- 2.19.4 1 October 1912 (Aunt Eunice to Gene and Media, Tacoma, Wash.) *Lydia and Lutie had a good visit, apple trees, giving/keeping rent, want a vacation home, girls to Portland soon*
- 2.19.5 23 October 1912 (Colorado Springs, Colo.) *train delays, hurrying to travel before tickets run out (why?), organ in tabernacle, getting homesick*

**Folder 20: Lutie Denman to the Denman family from Kentucky, and related correspondence (1913)**

- 2.20.1 5 January 1913
- 2.20.2 15 January 1913
- 2.20.3 19 January 1913
- 2.20.4 30 January 1913
- 2.20.5 4 February 1913
- 2.20.6 5 March 1913
- 2.20.7 5 March 1913 (From Louise Dietz of Normal to Lutie)
- 2.20.8 30 March 1913
- 2.20.9 23 May 1913
- 2.20.10 10 June 1913
- 2.20.11 17 June 1913

**Folder 21: Lydia and Armedia Denman to the Denman family from Globe, Ariz., and related correspondence (Fall/Winter 1913)**

- 2.21.1 13 October 1913 (Judith K. Carlock to Media) *inviting her with Lydia, house rentals vs. boarding house, monthly rent costs, restaurants, dry weather, produce available—expensive (from California), topography of region*
- 2.21.2 5 November 1913 (Armedia and Lydia to home, Bowie, Ariz.)
- 2.21.3 12 November 1913 (Armedia to Gene; Lydia to family Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.4 17 November 1913 (Lydia to Lois, Globe Ariz.)
- 2.21.5 18, 19 November, 1913 (Media and Lydia to Gene, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.6 22 November 1913 (Media to Lois, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.7 27 November 1913 (Media to Winton in Normal)
- 2.21.8 29 November 1913 (Media and Lydia to Gene, Lois and Lutie, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.9 3 December 1913 (Media and Lydia to Gene, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.10 17 December 1913 (J.F. Hubbard, Globe, Ariz.)
- 2.21.11 18 December 1913 (Judith Carlock checking in with Media, Globe, Ariz.)

**Folder 22: General Correspondence of Lydia Denman, Undated or with no year listed**

**Folder 23: Wedding invitations and announcements received by the Denman Family, (21 October 1903 – 9 February 1913)**

- 2.23.1 October 1903 (Frances Rodman to Harry George Carlock, Holder, IL)
- 2.23.2 23 December 1903 (Effie Carlock (daughter of Jennie and Philip Denman) to John Harvey Stauffer, Carlock, IL)
- 2.23.3 30 November 1905 (Pauline Hortense Sanders to William G. Denman,

- Bloomington, IL)
- 2.23.4 6 March 1907 (Clella N. Doak to M.H. Denman in Sac City, Iowa)
  - 2.23.5 11 May 1907 (Gertrude Gaddis to Herbert Tyner Price, Carlock, IL) *Invitation*
  - 2.23.6 11 May 1907 (Gertrude Gaddis to Herbert Tyner Price, Carlock, IL)  
*Announcement*
  - 2.23.7 23 May 1907 (Judith Kavanaugh to Francis Hubbard Carlock, Kentucky Highlands, Ky.)
  - 2.23.8 17 June 1908 (Lewis L. Carlock and Nellie Maude Bellville, Bloomington, IL)
  - 2.23.9 2 September 1908 (Lulu Goodman to Harry Conkey Babb, Champaign, IL)
  - 2.23.10 10 March 1909 (Hettie Stevens to Walter Ray Denman, Coledo, IL)
  - 2.23.11 21 April 1909 (Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, daughter Minnie Gertrude Davis to Earl H. Malone, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.23.12 10 November 1909 (Minnie A. Creps to Oliver Pearl Johnson, Donovan, IL)
  - 2.23.13 25 December 1909 (Edith English to Albert C. Engel, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.23.14 9 February 1910 (Elma Myrtle Anderson to Eugene Franklin Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
  - 2.23.15 14 April 1910 (Clara Luella Stutzman to Charles C. King, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.23.16 16 August 1912 (Birth of John Kavanaugh Carlock to Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Carlock of Globe, AZ)
  - 2.23.17 10 September 1913 (Myrtle Beatrice Parke to William Homer Storm, Carlock, IL)
  - 2.23.18 28 November 1913 (Susan Kavanaugh to Clifford Corp, Globe, Arizona)

**Folder 24: Commencement Invitations/Announcements received by Armedia Carlock and D.E. Denman (1906-1912) (and one received by Winton Carlock)**

- 2.24.1 31 May 1906 (Strother A. Briggs, Normal High School)
- 2.24.2 30 May 1907 (Mary Denman, Sac City High School, Sac City, Iowa)
- 2.24.3 3 June 1910 (Delano High School, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.24.4 16 June 1910 (Lydia Denman, O. R. Skinner School, to Winton Carlock)
- 2.24.5 2 June 1911 (Clara A. Mealey, Delano High School, Delano, Minn.)
- 2.24.6 31 May 1912 (Glenna Belle McKinney, Clinton High School, Clinton, IL)
- 2.24.7 6 June 1912 (Lutie Denman, ISNU, Normal, Illinois) (2)

**Folder 25: Christmas/Holiday cards (1906-1913) 17 ITEMS**

**Folder 26: Correspondence addressed to Lutie Denman or both Lutie and Lydia Denman**

- 2.26.1 12 May 1910 (Friend Leslie to Lutie Denman, location?)
- 2.26.2 11 July 1910 (to Lutie from Barton) *pilgrim postcard*
- 2.26.3 12 July 1912 (to Lydia from Mama)
- 2.26.4 16 July 1912 (to Lydia from Myrtle)
- 2.26.5 19 July 1912 ( to Lydia and Lutie from Lois)
- 2.26.6 28 July 1912 (To Lydia and Lutie from Myrtle in Minneapolis)

- 2.26.7 2 August 1912 (to Lutie from Lois)
- 2.26.8 4 August 1912 (from Unknown to “Girls”)
- 2.26.9 7 August 1912 (to Lutie from Jean)
- 2.26.10 11 August 1912 (Daisy to Lydia, Beach N. D.)
- 2.26.11 12 August 1912 (to Lutie in Tacoma from Pete in Carlock)
- 2.26.12 14 August 1912 (t Lutie and Lydia in Tacoma from Media)
- 2.26.13 17 August 1912 (to Lydia from Mama)
- 2.26.14 19 August 1912 (to Lutie from Armedia and a rejection letter from David Felmley)
- 2.26.15 22 August 1912 (to Lutie in Tacoma from Jean in Normal)
- 2.26.16 23 August 1912 to Lutie from Lois)
- 2.26.17 27 August 1912 (to Lydia from D. E. Denman)
- 2.26.18 28 August 1912 (to “dears” from Lois) newspaper clippings enclosed
- 2.26.19 30 August 1912 (to Lydia and Lutie from mamma)
- 2.26.20 1 September 1912 (to Lutie from mama)
- 2.26.21 4 September 1912 (to Lydia from Lois) *Money*
- 2.26.22 5 September 1912 (to “dearists” from Lois)
- 2.26.23 6 September 1912 (to “girls” from Daisy in Beach North Dakota)
- 2.26.24 8 September 1912 (to “girls” from mama)
- 2.26.25 11 September 1912 (Jean in Normal, IL to Lutie in Tacoma, Washington)
- 2.26.26 12 September 1912 (Lois to Lutie)
- 2.26.27 15 September 1912 (to “girls” from “mamma”)
- 2.26.28 17 September 1912 (to “girls” from “mamma”)
- 2.26.29 18 September 1912 (Lydia and Lutie from Armedia)
- 2.26.30 21 September 1912 (to Lutie from Armedia)
- 2.26.31 30 September 1912 (to Lutie from Jean)
- 2.26.32 3 October 1912 (to Lutie from mamma) newspaper clippings enclosed
- 2.26.33 5 October 1912 (to Lydia and Lutie)
- 2.26.34 8 October 1912 (to Lydia and Lutie from D.E. Denman)
- 2.26.35 14 October 1912 (to Lydia and Lutie)
- 2.26.36 17 November 1913 (Jean to Lutie Denman, Location?)
- 2.26.37 Newspaper clippings separated from letter
- 2.26.38 4 envelopes, no letters

**Folder 27: Miscellaneous documents**

- 2.27.1 Scrapbook by Lutie Denman- cutouts from catalogs pasted in the pages, c.1912
- 2.27.2 “Thoughts for Companions” book (in excellent condition) from Aunt Mary to Lutie, c. 1926

**Box 3: 1914-1942**

**Denman family correspondence including of Lydia Denman and Winton Carlock (Armedia’s father) in 1914 (1 outlier from 1911) and Armedia’s death in 1928 (18 Folders)**

**Folder 1: Denman Family General Correspondence 1914**

- 3.1.1 15 April 1911 (Frank Carlock, Globe, AZ, to Winton Carlock, Carlock, IL) *Death of baby Frances*
- 3.1.2 1 January 1914 (J.H. Denman, Citrus Center, FL) *sick baby, vegetable garden, climate*
- 3.1.3 5 January 1914 (Effie, Carlock IL, to Lydia)
- 3.1.4 9 January 1914 (J.H. Denman, Citrus Center, FL) *Bessie's baby died, white sand beaches, climate, gardening,*
- 3.1.5 26 January 1914 (W.H. Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.1.6 9 February 1914 (Mr. and Mrs. George English, Carlock, IL) *thanks for wedding gift, invitation here also*
- 3.1.7 10 February 1914 (Anna Yoder, Bloomington, IL) *church bazaar, "games", death of Mrs. Bedinger*
- 3.1.8 11 February 1914 (Nellie and Letitia Bedinger) *thanks for sympathy*
- 3.1.9 14 February 1914 (Frances H. Larkin, The Plaza, NY)
- 3.1.10 16 February 1914 (Mamie and J.F. Carlock, Beach, North Dakota)
- 3.1.11 19 February 1914 (Mamie and J.F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 3.1.12 22 February 1914 (Alice (Carlock) Mealy, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.1.13 25 February 1914 (Judith H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.1.14 27 February 1914 (Frances H. Larkin, The Plaza, NY)
- 3.1.15 2 March 1914 (Probably Gilstrap family, Tacoma, Wash., envelope only)
- 3.1.16 2 March 1914 (T.S. Denman, Boswell, IN) *shipping request, crop prices, shipping*
- 3.1.17 8 March 1914 (Luella Hurst, Normal, IL) *Thank you for flowers*
- 3.1.18 9 March 1914 (J.H. Denman, Sac City, Iowa) *weather and travel, settling a new property—money and procedures, agriculture (oats, corn), back injury*
- 3.1.19 25 March 1914 (J.F. Carlock and Mamie, Carlyle, Mont.) *selling a farm, caring for cattle, "loud business" this summer, dinner (apple pie and scalloped corn)*
- 3.1.20 30 March 1914 (Thomas S. Denman, Boswell, IN)
- 3.1.21 30 March 1914 (Anna Yoder, McLean, IL) *illness, hospital stays, church bazaar, local play, food-- grape juice*
- 3.1.22 3 April 1914 (J.H. Denman, Sac City, Iowa) *weather, road condition, agriculture (oats), windmill purchase, hiring men*
- 3.1.23 14 September 1914 (Grace to Lutie Denman, Peoria, IL)
- 3.1.24 17 September 1914 (Mary C. Robeson, Secor, IL) *after a cancelled visit, weather (rain), sickness, travel in Europe, "boarding the teachers," visiting preacher, cemetery visit*
- 3.1.25 4 October 1914 (J.F. and Mamie Carlock, Carlyle, Montana) *travel by train and car, agriculture,*
- 3.1.26 15 October 1914 (George Carlock, East Aurora, IL)
- 3.1.27 23 October 1914 (George Carlock, New York, New York)
- 3.1.28 15 November 1914 (J. F. Carlock and Mamie, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 3.1.29 20 December 1914 (George Carlock, New York, New York) *addressed to "Aunt Frank," (Frances H. Larkin)*
- 3.1.30 20 December 1914 (George R. Carlock, New York, NY to D.E. Denman)
- 3.1.31 26 December 1914 (Cousin Phoebe, Paynesville, IN)

**Folder 2: Correspondence related to the death of Lydia Denman (5-16 January 1914)**  
*Illness, Sympathy, spirituality, religion*

- 3.2.1 5 January 1914 (Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.2.2 Undated: Telegram from D.E. Denman, Bloomington, IL) *Lydia's death and Armedia's father's*)
- 3.2.3 6 January 1914 (Frank H. and Judith Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.2.4 6 January 1914 (Maggie A. Wolf?, Carlock, IL) *Lard, timber*
- 3.2.5 6 January 1914 (E.E. Boyer, Eureka, IL)
- 3.2.6 7 January 1914 (Will and Myrtle, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.2.7 7 January 1914 (Mary Yoder, Neoga, IL, to Lydia)
- 3.2.8 7 January 1914 (A. A. Richardson, Lexington, IL) *Letter and poem*
- 3.2.9 7 January 1914 (Leota Brown, Amboy, IL)
- 3.2.10 8 January 1914 (Mary Kavanaugh, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.2.11 8 January 1914 (Mary C. Robeson, Gilman, IL)
- 3.2.12 8 January 1914 (Carla E. Richards, Stanton, IL)
- 3.2.13 8 January 1914 (Ross, Gladys, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.2.14 8 January 1914 (Mrs. Will Kraft, Normal, IL)
- 3.2.15 9 January 1914 (Eva, Clinton, IL)
- 3.2.16 9 January 1914 (Susan and Clifford Corp, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.2.17 9 January 1914 (Nellie McGavack, Bement, IL)
- 3.2.18 9 January 1914 (Grace B. Parke, St. Louis, IL)
- 3.2.19 10 January 1914 (Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.) *Unaware of the death still?*
- 3.2.20 10 January 1914 (Resolution of C.W.B.M. Auxiliary Chapter, Normal, IL)
- 3.2.21 11 January 1914 (Mariam Hall, Fairfield, Nebr.)
- 3.2.22 11 January 1914 (Mrs. Mary James Pickard, Rankin, IL) *About arrival of telegraph*
- 3.2.23 12 January 1914 (J.J. Hubbards, East Aurora, IL)
- 3.2.24 12 January 1914 (J. Shotwell??. Normal, IL)
- 3.2.25 12 January 1914 (Uncle Smith and Aunt Nettie, Kirksville, Mo.)
- 3.2.26 13 January 1914 (Daisy and Mamie Carlock, Beach, N.D.)
- 3.2.27 13 January 1914 (Mary Hubbard Heath, Buffalo, N.Y)
- 3.2.28 13 January 1914 (Nan Denman, Sac City, Iowa)
- 3.2.29 14 January 1914 (Roy Denman, Mrs. L.N. Ferguson Sac City, Iowa)
- 3.2.30 14 January 1914 (A.A. Phillips and Fanny B. Phillips, Los Angeles, Calif.)
- 3.2.31 15 January 1914 (Typed Resolution of C.W.B.M. Auxiliary Chapter, Normal, IL) *fraternal societies*

**Folder 3: Correspondence relating to the death of Lydia Denman (16 January–16 February 1914) *Illness, Sympathy, spirituality, religion***

- 3.3.1 16 January 1914 (Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.3.2 16 January 1914 (Alice Carlock, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.3.3 16 January 1914 (Mary and Lela Maud Denman, Falfurrias, Texas)
- 3.3.4 16 January 1914 (Mrs. Frank Dennis, Normal, IL)
- 3.3.5 16 January 1914 (Stella M. Stour for the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Bloomington, IL) *fraternal societies*
- 3.3.6 20 January 1914 (J.H. Denman, Citrus Center, Florida)

- 3.3.7 20 January 1914 (M.B. Denman, Falfurrias Texas) *smallpox, vaccinations, burial plots, teaching school*
- 3.3.8 20 January 1914 (Frances H. Larkin, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.3.9 23 January 1914 (Mrs. Mary Hintham, Normal, IL)
- 3.3.10 24 January 1914 (Mary M. Perry, Long Beach, Calif.)
- 3.3.11 29 January 1914 (George R. Carlock, Paris, France)
- 3.3.12 29 January 1914 (Mary Kavanaugh, Globe, Ariz.) *Christmas gift, handkerchief*
- 3.3.13 1 February 1914 (A. Washburn and Sons Florists, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.3.14 8 February 1914 (Mary Yoder, Neoga, IL)
- 3.3.15 16 February 1914 (Dr. Chloe C. Riley, NY, NY)
- 3.3.16 24 February 1914 (George R. Carlock, Paris, France)

**Folder 4: From Ralph Yoder to the Denman Family after Lydia's Death (12 January-26 November 1914) *guilt, apologies, condolences, sympathy, religious***

- 3.4.1 12 January 1914 (to Lutie, Eugene, OR) *broken engagement, should mail letters to him in a bunch (which she obviously did not do)*
- 3.4.2 16 January 1914 (to Denman Family, Eugene, OR)
- 3.4.3 22 January 1914 (to Lois, Eugene, Oregon) *poems of the "oriental religions"*
- 3.4.4 21 February 1914 (to Media, Eugene, OR)
- 3.4.5 9 June 1914 (to Media, Eugene, OR) *dislike for pictures in place of sacred memories*
- 3.4.6 10 August 1914 (addressed to Lois, opened "Dear Friends," Eugene, OR) *received picture, trip to California*
- 3.4.7 26 November 1914 (To Denman Family, Eugene, OR)

**Folder 5: Correspondence related to the death and will of Armedia Carlock Denman's father (3 January 1914-15 March 1915) *legal proceedings, family money strife, land rent, and purchase***

- 3.5.1 3 January 1914 (J.W. Carlock, Carlock, IL)
- 3.5.2 16 January 1914 (Frank H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.5.3 23 January 1914 (Frank H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.) *careful balance of payment on each part*
- 3.5.4 4 February 1914 (Will Mealey, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.5.5 5 February 1914 (Mary B. Denman, Falfurrias, Texas) *doctors, sickness, dresses*
- 3.5.6 6 February 1914 (W.H. Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.) *rent collection, railroad injury*
- 3.5.7 18 February 1914 (Will and Myrtle, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.5.8 21 February 1914 (F.H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.5.9 1 March 1914 (Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.5.10 27 April 1914 (Mamie and John F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 3.5.11 18 November 1914 (Frank H. Carlock, "In camp," Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.5.12 21 December 1914 (J.F. and Mamie Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.) *railroad,*

- building a bank, cattle*
- 3.5.13 5 January 1915 (W.W. Carlock and Alice Mealey (nee Carlock) Minneapolis, Minn.) *enc. 28 December 1914 J.W. Carlock, Carlock, IL) (This is the husband of Melissa and father of Will and Alice, not to be confused with J.F. Carlock of Carlyle, Mont.)*
- 3.5.14 15 March 1915 (Frank H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.) *broken pipes at mines*

**Folder 6: Denman Family General Correspondence (1915-1917)**

- 3.6.1 15 April 1915 (Frank Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.6.2 25 April 1915 (George R. Carlock, New York City, N.Y)
- 3.6.3 23 August 1915 (D. E. Denman, Normal, IL to Ray Gilstrap)
- 3.6.4 7 September 1915 (J.F. Hubbard, East Aurora, IL)
- 3.6.5 4 October 1915 (J.F. Hubbard, East Aurora, IL)
- 3.6.6 10 November 1915 (Mrs. Will Kraft, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 3.6.7 29 December 1915 (Eunice Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.6.8 2 April 1916 (J.F. Carlock, Carlyle, Mont.)
- 3.6.9 21 August 1916 (Mary Hubbard Heath, Silver Creek, NY)
- 3.6.10 27 August 1916 (J.F. Hubbard, East Aurora, IL)
- 3.6.11 6 September 1916 (Anna Yoder to Armedia in Sac City, Normal, IL)
- 3.6.12 6 September 1916 (Amanda Kirkpatrick to Media, Normal, IL)
- 3.6.13 28 December 1916 (Mrs. J.H. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.6.14 16 January 1917 (Jean, Milwaukee, Wis.)
- 3.6.15 17 January 1917 (Mary Jane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
- 3.6.16 29 January 1917 (E.F. Gilstrap, Indianapolis, IN)
- 3.6.17 31 May 1917 (Mary H. Heath, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.6.18 18 June 1917 (J.F. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.6.19 18 June 1917 (Frances H. Larkin, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.6.20 5 September 1917 (Mary C. Robeson, Secor, IL)
- 3.6.21 12 December 1917 (J.F. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)

**Folder 7: Wedding invitations/announcements and birth announcements received by Armedia and D.E. Denman (1914-1917)**

- 3.7.1 14 February 1914 (Vida Maude McKinney to George Everette English, Carlock, IL)
- 3.7.2 17 March 1914 (Gladys Dodd Ross to Kirby Delacour Frisby, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.7.3 24 June 1914 (Olive Shanklin to Clinton Vern Denman, Decatur, IL)
- 3.7.4 1 September 1914 (Carlock, IL) *baby announcement: Jennie Katherine Stauffer*
- 3.7.5 28 October 1915 (Ruth Inez Gaddis to John Eugene Naffiger, Carlock, IL)
- 3.7.6 30 October 1915 (Ruth Read Larkin to Walter Browning Robb, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.7.7 15 January 1916 (Nina Lucretia Shomaker to Chester Clarence Augustin, Carlock, IL)
- 3.7.8 25 February 1916 (Gertrude Grace Titman to Mr. Ray M. Gilstrap, Spokane,



- Wash.)
- 3.7.9 15 August 1916 (Lutie Bell to Frank Lemar Irvin, Normal, IL) (3)
- 3.7.10 23 February 1917 (Margaret Joyce Kelly to Notley J. Butler, Los Angeles, Calif.)
- 3.7.11 14 August 1917 (Leah Phillips to Oscar Robbins, Los Angeles, California)

**Folder 8: Denman Family General Correspondence (3 January 1918–21 December 1922)**

- 3.8.1 September 4, 1918 (J. F. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.8.2 January 1918 (Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Riley, Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Kirkpatrick, Cleoda Otto, Bloomington, IL) *Thank you for sympathy*
- 3.8.3 3 January 1918 (Glenn Wolf, Sac City, Iowa)
- 3.8.4 18 April 1918 (Mary & Anna, Colorado Springs, Colorado)
- 3.8.5 11 June 1918 (Frances H. Larkin, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.8.6 24 June 1918 (George R. Carlock, Paris, France)
- 3.8.7 19 July 1918 (Charles H. Buck, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.8.8 20 July 1918 (Frances H. Larkin, East Aurora, NY)
- 3.8.9 27 July 1918 (cousin Lizzie (Hill) Long, Washington, IL)
- 3.8.10 29 October 1918 (on behalf of Frances H. Larkin, Buffalo, NY) *George R. Carlock died*
- 3.8.11 20 November 1918 (Anna Yoder, Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 3.8.12 27 November, 1918 (Nelia McGavack, Watseka, IL)
- 3.8.13 7 January 1919 (Emma J. Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 3.8.14 15 January 1919 (Anna Yoder, Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 3.8.15 27 January 1919 (D.E. Denman in Normal to Charles Bennett, Carlock, IL)
- 3.8.16 28 January 1919 (Cousin Ida, Los Angeles, Colo.)
- 3.8.17 10 February 1919 (Mrs. J. F. Hubbard)
- 3.8.18 23 September 1919 (C.W. Harlan, Warsaw, IN)
- 3.8.19 13 October 1919 (Valeria, Alhambra, Calif.)
- 3.8.20 27 October 1919 (J. F. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.8.21 21 December 1919 (Nelia McGavack, Woodland, IL)
- 3.8.22 22 December 1919 (Mary C. Robeson, Secor, IL)
- 3.8.23 4 January 1920 (Valeria, Alhambra, Calif.)
- 3.8.24 1 March 1920 (Valeria, Alhambra, Calif.)
- 3.8.25 2 May 1920 (Valeria, Alhambra, Calif.)
- 3.8.26 7 January 1921 (J.H. Hubbard, Buffalo, NY)
- 3.8.27 9 July 1921 (Lina Fitzgerrill, Normal, IL)
- 3.8.28 15 August 1921 (Grace G. Goodrom, local)
- 3.8.29 29 August 1921 (Emma J. Williams, Woodland, IL)
- 3.8.30 January 1922 (Milo Custer (of Central Illinois Historical Society) to D. E. Denman)
- 3.8.31 14 April 1922 (Grand Matron of O.E.S., Chicago, IL)
- 3.8.32 17 April 1922 (Mary C. Robeson, Secor, IL)
- 3.8.33 27 May 1922 (Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Wiley and Family, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 3.8.34 14 June 1922 (Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Secretary, Chicago, IL)
- 3.8.35 22 June 1922 (Elizabeth Seibel, Secretary, Bloomington IL) *The Bloomington Normal Standard Club*
- 3.8.36 1 September 1922 (Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Chicago IL)
- 3.8.37 21 December 1922 (Jennie Denman Carlock, Carlock, IL)

3.8.38 7 June 192(?) (L. Delos Carlock to Uncle Gene and Aunt Media)

**Folder 9: Wedding invitations/announcements, birth announcements received by Armedia and D.E. Denman (1918–1923)**

- 3.9.1 31 August 1918 (Mary Ann Yoder to Matthew Parrack, Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 3.9.2 15 September 1918 (Laura Maude Nethers to Arthur Ervin Orcutt, Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 3.9.3 16 July 1919 (Mary Jane Denman to Alfred Roy Buckingham, Sac City, Iowa)
- 3.9.4 25 December 1919 (Ada Blanche Stephens to Martin S. Tomcheck, Carlock, IL)
- 3.9.5 26 February 1920 (Harriett Ross Abernathy to Robert Hopkins Wiley, Evanston, IL)
- 3.9.6 24 April 1920 (Minnie Irene Stubblefield to Ralph C. Gelling, Normal, IL)
- 3.9.7 20 May 1920 (Zelda Pickard to Lawrence Clifton Kittell, Rankin, IL)
- 3.9.8 24 August 1920 (Clara Alice Mealey to James Nutter, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.9.9 25 November 1921 (Edna Odessa Pickard to Charles William Conrad, Chicago)
- 3.9.10 July 1922 (Birth of Paul Theodore Liggitt, Jr., Lexington, IL)
- 3.9.11 14 September 1922 (Mildred Eddy to Charles Chesterfield Liggitt, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.9.12 22 May 1923 (Armedia Jayne to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Marcus Stubblefield)
- 3.9.13 5 August 1926 (Ferne Lorine to Raymond Philip Carlock, Eureka, IL)

**Folder 10: Commencement invitations, announcements, programs received by Armedia and D.E. Denman (1915 - 1926)**

- 3.10.1 1915 (University of Minnesota)
- 3.10.2 2 June 1916 (Hazel M. Carlock, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.10.3 5 June 1919 (Lela Maud Denman, Parma High School, Parma, Idaho)
- 3.10.4 19 June 1919 (East High School, Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 3.10.5 10 June 1920 (Jessie Carlock, Manchester High School)
- 3.10.6 25 May 1923 (Carlock Township High School)
- 3.10.7 28 May 1926 (W. Delos Carlock, Carlock Township High School)
- 3.10.8 28 May 1926 (Louise Carlock, Carlock Township High School)
- 3.10.9 28 May 1926 (Horace Burton Carlock, Carlock Township High School)

**Folder 11: Holiday Cards – Christmas 1914 to Easter 1921: 25 Items**

**Folder 12: Holiday Cards – Christmas 1921-1922**

**Folder 13: Denman family general correspondence (1924-1928), up to the death of Armedia Carlock Denman b. 15 August, 1858; d. 8 October 1928) (outliers: 1930, 1931, 1940)**

- 3.13.1 11 May 1923 (The Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co., East St. Louis, IL) *Re: a damaged pot Media wanted to return, letter to Mary on the backside*
- 3.13.2 18 June 1923 (Mary H. Heath, Buffalo, NY) *thank-you letter for visit to Bloomington, grandchildren*
- 3.13.3 7 August 1923 (Sac City, Iowa) *envelope only, with undated envelope in the same hand (wedding invitations?)*
- 3.13.4 5 September 1923 (J.H. and family Carlock, IL) *thank you for sympathy*
- 3.13.5 13 September 1923 (Guy, Lois (Denman) and Media Jayne Stubblefield, Bloomington, IL) *baby development, dinner (dressing, sweet potatoes, creamed celery, watermelon),*

- canned peaches, grapes for juice, dentist appt.,*
- 3.13.6 10 November 1924 (Margaret Wolf, Sac City, Iowa) *Letter writing strategy, Mollie (J.H.'s wife?) is sick, illness: blood pressure, brain hemorrhage*
- 3.13.7 21 November 1924 (Margaret Wolf, Sac City Iowa) *convalescence, description of medical "spell," visitors from Nebraska (other Carlocks?), Nettie Denman (an "old maid") got married, list of visitors, Media and Gene rode with a senator (a "good Republican")*
- 3.13.8 18 December 1924 (Gertrude, Laclede, Idaho), hunting, oil drilling business, Christmas plans, dinners
- 3.13.9 13 March 1925 (Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Co., Normal, IL) *report of changing telephone numbers (only 4 digits and a letter)*
- 3.13.10 5 April 1925 (Margaret Wolf, Sac City, Iowa) *family quarrels over going in to see Mollie (still sick), surgical procedures*
- 3.13.11 26 April 1925 (Mrs. Myrtle Parke Storm (formerly Miss Parke), Lawrenceville, IL)
- 3.13.12 19 May 1925 (Mrs. Myrtle Parke Storm Lawrenceville, IL)
- 3.13.13 20 December 1925 (Glen (Wolf?), Rockwell City, Iowa)
- 3.13.14 22 December 1925 (Cousin A.A. Phillips, Los Angeles, Cal.)
- 3.13.15 8 January 1926 (Frank H. Carlock, Globe, Ariz.)
- 3.13.16 6 February 1926 (Niece Lydia, Washington, IL) *cancer, dinner invitation*
- 3.13.17 8 February 1926 (George C. Aydelott of the Crusade for Christian Education, Bloomington, IL) *invitation to complimentary banquet to learn about their cause*
- 3.13.18 14 May 1926 (The Goodwin Family, Normal, IL) *thank you for sympathy*
- 3.13.19 20 July 1926 (Ray M. Gilstrap, Buckley, Wash.) *oil drilling, death of Mollie Denman, grandchildren, reunion*
- 3.13.20 27 July 1926 (E.F. Gilstrap, Dallas, Texas)
- 3.13.21 3 August 1926 (Elma, Carthage, Mo.) *reunion, grief death of a child*
- 3.13.22 9 August 1926 (Gertrude Gilstrap, Laclede, Idaho)
- 3.13.23 17 September 1926 (Gertrude, Laclede, Idaho) *surgery, family history (genealogy?), children healthy and growing, waiting for husband Ray to get them from parents, canning,*
- 3.13.24 20 November (?) 1926 (Goodwin Family, Normal, IL) *Thank you for sympathy*
- 3.13.25 9 January 1927 (Mrs. Dungey, Chattanooga, Tenn.) *Train travel—delays, mistakes in ticket, missed connections, flooded rivers, strawberry shortcake*
- 3.13.26 2 June 1927 (Virginia Carlock, Carlock, IL) *Thank you for graduation gift*
- 3.13.27 4 November 1927 (DAR magazine advertisement)
- 3.13.28 26 December 1927 (Thomas S. Denman, Boswell, IN)
- 3.13.29 28 December 1927 (John H. Denman, Sac City, IL)
- 3.13.30 7 January 1928 (Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hays) *Happy Birthday Gene*
- 3.13.31 7 January 1928 (Mrs. Mary Dungey, Chattanooga, Tenn.)
- 3.13.32 9 January 1928 (R.M. Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.13.33 January 1928 (Carlock Farmers Elevator Co., Carlock, IL) *notice of regular annual meeting*
- 3.13.34 30 January 1928 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 3.13.35 13 February 1938 (J.H. Denman)
- 3.13.36 2 April 1928 (The Ladies of the Missionary Society, Normal, IL) *get well card for Media*
- 3.13.37 29 April 1928 (Verah McPherson from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital Hinsdale, IL),

- to Gene about sending daughter there for a "rest" (Lois? Lutie?), brochures enclosed.*
- 3.13.38 5 May 1928 (Frieda (??)) *get well*
  - 3.13.39 5 June 1928 (H.H. Harman, "Crusade Director" for the National City Christian Church Crusade, Indianapolis, IN)
  - 3.13.40 8 June 1928 (Nellie, Bloomington, IL) *Writing because could not get in touch by phone, going to Iowa for Pleas (who is sick) and Belle*
  - 3.13.41 16 August 1928 (Mrs. Goodwin, Normal, IL) *Birthday card for Armedia*
  - 3.13.42 18 August 1928 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
  - 3.13.43 26 September 1928 (Mrs. Hinton, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
  - 3.13.44 29 September 1928 (Mrs. Clarke, Normal, IL) *Get Well*
  - 3.13.45 3 October 1928 (Elizabeth and Margaret Seibel, Bloomington, IL) *Get Well*
  - 3.13.46 5 October 1928 (Mrs. W.A. Stall and Mrs. Stubblefield, Normal, IL)
  - 3.13.47 13 October 1928 (Mrs. W.R. Wiley and Family, Normal, IL) *thanks for sympathy*

**Folder 14: Holiday Cards received by the Denman family (1923-1924) 33 Items**

**Folder 15: Holiday Cards received by the Denman Family (1924-1928)**

**Folder 16: Material related to the death of Armedia Charity (Carlock) Denman (October 8 1928)**

- 3.16.1 October 1928 (Memorial Record for Armedia Denman)
- 3.16.2 10 October 1928 (Lucille Rice, Lake Park, IL)
- 3.16.3 10 October 1928 (Thimble Society, Normal, IL)
- 3.16.4 11 October 1928 (Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Morre, Alburn, Iowa(?))
- 3.16.5 11 October 1928 (R.L. Beshers & Family, El Paso, IL)
- 3.16.6 11 October 1928 (Ida Denman, Grand Island, Nebr.)
- 3.16.7 11 October 1928 (Mary L. Kimball, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.16.8 11 October 1928 (Rachael Hauson Hodgkinson, to Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Normal, IL)
- 3.16.9 12 October 1928 (Mr. and Mrs. Frederick F. Beckman)
- 3.16.10 16 October 1928 (Ladies of the Missionary Society)
- 3.16.11 19 October 1928 (Mary and Lela M., Parma, Idaho)
- 3.16.12 22 October 1928 (Committee of Mount Olive Shrine No. 25, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.16.13 23 October 1928 (Gertrude and Ray Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.16.14 6 November 1928 (Resolution from sisterhood, Normal, IL)
- 3.16.15 13 November 1928 (Gertrude and Ray Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 3.16.16 15 November 1928 (Mrs. Harry Riddle, Secretary of the Board of the Woman's University Guild, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.16.17 21 November 1928 (Resolution from Bloomington and Normal Standard Club, Bloomington, IL)
- 3.16.18 7 December 1928 (Henrietta Henington, Chicago, IL)
- 3.16.19 28 December 1928 (Mr. and Mrs. William Dungey, Chattanooga, Tenn.)
- 3.16.20 14 January 1929 (Resolution from the Descendants of Winton Carlock,

Carlock, IL)

- 3.16.21 11 August 1929 (Resolution from Harry G. Carlock Insurance, Carlock, IL)
- 3.16.22 Undated (Resolution from the Women's League of Normal, Normal, IL)

**Folder 17: Announcements of: weddings, births, anniversaries and deaths received by the Denman family (1923-1928), up to Armedia Denman's death**

- 3.17.1 7 August 1923 Anna Elizabeth Humphries married to Harold Glenn Wolf, Sac City, Iowa
- 3.17.2 25 December 1923 Ruth Wiley married to James Dewey Ogden, Normal, IL
- 3.17.3 16 October 1924 Nettie Isabella Denman married to Charles B. Modesitt, Sac City, Iowa
- 3.17.4 26 November 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McKinney, Golden Wedding Anniversary, Normal, IL
- 3.17.5 2 January 1925 Memorial Service for Juliana Francis Read Hubbard, 16 November 1829 – 28 December 1924, Buffalo, NY
- 3.17.6 20 May 1926 Ora Anna Williams married to Fred Wallace Owings, Woodland, Illinois
- 3.17.7 24 August 1927 Ruth Opal King married to Harry Charles Carlock, Minier, IL

**Folder 18: Commencements, 1927, 1932**

- 3.8.1 23 May 1927 Vurrell Denman, Grant Township Common Schools, Boswell, IN
- 3.8.2 9 June 1927 Cecil M. Carlock, Illinois State Normal University Sophomore, Normal, IL
- 3.8.3 14 June 1927 Willard B. Carlock, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
- 3.8.4 7 June 1928 Cecil M. Carlock, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL.
- 3.8.5 19 May 1932 Charles E. Denman, Schaller High School, Schaller, Iowa

**Box 4: 1928-1939**

**Correspondence of D.E. Denman until his death in 1939 and of his daughter, Lutie, and son-in-law, Frank Irvin, and their family. (16 Folders)**

**Folder 1: Correspondence of D.E. Denman after the death of Armedia Charity Carlock Denman (1928)**

- 4.1.1 November 1928 (Mrs. Myrtle Parke Storm, Minier, IL)
- 4.1.2 7 December 1928 (Aunt Mary H. Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 4.1.3 18 December 1928 (Gertrude and Roy Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 4.1.4 15 February 1929 (Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, Rockwell, Iowa)
- 4.1.5 2 March 1929 (Cousin Jamison (?), House of Representatives, Wash.)  
*sympathy on loss of Media*

- 4.1.6 19 March 1929 (Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Carlock, Peoria, IL)
- 4.1.7 22 March 1929 (ATS, Washington, D.C.)
- 4.1.8 2 May 1929 (Aunt Mary Denman, Alda, Nebr.) *flu, asthma, bronchitis, wages for household help, business, bills, drought, head injury*
- 4.1.9 3 June 1929 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *taking in boarders?, prescription number, remedy for poisoned hand?, bank to open up again, choose flowers*
- 4.1.10 19 June 1929 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 4.1.11 10 July 1929 (Henrietta Henington, Chicago, IL)
- 4.1.12 15 July 1929 (Ray M. Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 4.1.13 28 July 1929 (Henrietta Henington, Chicago, IL)
- 4.1.14 31 August 1929 (E.F. Gilstrap, Kansas City, Mo.)
- 4.1.15 12 September 1929 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *response to an inquiry for household help?*
- 4.1.16 4 October 1929 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *can't come until end of week, can ride with Guy (Lois' husband)*
- 4.1.17 13 December 1929 (Walter, Joy, Earl & Maude and their families, Indiana) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 4.1.18 14 December 1929 (Maude Anderson, Boswell, IN)
- 4.1.19 15 December 1929 (Nephew W.R.D., Boswell, IN)
- 4.1.20 17 December 1929 (Clarence Lawson, Corn Belt Feed Company, Boswell,
- 4.1.21 20 December 1929 (Laura E. Nethers, Fountain, Colo.) *entreaties to send news from Carlock and Normal*
- 4.1.22 21 December 1929 (D.M.C., Princeville, IL)
- 4.1.23 21 December 1929 (Maude Anderson, Boswell, IN)
- 4.1.24 23 December 1929 (Clarence Lawson, Boswell, IN)
- 4.1.25 24 December 1929 (Nan, Sac City, Iowa) *family news, Christmas present, nothing to write about*
- 4.1.26 24 December 1929 (Maude Anderson, Boswell, IN)
- 4.1.27 26 December 1929 (J.H. Denman, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.1.28 27 December 1929 (Maude Anderson, Boswell, IN)

**Folder 2: Holiday Cards received by D.E. Denman, 1927-1929**

**Folder 3: D. E. Denman General Correspondence (17 May 1930 – 27 December 1936) (and a couple letters to Lois Denman, 1930-1931)**

- 4.3.1 20 January 1930 (D. E. Denman to Mrs. W. R. Wiley) *estate of W. R. Riley*
- 4.3.2 1 April 1930 (letter from Addison T. Smith to D. E.) *sent Governor Baldrige at Boise, Idaho, a copy of an article concerning the death of his brother, Tom. Copy of the letter from Gov. Baldrige is included*
- 4.3.3 8 May 1930 (Della, Princeville, IL. to Lois Denman) *did the party go alright? Mr. Garrison, Mr. Lewis from Peoria preached in church, gossip-Ruth and Everett visited, Mrs. Congers is weak,*
- 4.3.4 17 May 1930 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *Re: missing cuff buttons*
- 4.3.5 1 July 1930 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *Can't come help until the fall,*

- working outside with "the girls"*
- 4.3.6 23 August 1930 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *Really cannot come before October*
- 4.3.7 9 October 1930 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *will come to Peoria on Tuesday morning bus*
- 4.3.8 13 November 1930 (Mrs. Young, La Harpe, IL) *addressed to Mrs. Denman*
- 4.3.9 31 November 1930 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *Arrived safely, can come back after the holidays*
- 4.3.10 12 December 1930 (W. R. Denman, Boswell, ID) *very angry letter*
- 4.3.11 1 January 1931 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *"if you are still alone," can come back next Wednesday*
- 4.3.12 6 January 1931 (Josie Irvin Phillips and Hazel Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 4.3.13 8 January 1931 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 4.3.14 10 March 1931 (W.R. Denman, Boswell, Indiana)
- 4.3.15 6 May 1931 (Della Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *received check, Farmer's Bank closed*
- 4.3.16 25 May 1931 (Dr. William Brady, Buffalo, NY) *re: iodine for better metabolism*
- 4.3.17 3 June 1931 (Nellie McGavack, Normal, IL)
- 4.3.18 15 October 1931 (Della to Lois Denman, Peoria, IL)
- 4.3.19 30 December 1931 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *housecleaning, dinner coming up, head injury*
- 4.3.20 26 April 1932 (Hallsville Elevator Company, Hallsville, Illinois)
- 4.3.21 20 June 1932 (Mrs. McKinney and Family, Normal, IL) *thanks for sympathy*
- 4.3.22 27 June 1932 (Robert Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.3.23 17 December 1932 (Mary B. and Lela M. Denman, Boise, Idaho) *banks closing, money to get back, Domestic Allotment System, taxes, businesses, farmers, lifting of prohibition?, elections*
- 4.3.24 17 December 1932 (Cousin Ada Freeman, Pacific Grove, Calif.) *afflicted by "Simm's Trouble" for 4-5 months?, neighbors care for her, auto rides, will Gene marry again?*
- 4.3.25 18 December 1932 (Elma, Frank & Gene Gilstrap(?), Kansas City, Mo.) *family reunited after Frank went ahead to take city job, couldn't write earlier due to nerves over a business situation*
- 4.3.26 9 November 1933 (Lois, Peoria, IL)
- 4.3.27 19 November 1933 *wedding invitation: Helen Strayer to Marion F. Carlock*
- 4.3.28 3 December 1933 (Normal Lodge no. 673 statement of dues)
- 4.3.29 12 December 1933 (Glenn, Elizabeth and Bruce Wolf, Correctionville, Iowa) *49 miles from Sac City, Established Maytag sales and service business, saw Ray in Sac City*
- 4.3.30 22 December 1933 (Julia & Burt, Carlock, IL) *Seasons Greetings*
- 4.3.31 2 June 1934 (Walter N. Denman, Boswell, Indiana)
- 4.3.32 12 June 1934 (Genevive Denman, Schaller, Iowa) *thank you for handkerchiefs, list of uncles, drought and rain,*
- 4.3.33 15 June 1934 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *greeting card*
- 4.3.34 14 July 1934 (Berry & Nolan Atty at Law, Fowler, ID)
- 4.3.35 13 August 1934 (Walter R. Denman, Boswell, Indiana)

- 4.3.36 11 September 1934 (Frank, E.F. Gilstrap, Glasgow, Mont.) *thanks for help with records (genealogy?), work on townsite and dam building, try to get reappointed to the work, will send pictures. Thanks for certified copy of birth certificate.*
- 4.3.37 4 December 1934 (Ada Freeman, Pacific Grove, Calif.) *Simm's trouble? Sinn's trouble? Hurts to bend head—cannot write much, blindness and wearing glasses, a widow for 15 years, drinking, radio, telephone, shell collection,*
- 4.3.38 28 December 1934 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *Aunt Jenny passed away, paying to keep the furnace, treatments for neuritis of the spine*
- 4.3.39 28 December 1934 (Cousin A.H.S., Clinton, IL) *sorry to hear about Jennie, writing to inform folks*
- 4.3.40 19 October 1935 (Lula A. Myers, Chicago, IL) *memories of yard work as neighbors, moving/storing furniture*
- 4.3.41 15 December 1936 (Mrs. B., El Paso, Tex.)
- 4.3.42 17 December 1936 (Ada Freeman, Pacific Grove, Calif.) *telephone, radio and neighbor make her thankful—as every year!, will send pictures of Gene's mother and sister Belle—he may not have them since his father's house burned,*
- 4.3.43 19 December 1936 (Sister Mary, Boise Idaho) *why hasn't he written? How are his eyes?, building boom in Boise, house prices to drop*
- 4.3.44 27 December 1936 (Lula A. Myers, Chicago, IL) *Will come down to pay bill*

**Folder 4: General Correspondence Received by D.E. Denman (2 January 1937-10 January 1939, 1940, 1942 outlier) (also includes funeral service booklets)**

- 4.4.1 January 1937 (Lula A. Myers, Chicago, IL) *cannot come to Normal tomorrow: 1937 pass has not arrived (train?)*
- 4.4.2 8 January 1937 (Josie Irvin Phillips and Hazel Irvin (siblings of husband), Normal, IL) *birthday card*
- 4.4.3 9 January 1937 (Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hays, Carlock, IL) *birthday card*
- 4.4.4 6 October 1937 (State Bank of Schaller)
- 4.4.5 11 October 1937 (P.C. Somerville, Bloomington Consistory Secretary) *Social Societies: Urging him to pay dues to remain a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, form enclosed*
- 4.4.6 12 December 1937 (Walter R. Denman (Thomas' son), Boswell, IN) *Farming-land and corn, appraisal of land, selling vs. harvesting, creditors, Thomas' wife died, he remarried*
- 4.4.7 14 December 1937 (Bess (John H. Denman's daughter), Sac City, Iowa) *has high blood pressure (like her mom, Mollie?), selling house, furniture, Nan works at library leaving housework for Bess, infant health, trouble with "ornery" renter, unemployment, no money*
- 4.4.8 18 December 1937 (Ada Freeman, Pacific Grove, Calif.) *Health—arthritis, Neighbors prepare meals for her*
- 4.4.9 20 December 1937 (Samuel Hahne, president of State Bank of Schaller, Schaller, Iowa), *report of J.H. Denman's leases and rents*



- 4.4.10 27 December 1937 (A.H. Smith, Clinton, IL) *Renters, Christmas*
- 4.4.11 28 December, 1937 (The Official Board of the First Christian Church, Normal, IL) *Donate money to pay for new furnace (pledge card enclosed)*
- 4.4.12 29 December 1937 (Lois, Peoria, IL) *housework, stomach reaction to Christmas, planning for New Year's, birthday*
- 4.4.13 6 January 1938 (Lois, Peoria, IL) *Shopping for bathroom rugs and curtains, long distance phone call*
- 4.4.14 6 January 1938 (Walter R. Denman, Boswell, IN) *husking corn, crop prices*
- 4.4.15 12 February 1938 (Niece Bess (Daughter of John H. Denman) Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.16 24 October 1938 (Robert Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.17 7 December 1938 (USDA) *Application for soil conservation payment*
- 4.4.18 1939 Bloomington Consistory Statement of Dues
- 4.4.19 6 January 1939 (Great-great-niece Joleen Dawson, LaFayette, IN) *Get Well card*
- 4.4.20 7 January 1939 (Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Goodman, Normal, IL) *Birthday card*
- 4.4.21 10 January 1939 (Lois, Peoria, IL) *reflecting on birthday party, enclosed letter from Cassie (Schaller, Iowa)*
- 4.4.22 10 January 1939 (USDA) *soil conservation check*
- 4.4.23 17 January 1939 (Farmers National Company)
- 4.4.24 13 February 1939 (Robert, Sac City, Iowa) *enclosed Hallsville Elevator Co. & Farmers Elevator Co. statements*
- 4.4.25 22 March 1939 (Frank Denman, Alda, Nebr.)
- 4.4.26 15 May 1939 (Bess, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.27 25 May 1939 (Commencement of Gwendolyn D. Denman, Schaller High School, Schaller, Iowa)
- 4.4.28 3 June 1939 (to Aunt Lois from Gwen, to Dad from Lois, in same envelope)
- 4.4.29 9 June 1939 (USDA Agricultural Adjustment Administration)
- 4.4.30 10 June 1939 (Jane & Walter Denman, Raub, IN) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 4.4.31 21 June 1939 (Mrs. R. E. Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.32 3 July 1939 (Mrs. Robert Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.33 7 July 1939 (Estimate for electrical work, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.34 15 July 1939 (Niece Bess, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.35 15 July 1939 (Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association)
- 4.4.36 30 August 1939 (Robert Wise and Lois, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.37 5 September 1939 (Mrs. Robert Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.38 17 September 1939 (Lois to dad, Peoria, Illinois)
- 4.4.39 18 September 1939 (invitation to Annual Home Coming of Carlock Christian Church)
- 4.4.40 11 September 1939 (Wedding announcement of Virginia Denman to Charles W. Bass, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.41 12 September 1939 (Farmers State Bank, Carlock, IL)
- 4.4.42 28 September 1939 (Robert Wise, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.4.43 Funeral Service book for the funeral of D. E. Denman (4) and obituary
- 4.4.44 28 February 1940 (Farmers National Company)
- 4.4.45 19 March 1940 (Della to Lois) *Happy Easter*
- 4.4.46 5 April 1940 (Stelle, Adamowski, Barrett)

- 4.4.47 1 July 1940 (P.H. MaGirl Foundry and Furnace Works) *Note: Gene died in 1939*
- 4.4.48 17 September 1940 (First Christian Church)
- 4.4.49 8 May 1942 (Mrs. Kate Cooper, Memphis, Tenn.) *Note: Gene died in 1939*

**Folder 4b: Mail received by D.E. Denman related to agriculture & land leasing 1937-1940**

- 4.4.50 Department of Commerce census form, undated
- 4.4.51 Diagram for acidity map, farm owned by H. H. Hayes
- 4.4.52 20 September 1938 (Fuller Agricultural Service to tenants and land owners)
- 4.4.53 3 November 1938 (Fuller Agricultural Service to tenants and landlords)
- 4.4.54 10 November 1938 (Pontiac Stone Co. to T. L. Irwin)
- 4.4.55 17 December 1938 (Fuller Agricultural Service agreement with D. E. Denman)
- 4.4.56 Notice of 1939 farm acreage allotments, normal yields, and productivity index
- 4.4.57 19 December 1938 (Fuller Agricultural Service)
- 4.4.58 13 January 1939 (Results of Logan Corn Strip Tests)
- 4.4.59 20 February 1939 (Fuller Agricultural Service)
- 4.4.60 14 July 1937 (Carlock Farmers' Elevator Company)
- 4.4.61 6 September 1939 (Fuller Agricultural Service)
- 4.4.62 8 November 1939 (Fuller Agricultural Service)
- 4.4.63 5 July 1940 (State of IL Division of Highways)
- 4.4.64 1937 & 1938 Statement between Denman and Hayes

**Folder 5: D.E. Denman Holiday Cards, 1930s I**

**Folder 6: D.E. Denman Holiday Cards, 1930s II**

**Folder 7: D.E. Denman Holiday Cards, 1930s III**

**Folder 8: D.E. Denman Holiday Cards, 1930s IV**

**Folder 9: D.E. Denman Birthday Cards, 1938 (15 Items)**

**Folder 10: Denman family correspondence, undated**

**Folder 11: Empty envelopes addressed to the Denmans**

**Folder 12: General correspondence of Frank Irvin, who later married Lutie Denman (1907–1913)**

- 4.12.1 23 December 1907 (Marion, Tulane, Tenn.)
- 4.12.2 24 December 1908 (Chester Liggett, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.3 20 February 1909 (J.S.C., Perry, OK)
- 4.12.4 1909 (Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia) *souvenir mail card of St. Louis Union Station*
- 4.12.5 10 April 1911 (E.W. Davis, Normal Public Schools, Normal, IL)

*Recommendation letter on behalf of Frank Irvin*

- 4.12.6 Circa 1911 letter from C. W. Klemm regarding Frank's recent employment in the fabric section
- 4.12.7 13 April 1911 (Mr. and Mrs. C.B.S., Peoria, IL) *no message*
- 4.12.8 1 August 1911 (J.F., C-----land, Indiana) *vacation note*
- 4.12.9 17 August 1911 (Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Goodwin and Family, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.10 15 May 1912 (J.S. Irvin, International Portland Cement Co., Ottawa, Canada)
- 4.12.11 24 May 1912 (Commencement, Cedric Junk, Normal High School, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.12 24 May 1912 (Commencement, Birney F. Fleming, Normal High School, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.13 24 May 1912 (Empty envelope, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.14 6 June 1912 (Commencement, Lutie B. Denman, Illinois State Normal University)
- 4.12.15 25 August 1912 (Ethyl M., Peoria, IL)
- 4.12.16 2 October (Irma, Chenoa, IL)
- 4.12.17 1 November 1912 (no name, Bloomington, IL)
- 4.12.18 29 November 1912 (Can't read name, Moline, IL) *saw football, traveling Davenport to Moline*
- 4.12.19 16 December 1912 (Pauline Powell, Tonica, IL)
- 4.12.20 19 December 1912 (C.B.S. and C.L.S., Texarkana, Tex.-Ark.) *no message*
- 4.12.21 December 1912 (Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Goodwin, Bloomington, IL) *Christmas*
- 4.12.22 30 December 1912 (Pearl and Walter, Bloomington, IL) *Happy and prosperous New Year*
- 4.12.23 21 January 1913 (International Portland Cement Co., Spokane, Wash.) *Newspaper clippings*
- 4.12.24 27 January 1913 (C. W. Klemm) *been a salesman for us for 1.5 years he is leaving at his own accord for a better position*
- 4.12.25 28 January 1913 (Gladys Johnson, Ocean Beach, Cal.)
- 4.12.26 28 January 1913 (A.F. Ryan of C.W. Klemm, Bloomington, IL) *Recommendation letter on Frank's behalf*
- 4.12.27 5 February 1913 (Hazel Irvin, Normal, IL) *Mrs. C's dog misses him*
- 4.12.28 12 February 1913 (Mama, Normal, IL) *Happy Valentine's, check-in, weather update*
- 4.12.29 15 February 1913 (Mama, Normal, IL)
- 4.12.30 17 February 1913 (Sunday Law Club, Washington)
- 4.12.31 24 March 1913 (Albert Livingston, Boston Store, Bloomington, IL)
- 4.12.32 31 March 1913 (Carrie S., Chicago, IL)
- 4.12.33 12 April 1913 (Louise Narny (?), Trent, Wash.)
- 4.12.34 20 April 1913 (Mother, Josie Irvin Phillips, Normal IL) *Happy Birthday*
- 4.12.35 7 August 1913 (Hilda, St. Louis, Mo.) *"The stores are somewhat different from ours"*
- 4.12.36 22 August 1913 (M.A.C., Chicago, IL) *times of arrival and departure*
- 4.12.37 26 August 1913 (Louise, Irvin, Wash.)
- 4.12.38 3 September 1913 (Canie S., Canon City, Colo.) *wagon trip to Royal Gorge, picnic*
- 4.12.39 24 December 1913 (Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Goodwin, Normal, IL)

**Folder 13: General correspondence of Frank Irvin, who later married Lutie Denman (1914–1916)**

- 4.13.1 20 January 1914 (Denman Family, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy on Lydia's death*
- 4.13.2 27 March 1914 (C.N. Klemm, IN) *Happy Easter*
- 4.13.3 22 April 1914 (Lucy P. L...(?), Amberge, Wis.)
- 4.13.4 24 April 1914 (Ina, Bloomington, IL) *Happy Birthday*
- 4.13.5 24 April 1914 (C.L.G., Bloomington, IL)
- 4.13.6 24 April 1914 (J?.P., no postmark) *Happy Birthday*
- 4.13.7 24 April 1914 (Hazel Irvin, Normal, IL) *Happy Birthday*
- 4.13.8 27 June, 1914 (Wedding Announcement, Bloomington, IL) *Lottie Vliet (?) to Emmett B. Brindley*
- 4.13.9 28 June 1914 (Wedding Invitation, Bloomington, IL) *Mabel Spurgin to George L. Hanson*
- 4.13.10 1 July 1914 (No name, Bloomington, IL) *Empty envelope*
- 4.13.11 1 October 1914 (Normal, IL) *Invitation to Students' Bible Class Reception*
- 4.13.12 14 November 1914 (Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, NY)
- 4.13.13 24 November 1914 (Mrs. K, Normal, IL) *Happy Birthday addressed to Mr. Frank Philips*
- 4.13.14 8 December 1914 (Chas. E. Diuilliens (?), Canton, IL)
- 4.13.15 23 December 1914 (Chas. E. Diuilliens (?), Canton, IL)
- 4.13.16 24 February 1915 (Chas. E. Duiulliens (?), Canton, IL)
- 4.13.17 26 May 1915 (Normal High School Commencement, Normal, IL) *Lois A. Denman*
- 4.13.18 26 May 1915 (Normal High School Commencement, Normal, IL) *Ella Marguerite Fleming*
- 4.13.19 2 August 1915 (Lois Denman, Lake City, Iowa)
- 4.13.20 17 August 1915 (Lutie Denman, Cedarville, Wis.)
- 4.13.21 18 August 1915 (Lutie Denman, Cedarville, Wis.)
- 4.13.22 26 August 1915 (Billie Mac, ----town, IN)
- 4.13.23 25 November 1915 (Lutie Denman, Carlock, IL) *Travel plans*
- 4.13.24 28 December 1915 (Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barnes, Minter (?), IL)
- 4.13.25 24 April 1916 (No signature, Bloomington, IL) *Happy Birthday*
- 4.13.26 5 August 1916 (Hotel Glenwood, Fontana, Wisconsin)
- 4.13.27 10 August 1916 (Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, IL)

**Folder 14: Undated Correspondence of Frank Irvin**

**Folder 15: General correspondence of the Irvin Family: Frank Irvin, Lutie Denman Irvin, and their children Betty Belle Irvin and Otis "Bud" Irvin, through Otis' death in 1931 (1921- 1931)**

- 4.15.1 29 July 1921 (Lois Denman Stubblefield from sanitarium in Hinsdale, IL)

- panoramic view of place, suitcase not arrived yet, home in "a day or two," cp. to 1928 letter advertising sanitarium to D.E. Denman, and dinner menu from 1920*
- 4.15.2 4 August 1921 (Lois Denman Stubblefield from sanitarium in Hinsdale, IL)
- 4.15.3 22 June 1922 (Certificate from Cradle Roll)
- 4.15.4 25 December 1922 (Grandma Phillips to Little Miss Betty Belle Irvin, Carlock, IL)
- 4.15.5 1923 (to Miss Betty Belle Irvin, unsigned, Carlock, IL)
- 4.15.6 2 January 1923 (Grace, Viola, IL)
- 4.15.7 14 February 1923 (Ruth to Betty Belle, Carlock, IL)
- 4.15.8 17 May 1923 (Invitation, Carlock, IL)
- 4.15.9 8 April 1923 (Lucile R. to Betty Belle, Bloomington, IL)
- 4.15.10 19 April 1923 (Uncle Delmar, Aunt Vallie & Cousin Bobby to Betty Belle)  
*Happy Birthday*
- 4.15.11 20 June 1923 (Blanche Wright, Gladys Vincent, Carlock, IL) *Invitation*
- 4.15.12 22 August 1923 (Guy and Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *Note for picture of three-month-old Armedia Jayne Stubblefield*
- 4.15.13 7 September 1923 (Grace, Viola, IL) *Re: picture of baby Betty Belle Irvin*
- 4.15.14 16 September 1923 (Dad & Ma to Miss Betty Belle Irvin, Sac City, Iowa)
- 4.15.15 30 September 1923 (Esther, Cleveland, Ohio) *Re: picture of baby Betty Belle Irvin*
- 4.15.16 11 October 1923 (Mrs. Morris Wright and Mrs. Kyle Rader, Carlock, IL)  
*Invitation*
- 4.15.17 3 December 1923 (Myra Hudson, Wellington, Kans.) *Thanks for presents, wishes for good health*
- 4.15.18 8 August 1929 (Carlock Book Committee, Los Angeles, Calif.)
- 4.15.19 17 January 1930 (Lutie Denman Irvin to Betty and Bud Irvin, Normal, IL) *Glad to get their letter, bed-making day for her, they must be shoveling snow*
- 4.15.20 30 January 1930(?) (Mother to Betty & Bud, Normal IL)
- 4.15.21 13 February 1930 (Mrs. J.A. Goodwin, Normal, IL)
- 4.15.22 1 May 1930 (Friend H???, Chicago, IL) *one last card before leaving Chicago*
- 4.15.23 10 May 1930 (From who?, Bloomington, IL) *Mother's day poem*
- 4.15.24 December 1930 (Lutie Denman Irvin to Otis "Bud" Irvin)
- 4.15.25 20 December 1930 (Elizabeth to Bud Irvin, Mackinaw (?), IL)
- 4.15.26 20 December 1930 (Fred to Betty Belle and Otis "Bud" Irvin, Lovington, IL)
- 4.15.27 23 December 1930 (Miss Heller to Otis "Bud" Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 4.15.28 25 December 1930 (Rene to Otis "Bud" Irvin, St. ???, IL)
- 4.15.29 25 December 1930 (Gilbert Lee Ferson to Otis "Bus" Irvin)
- 4.15.30 Easter 1931 (From Unknown to Otis Irvin)
- 4.15.31 12 May 1931 (Frank Irvin to Lutie Denman Irvin, Chicago, IL) *Miss you, tell kids to be good, food – fried fish lunch*
- 4.15.32 30 June 1931 (Rene, Normal, IL) *a friend from the sanitarium? Comment on women's improving (or not) health*
- 4.15.33 4 August 1931 (Josie Phillips to Betty Belle Irvin)
- 4.15.34 6 August 1931 (Uncle Delmar Irvin to Buddy, Montebello, Calif.) *enclosed promised pictures, love to all, how is Lutie's health?*
- 4.15.35 20 September 1931 (Mrs. C.M. Ross, Rhinelander, Wis.)

- 4.15.36 3 October 1931 (Uncle Delmar Irvin to Buddy, Los Angeles, Calif.) *greetings to Buddy and Betty, story about a child their age, children's radio show, I'm sure you're well now*
- 4.15.37 October 1931 (Meadow Gold Ice Cream to Otis "Bud" Irvin) *Get Well*
- 4.15.38 October 1931 ("Buttercup" to Otis "Bud" Irvin) *Get Well*
- 4.15.39 October 1931 (Ida Kreis to Otis "Bud" Irvin) *Get Well*
- 4.15.40 8 October 1931 (No signature, location unreadable) *Get Well*
- 4.15.41 9 October 1931 (Eva B. Galloway to Otis "Bud" Irvin, Pittsfield, IL)
- 4.15.42 12 October 1931 (to Otis "Bud" Irvin, Normal, IL) *Empty envelope*
- 4.15.43 12 October 1931 (Lois Denman Stubblefield to Lutie Denman Irvin, Peoria, IL)
- 4.15.44 17 October 1931 (Bertha Caldwell, Princeville, IL) *death of Buddy, last bank closed, stockholders quarreling, all the Caldwell money was in that bank*

**Folder 16: General correspondence of the Irvin Family: Frank Irvin, Lutie Denman Irvin, and Betty Belle Irvin (1932-1939)**

- 4.16.1 22 January 1932 (note from W.F. Bigelow, editor of Good Housekeeping to Frank Irving) *regarding received manuscript*
- 4.16.2 12 March 1932 (Delmar Irvin to Frank's mother and sister, Hazel Irvin) *purchase a "Carry On" for \$1.50, 2 week revival in church, Lutie is ill, committee meetings, desire to write poems like Frank, inspiration: Isaiah 35:1*
- 4.16.3 31 October 1932 (C.W. Orcutt, *Pantagraph* Managing Editor, Bloomington, IL) *Congratulations to Frank on winning 5<sup>th</sup> prize in the United States Hidden Word contest; prize of \$5 enclosed*
- 4.16.4 14 December 1932 (G. Shepard, Cashier, Normal State Bank, Normal, IL) *Lutie has been chosen as a judge for the Annual Stockholders Meeting*
- 4.16.5 1933 (Maurine B. to Betty Belle) *write soon*
- 4.16.6 4 January 1933 (Lois Denman Stubblefield to Lutie Denman Irvin, Peoria, IL) *dress shopping, \$1 for Lutie to spend – not save!, sinus trouble, D.E.'s birthday—will Lutie invite him, since Lois is afraid to make the trip?*
- 4.16.7 16 January 1933 (Grace, Viola, IL) *Sympathy on loss of Otis, comfort in little girl, her Frances has chicken-pox, family update*
- 4.16.8 23 February 1933 (Lois Denman Stubblefield to Lutie Denman Irvin, Peoria, IL) *Wants Frank to get skates for her girls, Sara Jean and Media Jayne, dentistry, birthday party –ice cream, angel food cake, games, entertaining S.S. class – cherry pie and coffee*
- 4.16.9 1 March 1933 (Uncle Jim to Betty B., Sacramento, CA) *Happy birthday*
- 4.16.10 15 April 1933 (Charles Eddy to Betty Belle) *easter card*
- 4.16.11 31 May 1933 (Eugene Sackman, Strobel-Wilken Company, Inc., NY, NY) *Reminder to Frank to send poems he recited*
- 4.16.12 9 June 1933 (Maurine Bunegar (??), Lucas, Iowa) *Milking the cow, grandpa died, how are Gerturde and Alfreda?*
- 4.16.13 25 July 1933 (Patty to Betty Belle) *postcard*
- 4.16.14 1 August 1933 (Frank B. Whitman and children to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 4.16.15 27 September 1933 (Louis Howe, The White House Secretary, Washington DC to Frank Irvin, Normal, IL) *the president has received your letter, he has*

- asked me to thank you most heartedly for sending your poem
- 4.16.16 9 November 1933 (President and Mrs. Ramond W. Fairchild of Illinois State Normal University, Normal, IL) *Invitation to reception*
- 4.16.17 20 November 1933 (Norman T. McKay, Portland, OR) *romantic description of OR, article on poetry enclosed, business troubles, talking to Los Angeles Underwear Man in San Francisco...*,
- 4.16.18 7 December 1933 (Jean, Winnebago, Wis.)
- 4.16.19 18 April 1933 (Media & Sarah Stubblefield, Peoria) *Birthdays card*
- 4.16.20 13 February 1934 (Grandma and Aunt Hazel) *Valentine greetings*
- 4.16.21 4 August 1934 (to Betty from Mary Francis & Mary Jane)
- 4.16.22 August 1934 (Marian Templin to Betty)
- 4.16.23 27 September 1934 (Lucy F. to Lutie Denman Irvin, Atlanta, IL) *cold, sorry for shutting car door on Gene's hand, canning beans, hope dress getting made, sweet potatoes and fried apples, saving up stories for Betty, needs a place to stay*
- 4.16.24 24 October 1934 (Lucy to Irvins, Atlanta, IL) *trip to Wisc., child illness – whooping cough, invitation to drive down*
- 4.16.25 29 November 1934 (Betty to Marian, Normal, IL)
- 4.16.26 21 December 1934 (Grace, Viola, IL) *Description of children's Christmas play, children making presents, crying baby doll, Olin in Woodstock Ohio to have baby in Feb., inherited real estate from Lee's brother – might move to Chicago for a year*
- 4.16.27 5 January 1935 (Mary L. Campbell to Lutie Denman Irvin, Peoria, IL) *Birthdays card, photo negatives*
- 4.16.28 17 January 1935 (United States Civil Service Commission, Washington D.C.) *application for position of postmaster*
- 4.16.29 18 March 1935 (Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak, Mich.) *Letter of admission to the National Union for Social Justice, membership cards and application enclosed*
- 4.16.30 19 April 1935 (Wilma Sims) *Happy birthday card*
- 4.16.31 4 May 1935 (Mrs. Jas Irvin and Family, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 4.16.32 16 July 1935 (Wedding Announcement, Lucille Hall to Wayne Rook Osborn, Chicago, IL)
- 4.16.33 18 July 1935 (Mary Jane to Irvins, Royal Oak, Mich.) *having a great time AWAY from Rev. Coughlin*
- 4.16.34 22 July 1935 (D.E. Denman to Lutie Denman Irvin, Sac City, Iowa) *Arrived safely, seeing friends and farms*
- 4.16.35 1 September 1935 (Lucy Ferguson, Indianapolis, IN)
- 4.16.36 23 October 1935 (Aunt Nettie and Marjory, Normal, IL)
- 4.16.37 13 November 1935 (The Gregory Family, IL ) *thank you for sympathy*
- 4.16.38 30 November (Aunt Nettie, Normal, IL) *Hospital bills*
- 4.16.39 9 December 1935 (W.H. Odell, secretary, Citizen's Savings, Loan, and Building Association of Normal, IL) *Calling annual meeting of stockholders*
- 4.16.40 20 December 1935 (Belle Warlow, Bloomington, IL) *Sympathy card*
- 4.16.41 22 January 1936 (Dad to Betty Belle, St. Louis, MO) *almost froze on car coming down, windy, going to eat then I'll get to work, maybe I'll make it*

- back on the Alton train*
- 4.16.42 11 April 1936 (Larry to Betty, Taylorville, IL)
- 4.16.43 17 April 1936 (Aunt Effie) *Birthday card*
- 4.16.44 13 June 1936 (Mrs. Carl Vrooman, New York, NY)
- 4.16.45 24 August 1936 (Evert...?? To Betty, Hammond, Wisconsin)
- 4.16.46 25 June 1937 (Everture?? to Betty, Boulder, Colorado) *school in Boulder, weather*
- 4.16.47 16 July 1937 (Jo to Betty, Corydon, IN) postcard. *Mary Jane and I haven't met our tall, dark, handsome yet, still hoping*
- 4.16.48 26 August 1937 (Normal Community High School) *letter to prospective students*
- 4.16.49 1 June 1938 (Hi-Tri Camp at Camp Seymore, letter to parents, Carbondale, IL)
- 4.16.50 14 July 1938 (Lois Denman, Kewanee, IL)
- 4.16.51 28 January 1939 (Wedding Announcement, Frances Jean Ross to Clifford H. Clark, Indianapolis, IN)
- 4.16.52 20 March 1939 (Jessie Dillon, treasurer of First Christian Church of Normal) *sincere thanks for contribution*
- 4.16.53 25 October 1939 (Mrs. Keen and Boys, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 4.16.54 2 November 1939 (Gertrude H. Blair and Lottie Heller) *Thanks for Sympathy*
- 4.16.55 10 November 1939 (Haxel Family, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for Sympathy*
- 4.16.56 15 November 1939 (M.P. Carlock, Los Angeles, Calif.) *Solicitation to purchase Carlock family book*
- 4.16.57 December 1939 (Lincoln National Life Insurance Company) *Booklet*
- 4.16.58 1939 (Ralph Deske, Habana, Cuba)
- 4.16.59 1940 (Clyde Vance, Normal, IL)
- 4.16.60 19 July 1940 (Clay Dooley to Frank Irvin) *preferred credit card*

**Folder 17: Cousin Henrietta Henington to D. E. Denman 1933-1934, and 1940**

- 4.17.1 3 June 1933 (Chicago) *Arrived in Chicago, Mollie is sick in Michigan, weather*
- 4.17.2 17 June 1933 (Chicago) *busy, work- Kankakee, Mollie getting better, haven't seen the fair yet*
- 4.17.3 23 June 1933 (Chicago) *Went to pick up Mollie in Michigan, crops there are drying up*
- 4.17.4 3 July 1933 (Chicago) *Hired a colored girl to help with the house, doctor is cold blooded and charges a lot of money, trying to have Lois and the children here, weather*
- 4.17.5 31 July 1933 (Chicago) *Spent Saturday with Aunt Mar, going to try to get a job with the state, talks about the fair*
- 4.17.6 8 August 1933 (Chicago) *found a half brother of grandmas living in Geneva, come to the fair, occupants from Texas,*
- 4.17.7 14 August 1933 (Chicago) *glad Lutie is with him, been working hard, Mollie is fine, getting thinner all the time.*
- 4.17.8 27 September 1933 (Chicago) *health- Mollie*
- 4.17.9 1 November 1933 (Chicago) *working, waiting for business to pick up, pot of gold,*



- Mollie doing well, able to get up.*
- 4.17.10 7 January 1934 (Chicago) *haven't worked since a week before Christmas, NRA, dislike of Roosevelt and his followers,*
- 4.17.11 26 February 1934 (Memphis, Tenn)
- 4.17.12 20 March 1934 (Memphis, Tenn)
- 4.17.13 31 March 1934 (Chicago)
- 4.17.14 5 April 1934 (Chicago)
- 4.17.15 16 April 1934 (Rantoul) *going to Champaign, Mollie can feel herself getting fuller, weather, Champaign county went Republican*
- 4.17.16 23 April 1934 (Rantoul)
- 4.17.17 11 May 1934 (Danville) *weather, health- bad cold, work*
- 4.17.18 22 May 1934 (Danville) *letter from Henry, talks about fire, weather,*
- 4.17.19 24 May 1934 (Danville)
- 4.17.20 27 May 1934 (Danville) *feeling better, work, Mollie has blood poisoning, going to Memphis*
- 4.17.21 7 June 1934 (Champaign) *leaving Danville, trying to get a job near Pana*
- 4.17.22 13 June 1934 (Henrietta, Pana, IL)
- 4.17.23 17 June 1934 (Pana, IL)
- 4.17.24 16 July 1934 (Chicago)
- 4.17.25 6 January 1940 (Memphis, TN) *it has been a year since I've written, spent 6 months in the hospital,*

## **Box 5: 1930- 1942**

### **Correspondence of Frank Irvin and Lutie Denman Irvin and Betty Belle Irvin and their families (18 Folders)**

#### **Folder 1: Correspondence (mostly birthday cards and get well cards) received by Lutie (Denman) Irvin while in Fairview Sanitarium, Normal, IL (1930)**

- 5.1.1 6 December 1929 Condition Report of Lutie Irvin
- 5.1.2 February 1930 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield)
- 5.1.3 27 February 1930 (Mrs. C.E. Denton, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.1.4 27 February 1930 (Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Moore, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.5 27 February 1930 (Helen Orendorff, Helen Haxel, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.1.6 27 February 1930 (The Goodwins, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.7 28 February 1930 (Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kearfatt, no location)
- 5.1.8 27 February 1930 (Mrs. Robert Herr, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.9 27 February 1930 (Jessie M. Dillon, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.10 27 February 1930 (Mrs. B.D. Brown, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.11 27 February 1930 (Bernie B. Hanson, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.12 27 February 1930 (Mrs. Baird, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.13 27 February 1930 (Effie Lasky, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.14 27 February 1930 (Mrs. F. R. Darling, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.15 27 February 1930 (Mrs. Emma Stutzman, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.16 27 February 1930 (Bessy Stubblefield, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.17 28 February 1930 (Ms. Winklepleck, Normal, IL)

- 5.1.18 28 February 1930 (Esther Southgale Roberts, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.19 28 February 1930 (Mrs. Ed Eisenberger, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.20 28 February 1930 (Bright Sisters, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.21 28 February 1930 (The Hellers)
- 5.1.22 February 1930 (Bobby Peddicord)
- 5.1.23 February 1930 (Mrs. J.F. Shepard)
- 5.1.24 28 February 1930 (Mrs. Walter A. Bunn, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.25 February 1930 (Mrs. King)
- 5.1.26 February 1930 (Donald Sylvester)
- 5.1.27 February 1930 (Mrs. W. A. Patton)
- 5.1.28 28 February 1930 (Elsie Hallaran (?), Normal, IL)
- 5.1.29 28 February 1930 (Mrs. J.F. Keller, Jr., Normal, IL)
- 5.1.30 February 1930 (Mrs. W.G. Sutton and Lucille)
- 5.1.31 February 1930 (Ruby E. Weaver)
- 5.1.32 30 April 1930 (Friend Hub (Frank Irvin), Chicago, IL)
- 5.1.33 1 May 1930 (Frank L. Irvin, Chicago, IL)
- 5.1.34 6 May 1930 (Frank L. Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 5.1.35 6 May 1930 (Frank L. Irvin "Your Hub", Bloomington, IL)
- 5.1.36 9 May 1930 (Betty and Bud Irvin (c/o Frank Irvin), Normal, IL)
- 5.1.37 9 May 1930 (Frank Irvin, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.1.38 30 August 1930 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)

**Folder 2: Correspondence received by Lutie (Denman) Irvin and Betty Belle Irvin while in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, IL (1935)**

- 5.2.1 12 October 1935 (The Goodwins to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.2 15 October 1935 (Everton to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.3 15 October 1935 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield to Lutie, Peoria, IL)
- 5.2.4 21 October 1935 (W.S. to Betty and Lutie, Decatur, IL)
- 5.2.5 22 October 1935 (Mrs. Ethel Denton, W. Matron, to Lutie, Normal, Ill)
- 5.2.6 22 October 1935 (B.N.S. Class, First Christian Church, Normal, to Lutie)
- 5.2.7 23 October 1935 ("The Club" to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.8 24 October 1935 (Thimble Society, Normal Christian Church, to Lutie)
- 5.2.9 31 October 1935 (Mrs. Max Schnabel and family to Lutie)
- 5.2.10 5 November 1935 (Family Stephan, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.11 5 November 1935 (Ethel E. Denton, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.12 10 November 1935 (Frances Liering(?) to Betty Belle and Lutie, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.2.13 18 November 1935 (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield to Lutie, Peoria, IL)
- 5.2.14 21 November 1935 (Ether and Claude Denton, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.15 21 November 1935 (Cleda Funk, Shirley, IL)
- 5.2.16 26 November 1935 (Stubblefields (Lois) to Betty Belle and Lutie, Peoria, IL)
- 5.2.17 26 November 1935 (Olive Shrine to Lutie, Bloomington IL)
- 5.2.18 27 November 1935 (The Goodwins to Betty Belle and Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.19 29 November 1935 (Wilma Sims (Betty's teacher), Bone Cap, IL)
- 5.2.20 30 November 1935 (Ruth Heins to Betty Belle, Decatur, IL)
- 5.2.21 31 November 1935 (Bobby Eaton to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.22 3 December 1935 (Ina and Beulah Irvin to Lutie, Bloomington, IL)

- 5.2.23 5 December 1935 (Julia and Burt to Lutie, Carlock, IL)
- 5.2.24 8 December 1935 (B.N.S. Class, First Christian Church, to Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.25 9 December 1935 (Mr. and Mrs. H. Erdmann to Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.26 12 December 1935 (“Babe” and Chuck Keith to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.27 13 December 1935 (Stubblefields to Lutie and Betty, Peoria, IL)
- 5.2.28 19 December 1935 (M.A. Cooney to Betty Belle, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.29 19 December 1935 (M.A. Cooney to Lutie, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.30 21 December 1935 (E. Mayo to Betty Belle, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.2.31 21 December 1935 (Cousin Lydia Belsly to Lutie, Washington, IL)
- 5.2.32 23 December 1935 (Dort Coleman, Kankakee, IL)
- 5.2.33 27 December 1935 (Lois Enselman, Normal, IL)
- 5.2.34 Fall 1935 (Lois Bright to Betty Belle, Normal, IL) *postmark on stamp, date illegible*
- 5.2.35 Fall 1935 (Mary Jane to Betty Belle and Lutie) *undated card to go with flowers*
- 5.2.36 Fall 1935 (Cousin Julia & Burt)
- 5.2.37 January 1936 (Dimple \_\_\_?) *been meaning to write for a while*

**Folder 2b: Correspondence received by Betty Belle Irvin from classmates at Central School & Normal Community High School, and girl scouts while in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, IL (November 26, 1935)**

- 5.2.38 Wobbly (Mary Jane Ward)
- 5.2.39 Patty
- 5.2.40 Nancy Biasi
- 5.2.41 Alice Jo Rynell
- 5.2.42 Mary Jean Burger
- 5.2.43 Mary Normile
- 5.2.44 Ruth Marie Melton
- 5.2.45 Barbara Parret
- 5.2.46 Marjorie
- 5.2.47 Rosalie Freese
- 5.2.48 Doris Wilson
- 5.2.49 Helen Blissard
- 5.2.50 Alice Ridinow
- 5.2.51 Carolyn Meyer
- 5.2.52 Betty Jean Wells
- 5.2.53 Helen Stillman
- 5.2.54 Unknown
- 5.2.55 Janet
- 5.2.56 Mary Jane Snell and Dorothy Beden
- 5.2.57 Betty Huffington
- 5.2.58 Janie Goddard & Donna Jean Schad
- 5.2.59 Marian Moore
- 5.2.60 Vivian Brigham
- 5.2.61 Guinevere
- 5.2.62 Doris Eisenberger & Rosalee Corrington
- 5.2.63 Lois
- 5.2.64 Marian Haneack

- 5.2.65 Marian Gehrt
- 5.2.66 R\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_ (that is how it's signed)
- 5.2.67 May Hartenbower
- 5.2.68 Charlotte Simpson
- 5.2.69 Helen Melton & Harriett Reeter
- 5.2.70 Ida Jane Guffin
- 5.2.71 Dorothy Adams
- 5.2.72 Billie Gaetske
- 5.2.73 Virginia Mauney

**Folder 3: Correspondence between the Irvin family and the Stubblefield family (Lois (Denman) Stubblefield and her daughters, Media Jayne and Sarah "Sally" Jean) in Peoria, IL (1935-1942).**

- 5.3.1 10 July 1931
- 5.3.2 14 August 1935
- 5.3.3 26 July 1939
- 5.3.4 10 October 1939
- 5.3.5 25 October 1939
- 5.3.6 2 November 1939
- 5.3.7 7 November 1939
- 5.3.8 24 November 1939
- 5.3.9 27 November 1939
- 5.3.10 14 December 1939
- 5.3.11 19 December 1939
- 5.3.12 21 December 1939
- 5.3.13 16 January 1940
- 5.3.14 27 January 1940
- 5.3.15 2 February 1940
- 5.3.16 5 March 1940
- 5.3.17 8 March 1940
- 5.3.18 13 March 1940
- 5.3.19 14 March 1940
- 5.3.20 18 March 1940
- 5.3.21 18 March 1940
- 5.3.22 21 March 1940
- 5.3.23 25 March 1940
- 5.3.24 17 April 1940
- 5.3.25 14 June 1940
- 5.3.26 26 June 1940
- 5.3.27 13 July 1940
- 5.3.28 17 July 1940
- 5.3.29 2 October 1940
- 5.3.30 15 November 1940
- 5.3.31 15 January 1941

- 5.3.32 28 March 1941
- 5.3.33 7 May 1941
- 5.3.34 15 June 1941
- 5.3.35 16 July 1941
- 5.3.36 1 August 1941
- 5.3.37 28 August 1941
- 5.3.38 4 September 1941
- 5.3.39 12 September 1941
- 5.3.40 5 October 1941
- 5.3.41 26 February 1942
- 5.3.42 3 April 1942
- 5.3.43 16 April 1942
- 5.3.44 7 May 1942
- 5.3.45 8 May 1942
- 5.3.46 11 May 1942
- 5.3.47 3 June 1942
- 5.3.48 21 December 1942
- 5.3.49 22 December 1942

**Folder 4: Correspondence between the Irvin family and the Gilstrap Family (Gertrude and Roy Gilstrap (Lutie's cousin) and their daughters Marilyn, Margaret and Marie) in Tacoma, Wash. (1939-1952)**

- 5.4.1 18 December 1939
- 5.4.2 14 April 1940
- 5.4.3 11 March 1940
- 5.4.4 19 March 1940
- 5.4.5 26 March 1940 (Gilstrap twins, Knoxville, Tenn.)
- 5.4.6 21 July 1941
- 5.4.7 18 December 1941
- 5.4.8 29 March 1945
- 5.4.9 1 February 1946
- 5.4.10 19 December 1952

**Folder 5: Holiday Cards received by the Irvin Family (1930s)**

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**Folder 9: General Correspondence of Betty Belle Irvin and friends (1930s)**

- 5.9.1 10 May 1930 (Marion Jean Instone) *invitation to pirate treasure hunt birthday party*
- 5.9.2 28 March 1931 (Helen Carol Todd to Betty Belle and response from Betty to Helen) *school, shopping, dresses, April Fools' day, Easter*
- 5.9.3 31 March 1931 (Jane Polhimus to Betty Belle) *Health, Illness-Measles,*

- entertainment-reading*
- 5.9.4 11 April 1931 (Betty Belle Irvin to Uncle Delmar Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 5.9.5 April 1931 (Betty Belle Irvin to “Steamboat Bell,” Normal, IL) *Contribution of a joke*
- 5.9.6 21 April 1931 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 5.9.7 10 December 1931 (Media Stubblefield to Betty, Peoria, IL) *money, Holiday-Christmas shopping*
- 5.9.8 3 January 1932 (Betty Jane Buchert to Betty)
- 5.9.9 23 June 1932 (Cousin Media to Betty Irvin) *At Jean Hulteen’s house, entertainment-playing dress up, pretending to work at companies*
- 5.9.10 28 December 1932 (Donna Jean Schad to Betty) *invitation to birthday party*
- 5.9.11 5 July 1934 (Mary Jane Ward to “Dizzy,” Birmingham, MI) *Having a swell time in Birmingham, does not want to leave, went to Detroit, bought fabric at Hudson’s, golf, donkey baseball game,*
- 5.9.12 13 August 1934 (Mary Jane Ward to Betty, Towanda, IL) *so tired want to come home, it’s cool here, hiking*
- 5.9.13 November 1934 (Marian Templin, Peoria, IL) *cemetery visit, bicycles, Girl Scout tree planting, tea party, patrol leaders, Webster School*
- 5.9.14 10 February 1935 (Marian Templin, Peoria, IL) *Illness-Measles, “Jack Joann and I all have it,” How is Lake Bloomington?, do you ice skate?*
- 5.9.15 4 July 1935 (Mary Francis, July 1935) *Thank you for presents, Principia day camp, swimming, tennis, archery, handicrafts, head bands, trip to Ozarks*
- 5.9.16 28 July 1935 (Wilma Sims, Iowa City, Iowa) *Rest at home with ill mother, in summer school, “has Freddie taken Bobby’s place?”*
- 5.9.17 29 July 1935 (Betty to parents from Camp Heffernan, Towanda, IL) *Fun at camp—met many friends, forget neckerchief; please send.*
- 5.9.18 30 July 1935 (Lutie Denman Irvin to Betty Belle Irvin, Normal, IL) *Camp sounds fun, neckerchief is folded in upper pocket of uniform, friends got her address to write to her—used ridiculous words from dictionary, cleaning house, will see on visiting day, be good and write*
- 5.9.19 31 July 1935 (Lutie Denman Irvin to Betty Belle Irvin, Normal, IL) *Lutie and Frank fishing on the other side of the lake—saw, honked to and waved at campers. Saw film “Becky Sharpe” but didn’t like it*
- 5.9.20 26 August 1935 (Mary Jane Ward to Betty, Corydon, IN) *fairgrounds, saw Susana yesterday, she is going to school in Indianapolis*
- 5.9.21 29 August 1935 (Mary Jane Ward to “Dizzy”, Corydon, IN) *Fairgrounds, weather*
- 5.9.22 4 April 1936 (Jim Denny, Sacramento, Calif.) *Birthday card*
- 5.9.23 18 April 1936 (Lois Enselman, Normal IL) *thank you for all you did while I was sick, I feel find now I will be back in school Monday, lists nurses that helped her recover (Armstrong, Mayo, Shirts, Knapp, Scheduler, Weber, Parker, etc.)*
- 5.9.24 19 April 1936 (Wilma Sims) *birthday card*
- 5.9.25 1 June 1936 (Mary Jane Ward to Betty, Corydon, IN) *Out on the farm Saturday, walked all over the pasture and woods trying to find the cows, 500 chickens, getting 500 more, two turkeys, hogs and pigs, drove around Louisville, ate supper at Blue Bar,*
- 5.9.26 24 August (Joe M., Des Moines, Iowa) *saw the capitol, coming home soon, how is Normal? Not having any fun.*

- 5.9.27 28 November 1936 (Mary Frances Schimpff, St. Louis, Mo.) *Gossip; recreation – dancing, horseback riding; sports – football, hockey; Pembroke Military School (Kansas); summer camp – Camp Kahahna*
- 5.9.28 6 February 1937 (Betty to Frankie) *Sports-Bloomington basketball, lost a bet (5 cents), Epworth league, gossip,*
- 5.9.29 13 February 1937 (Marian Templin, Peoria, IL) *Valentine*
- 5.9.30 31 July 1937 (W.S. [presumably Wilma Sims] to Betty, Iowa City, Iowa) *postcard.*
- 5.9.31 3 August 1937 (Lois Denman, Cedar, MI) *traveling by car, dinner at roadside table new Valparaiso, sand in Michigan, crops, swimming, Glenn Lake, Lake Michigan, expensive to send mail*
- 5.9.32 14 August 1937 (Lois Denman, Cedar, MI) *went to Leland, watched fishing fleet come in, sand dunes, Old Mission Peninsula*
- 5.9.33 16 August 1937 (Patty, Asheville, NC) *postcard pretty, been driving down mountains like the postcard picture, tell Harriett that I will bring her a present*
- 5.9.34 17 August 1937 (Lois, Leland. MI) *postcard weather, fairgrounds, Decatur, home the 3rd*
- 5.9.35 22 August 1937 (Lois Denman, Cedar, MI) *Travers city to shop, visited the boat house of a coast guard station, weather*
- 5.9.36 26 August 1937 (Doris, Hastings, MN) *postcard. Pretty area, good weather*
- 5.9.37 28 August 1937 (Lois Denman, Cedar, MI) *drove over 100 miles up the Old Mission peninsula yesterday, went to Lake Michigan to swim on Friday, going to Crystal Lake today for church*
- 5.9.38 16 December 1937 (Stubby (either Media or Sarah, Lois' children), Peoria, IL) *Sports – basketball?; Health – hospital visit*
- 5.9.39 20 December 1937 (Jane, Corydon, IN) *Gossip; dating; technology – radio, phone; food – chocolate, candy making; recreation – board games*
- 5.9.40 22 December 1937 (Jane, Corydon, IN) *Dating; accessories – handkerchief, hat; mail mishaps; sports – basketball; recreation – pool, dancing; pop culture – film; Louisville, Lanesville*
- 5.9.41 6 January 1938 (Marilyn, Tacoma, Wash.) *Photographs; school; hobbies; Presbyterian church Tacoma*
- 5.9.42 25 February 1938 (Mary Frances Schimpff, St. Louis, Mo.) *two letters, cut up like a puzzle; social events – Military ball; school – English, Parisian government speaker, history class; sports – basketball; transportation – Greyhound bus; shows – dance, operetta*
- 5.9.43 4 April 1938 (Marilyn, Tacoma, Wash.) *photographs, school – report card, school rivalries, Debate tournament, spring break; shows – school opera; church – choir; domestic business – yard work; recreation – dance; Topeka, Centralia, Tacoma*
- 5.9.44 10 June 1938 (Betty, location?) *vacation*
- 5.9.45 13 June 1938 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.9.46 14 June 1938 (Patty, Normal, IL)
- 5.9.47 14 June 1938 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 5.9.48 24 June 1938 (Lois, Kewanee, IL) *recreation – picnics; pop culture – film*
- 5.9.49 26 June 1938 (Jean, Manhattan, Kansas) *vacation; recreation – dance*
- 5.9.50 7 July 1938 (Lois, Kewanee, IL) *vacation; recreation – drives, ice cream socials, family party; pop culture – film;*

- 5.9.51 16 July 1938 (Doris to Betty, San Diego, CA) *living across the street from a park, where the world's fair was, lots of sailors*
- 5.9.52 21 July 1938 (Helen Blankenship to Betty) *Keep the pictures, forget the money, im sure I wrote Mary Jane but I'll write anyway*
- 5.9.53 22 July 1938 (Donna Jean to Betty, Decatur(?)) *saw porter and Frink, he said to give you his regards, any news in Normal? Hope to catch up on sleep while I'm here*
- 5.9.54 3 August 1938 (Media Stubblefield, Jefferson, Iowa) *vacation; recreation – swimming*
- 5.9.55 9 August 1938 (Lois, Cedar, Mich.) *vacation; recreation – swimming, boating; transportation*
- 5.9.56 9 August 1938 (Donna Jean, Minn. & St. Louis) *health – women's issues, surgery; gossip; recreation – swimming, board games; Societies – Scouting; pop culture – film; Special Events – carnival; media – newspaper*
- 5.9.57 20 January 1939 (Aleen Huth) *thank you for xmas card, was not expecting it. tries to remember what Betty looks like*
- 5.9.58 8 June 1939 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.9.59 9 June 1939 (Donna Schad, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.9.60 Summer 1939 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 5.9.61 17 July 1939 (Phyllis, conference friend, Washington, IL) *paperwork, dating, food – green beans*
- 5.9.62 25 July 1939 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Birmingham, Mich.) *marriage; clothes – dress-making; food – weight gain; domestic business – maid; recreation – movies, driving, boating, swimming, dating, “hen parties,” dancing*
- 5.9.63 11 August 1939 (Lois to Betty, Cedar, MI) *greetings from way up here in the N. woods, went to National Music Camp at Interlochen, home the 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**Folder 10: Correspondence to Betty Belle Irvin while out of school with illness (Fall 1935)**

- 5.10.1 11 October 1935 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL) *Review of school gossip while Betty Belle is absent, enclosure from Donna Jean, graded homework*
- 5.10.2 14 October 1935 (Mary Frances, St. Louis, Mo.)
- 5.10.3 16 October 1935 (Miss Wilma Sims, Normal, IL) *The first of a collection of letters from Betty Belle's classmates, all delivered in one envelope, which is with the final letter. Harriett, Joe, Martin, Patty, Everett, Sheenz, and Chuck “Duck,” Keith, Carolyn, Meyer, Lois, Enselman, Patty, Patty*
- 5.10.4 17 October 1935 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL) *Dear Dizzy....school news, elections for Jr. High news staff*
- 5.10.5 18 October 1935 (The Butterfly Patrol, Normal, IL)
- 5.10.6 19 October 1935 (Patty, Normal, IL) *Benefit dinner, benefit plays to be broadcast on WJBC, silly poem enclosed*
- 5.10.7 21 October 1935 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL)
- 5.10.8 19 November 1935 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL) *Jr. high news staff, student ran away and came back, basketball games, birthday*



- 5.10.9 21 November 1935 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL) *Miss Lewis spankings in school, conflict over scouts selling candy at game bobbed her hair, it looks awful; nothing personal, you can show this letter to your mother*
- 5.10.10 26 November 1935 (Sarah Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 5.10.11 27 November 1935 (Joann Templin., Peoria, IL) *a cousin?*
- 5.10.12 5 December 1935 (Mary Frances S., St. Louis, Mo.) *ballroom dancing disasters, fun with snow*
- 5.10.13 17 December 1935 (Uncle Jim Denny, Sacramento, Calif.) *Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, glad healthy again*
- 5.10.14 Fall 1935 (Everett Sheenz and Chuck Keith)

**Folder 11: Correspondence from Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward to Betty Belle Irvin, (1936-1938)**

- 5.11.1 2 June 1936 (Corydon, IN) *Bobby, Nancy, Rev. Frank Dunk, Joe, books, cute boy, 3 years old, Uncle Earl*
- 5.11.2 3 June 1936 (Corydon, IN) *built a fire place, domestic-cleaning, transportation-driving around Ohio River*
- 5.11.3 21 July 1936 (Bloomington, IL) *Summer camp, recreation – boating*
- 5.11.4 24 July 1936 (Bloomington, IL) *Gossip; recreation – swimming, boating, cards, board games; crafts – leather coin purse, pipe cleaner monkey; shows/plays*
- 5.11.5 10 August 1936 (Corydon IN) *Entertainment-sports-softball game, saw Susanna and her boyfriend, Uncle Earl dance lessons, entertainment-movie Green Pastures*
- 5.11.6 13 July 1937 (Corydon, IN) *Swimming, softball, Aunt Kathy, gossip, dating*
- 5.11.7 15 July 1937 (Corydon IN) *slumber party, dating, hair*
- 5.11.8 19 July 1937 (Corydon, IN) *weather, ballgame, show- “A Star is Born”*
- 5.11.9 22 July 1937 (Corydon, IN) *slumber party, illness, Louisville, dating, gossip, camping,*
- 5.11.10 7 August 1937 (Birmingham, Mich.) *postcard. transportation-train, knitting*
- 5.11.11 12 August 1937 (Birmingham, MI) *finally found time to write, bill home from camp, bead lume, Normal Theater opening, show- “Day at the Races”*
- 5.11.12 22 August 1937 (Birmingham, MI) *Sports-Detroit Tigers & Chicago White Sox double header with Uncle Chuck and Aunt Hazel, driving around the country, shopping in Detroit, Peoria dime store, coming home Tuesday*
- 5.11.13 11 August 1938 (Birmingham, Mich.) *vacation; transportation – hitchhiking; books – Gone With the Wind;*
- 5.11.14 13 August 1938 (Dorchester, Mich.) *vacation; domestic business – cleaning, cooking, hiring a maid; health – orthodontics; recreation – shopping, cards, dance, tea party, dating; food – root beer, hamburgers; clothing – dresses; Royal Oak*
- 5.11.15 19 August 1938 (Dorchester, Mich.) *domestic – interviewing maids; health – coughing; recreation – swimming, walks, dating, dancing*
- 5.11.16 25 August 1938 (Dorchester, Mich.) *transportation – train; health – cough; technology – telegram; pop culture – Tommy Dorsey and orch.; food – salad;*

*Pleasant Ridge, Eastwood, Chicago, Decatur*

**Folder 12: Correspondence of Betty Belle Irvin, related to Eureka Conference at Eureka College (July, 1939)**

- 5.12.1 11 July 1939 (Betty Belle Irvin to Lutie and Frank Irvin, Eureka, IL)
- 5.12.2 12 July 1939 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL) *gossip, correspondence*
- 5.12.3 13 July 1939 (Media Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *food – cold meat supper; grandpa (D.E. Denman); recreation – swimming; baby; special events – carnival; clothing – material for bolero; gossip*
- 5.12.4 13 July 1939 (Sehad(?), Normal, IL) *recreation – ice cream social and skating party*
- 5.12.5 13 July 1939 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL) *money*
- 5.12.6 14 July 1939 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Birmingham, Mich.) *recreation – tea party, “hens party,” golf; Health – pregnancies; domestic business – housecleaning, porch scrubbing;*

**Folder 13: Correspondence of Betty Belle Irvin and Charles Porter (summer 1939)**

- 5.13.1 Note written by Janet Porter June 2011 regarding Charles Porter’s nickname
- 5.13.2 11 July 1939 (Normal, IL)
- 5.13.3 26 July 1939 (Knox County, IN)
- 5.13.4 26 July 1939 (Homer, IL)
- 5.13.5 27 July 1939 (Lawrenceville, IN)
- 5.13.6 29 July 1939 (Paducah, Ky.)

**Folder 14: Christmas Cards of Betty Belle Irvin 1930s**

**Folder 15: General Correspondence of the Irvin Family (1940-1942)**

- 5.15.1 1940 (Dr. John N. Wettaw, Dentist advert)
- 5.15.2 January 1940 (Burnell Hays to Irvin Family, Normal, IL) *Thank you for birthday candy, rabbit hunting, exams*
- 5.15.3 8 January 1940 (Grace G. Goodwin, Normal, IL)
- 5.15.4 1 April 1940 (Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Gneuss, Bloomington, IL) *Arrival of new baby, Judith Ann*
- 5.15.5 16 May 1940 (Mrs. Charles C. Liggett and Son, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Goodwin, Mr. Paul T. Liggett, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.6 25 May 1940 (Tacoma, Wash.) *envelope only*
- 5.15.7 19 June 1940 (Theo Plack, District Engineer, Division of Highways, Peoria, IL) *New highway should not interfere with Irvin farm property*
- 5.15.8 27 June 1940 (Betty Belle Irvin, Pontiac, IL)
- 5.15.9 28 June 1940 (Betty Belle Irvin, Pontiac, IL)
- 5.15.10 1 July 1940 (ATNA Life Insurance Company)
- 5.15.11 July 1940 (Harry Carlock, Clinton, IL)
- 5.15.12 16 July 1940 (David A. Smart, Publisher of Esquire Magazine, Chicago, IL)
- 5.15.13 20 July 1940 (Lucile, Atlanta, IL)
- 5.15.14 23 July 1940 (Anna Hibben, Sheridan, IL)

- 5.15.15 8 November 1940 (Grace G. Tully, The White House, Washington DC to Frank Irvin, Normal, IL) *poem has been received and will be brought to the attn of the President*
- 5.15.16 30 July 1940 (Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings) *extension of entrance on the farm, due to it being unsafe*
- 5.15.17 31 July 1940 (Theo Plack, District Engineer, Division of Highways, Peoria, IL) *Fence removal notice, new line to go in place*
- 5.15.18 8 August 1940 (Mrs. Geiger and Family, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.19 19 August 1940 (Mrs. John Barnard, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.20 16 September 1940 (State of Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings) *information concerning purchase of gravel*
- 5.15.21 2 October 1940 (Jean, Indianapolis, IN)
- 5.15.22 15 November 1940 (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooney, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Forney, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Strickland, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.23 22 November 1940 (Wedding Announcement, Laura Aull to Roger V. Shields, Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- 5.15.24 24 November 1940 (T. T. Hunter, Building and Contracting, Normal, IL)
- 5.15.25 18 December 1940 (Porter to Frank Irvin) *Christmas card*
- 5.15.26 26 December, 1940 (Jean, Indianapolis, IN)
- 5.15.27 16 January 1941 (Order of the Rainbow, Normal, IL) *Invitation*
- 5.15.28 1 February 1941 (Lucile, Oconto, Wis.)
- 5.15.29 9 February 1941 (Al, Leta, Madge, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.30 9 February 1941 (Al Billings, Leta Eusey, Madge Wilson, Normal, IL) *Thanks for Sympathy*
- 5.15.31 24 February 1941 (The family of Mrs. Ed Hilt, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for Sympathy*
- 5.15.32 11 March 1941 (Jean Flanigan, Champaign, IL) *Thanks for visit*
- 5.15.33 28 March 1941 (Mrs. Claude Kinsella, Lexington, IL)
- 5.15.34 18 April 1941 (Marian Feasley, Bloomington, IL)
- 5.15.35 29 May 1941 (The family of John M. Barnard, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.36 9 June 1941 (Bob Eaton, Normal, IL)
- 5.15.37 18 January 1942 (Mrs. George Giering and siblings, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for Sympathy*
- 5.15.38 5 February 1942 (Bob Garrett, Rockford, IL)
- 5.15.39 9 February 1942 (Jesse E. Hoffman, Probate Judge, Bloomington, IL) *Hearing for the will of George P. Giering*
- 5.15.40 12 April 1942 (Ona and Harry Lathrop, Normal, IL) *Class reunion*
- 5.15.41 15 April 1942 (John Oxenham, Lakewood, Ohio)
- 5.15.42 19 June 1942 (The family of William Schulnn, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 5.15.43 31 December 1942 (David Eaton and Family, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for Sympathy*

**Folder 16: Commencement announcements/invitations received by the Irvin family (1940-1941)**

- 5.16.1 4 June 1940 (Armedia Jayne Stubblefield, Woodruff High School, Peoria, IL)
- 5.16.2 22 May 1941 (Eugene F. Gilstrap, Glasgow High School, Fort Peck, Mont.)
- 5.16.3 6 June 1941 (Robert Barnard Eaton, University High School, Normal, IL)

**Folder 17: Correspondence from Charles B. Porter to the Irvin family (Frank and Lutie) before his marriage to Betty Belle Irvin (1940-1944)**

- 5.17.1 8 July 1940 (Pontiac, IL)
- 5.17.2 28 July 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 5.17.3 22 August 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 5.17.4 10 October 1943 (Lake Charles, LA)
- 5.17.5 16 December 1943 (Lake Charles, LA)
- 5.17.6 9 March 1944 (Lake Charles, LA)
- 5.17.7 17 March 1944 (Lake Charles, LA)
- 5.17.8 20 March 1944 (Lake Charles, LA)

**Folder 18: To Betty Belle Irvin from Charles B. Porter in Pontiac, IL, except where otherwise noted (summer 1940)**

- 5.18.1 10 June 1940
- 5.18.2 12 June 1940
- 5.18.3 14 June 1940
- 5.18.4 18 June 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 5.18.5 19 June 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 5.18.6 20 June 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 5.18.7 21 June 1940
- 5.18.8 2 July 1940
- 5.18.9 8 July 1940
- 5.18.10 15 July 1940
- 5.18.11 16 July 1940
- 5.18.12 27 July 1940
- 5.18.13 29 July 1940
- 5.18.14 31 July 1940
- 5.18.15 2 August 1940
- 5.18.16 9 August 1940
- 5.18.17 12 August 1940
- 5.18.18 18 August 1940
- 5.18.19 18 August 1940
- 5.18.20 19 August 1940
- 5.18.21 30 August 1940
- 5.18.22 4 September 1940

**Folder 19: Letters from Lois to Lutie March-September 1940, 1 outlier from 1944**

- 5.19.1 20 March 1940
- 5.19.2 24 April 1940
- 5.19.3 14 May 1940
- 5.19.4 4 June 1940
- 5.19.5 7 June 1940
- 5.19.6 3 September 1940
- 5.19.7 16 September 1940
- 5.19.8 19 December 1944

**Folder 20: Letters to Betty from pen pal Betty Falconer in Perthshire, Scotland**

- 5.20.1 4 August 1935 (Letter & 2 photos) *grateful for letters, 13 years old, school, sports-football, hockey, cricket, beauty in Pert,*
- 5.20.2 18 March 1936 *3x5 card with Betty's Perthshire address*
- 5.20.3 14 July 1936 (letter, photo, fabric) *sorry for late response, been in Aberdeen for 5 weeks, men's and women's fashion in Scotland, similar sports as the States, swimming, collecting stamps and coins*
- 5.20.4 6 April 1936 (letter, photo) *Scottish newspaper, sports- ice hockey, Empire Exhibition at Bellahouston Park, ask Mary Jane to write Lily soon*
- 5.20.5 10 September 1938 (2 photos, letter) *received your parcel, showed everyone in the neighborhood, went to my friends cottage in the country, took pictures, shows- "Arsene Lupin Returns," "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Empire Exhibition*
- 5.20.6 12 February 1939 (letter) *Holiday-Christmas, ice skating, marriage, presents (stockings, gloves ,a dress,3 boxes of chocolates, stationary, manicure, heels, handkerchiefs, pencil set), New Years "first footing"*
- 5.20.7 11 June 1939 (letter) *sunburn, knitting, NY world fair, vacation, shows, sewing*
- 5.20.8 7 July 1939 (letter, photo) *pen pals with boys in Lamar, Colorado, Larry Scheets, rover scouts exhibition, movies, Queen of Scotland,*
- 5.20.9 11 December 1939 *Christmas card, letter enclosed*
- 5.20.10 2 empty envelopes
- 5.20.11 3 undated photos- Fair Maid's House, Valley of Tay from Kinnoull, North Inch and River Tay, Perth.
- 5.20.12 Undated letter & enclosed photo- *Glad you enjoyed the newspaper, spent a day at the Empire Exhibitions in Glasgow, Worlds Fair*
- 5.20.13 Envelope that all above letters and photos were inside of

**Folder 21: Miscellaneous Betty Belle Irvin Correspondence**

- 5.21.1 15 April 1933 Easter card from Mrs. Goodwin
- 5.21.2 19 April 1933 (?) birthday card from Wilma Sims
- 5.21.3 8 August 1933 (Mary Francis, San Marino, California)
- 5.21.4 30 March 1935 party invite from Helen Melton
- 5.21.5 12 July 1937 (Harriett (?) in Sodus (?) Michigan)
- 5.21.6 16 July 1937 (May Jean(??) in Urbana,IL)
- 5.21.7 22 July 1937 (Hattie (?) in Jackson, Michigan) *at Ruths in Homer, MI, went camping, coming back the 29<sup>th</sup>, sure am getting brown & red*
- 5.21.8 17 August 1939 (Bohe (?)) *riding is smooth now, but it was awful in Galena and Wisconsin. We have walked up several hills*
- 5.21.9 Undated birthday card from Lois and the girls
- 5.21.10 Undated note from Helen Seeley and The Third Grade (presumably while Betty Belle was sick in the hospital)
- 5.21.11 Undated Happy Birthday and Easter from Mildred and Harriet
- 5.21.12 Undated invitation to party from Barbara Parret
- 5.21.13 Undated Christmas card from Grandma and Aunt Hazel

- 5.21.14 Undated birthday card from Grandma and Aunt Hazel
- 5.21.15 Drawing of a bunny on a ball
- 5.21.16 Note to Betty regarding changing of party date
- 5.21.17 Undated note from "Aunt" Elsie Moore regarding gift for Otis and Betty
- 5.21.18 Undated letter and drawing from Kay
- 5.21.19 List of things to bring
- 5.21.20 Undated invite to Halloween party, 402 Normal Ave.
- 5.21.21 Letter from Maurine B, Lucas, Iowa
- 5.21.22 Empty Envelope
- 5.21.23 Undated invitations (3)
- 5.21.24 Undated miscellaneous holiday cards (18)

## **Box 6: 1940- 1944**

### **Correspondence of Betty Belle Irvin and her family during her years at Illinois State Normal University (22 Folders)**

#### **Folder 1: Birthday Cards to Betty Belle Irvin (April 1940)**

#### **Folder 2: High School Graduation cards to Betty Belle Irvin (June 1940)**

#### **Folder 3: General Correspondence of Betty Belle Irvin (1940)**

- 6.3.1 23 January 1940 (Sigma Kappa, IWU, Bloomington, IL) *party invitation*
- 6.3.2 20 April 1940 (Sigma Kappa, IWU, Bloomington, IL) *Spring Festival invitation*
- 6.3.3 22 May 1940 (Uncle Jim Denny, Sacramento, Calif.) *travel – Washington D.C; family life – parent conflict?*
- 6.3.4 25 May 1940 (Elsie Moore, Cleveland, Ohio) *high school graduation; college; handkerchiefs*
- 6.3.5 18 June 1940 (Lois E., Jacksonville, IL) *vacation; church socials; housecleaning; Jacksonville, IL, Beardstown, IL, Depler Springs/Lewistown, IL*
- 6.3.6 21 June 1940 (Marilyn Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.) *graduation; thank-you for slip; clothing: slip, thin blouse; family reunions; health: infantile paralysis epidemic, recreation: swimming*
- 6.3.7 28 June 1940 (IWU Sigma Kappa, Bloomington, IL) *Invitation to mid-summer party*
- 6.3.8 18 July 1940 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *gifts: Indian bracelet; invitation to lake*
- 6.3.9 1 August 1940 (Sarah Jean Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *clothes: please return white shorts for survival party*
- 6.3.10 8 August 1940 (Nancy N. Routson of the Wildcat Council, Springfield, IL) *Admissions outreach from Northwestern University*
- 6.3.11 20 August 1940 (Norma Ames, Bradford, IL) *Letter from campus sister at I.S.N.U.*

- 6.3.12 26 August 1940 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *style show; dress shopping; invitation to visit; Clinton and Lincoln, IL*
- 6.3.13 4 September 1940 (Illinois State Normal University) *Home economics uniforms*

**Folder 4: General Correspondence received by Betty Belle Irvin at Illinois State Normal University (1940-44)**

- 6.4.1 November 1940 (Elsie Lux, Macon, IL)
- 6.4.2 17 December 1940 (Whitman Family, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 6.4.3 5 February 1941 (Betty Leatherman, Pontiac, IL) *societies: Vestals, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters; only "Protestant girls of good character" between 13 and 21 (no Rainbow Girls allowed in Vestals)*
- 6.4.4 27 April 1941 (Wayne, Champagne, IL)
- 6.4.5 17 June 1941 (Larry Scheets, Urbana, IL)
- 6.4.6 22 June 1941 (Larry Scheets, Urbana, IL)
- 6.4.7 14 July 1941 (Larry Scheets, Urbana, IL)
- 6.4.8 8 February 1942 (Patty, Natchez, Miss.) *postcard describing house*
- 6.4.9 28 February 1942 (Patty, San Antonio, Tex.) *Food – market prices; squaws, papooses and cowboys; handsome soldiers and waiters; play "Arsenic and Old Lace"*
- 6.4.10 5 April 1942 (Edie, Enid, OK) *Postcard description*
- 6.4.11 14 April 1942 (Betty Jane Banker, Normal, IL ) *Welcome to the editorial board for "The Coed"*
- 6.4.12 18 June 1942 (Edie Kesinger, Greenfield, IL) *pictures; summer school; summer farm life*
- 6.4.13 23 June 1942 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *book: "Seventeenth Summer;" summer school; health: rheumatism, walking with a cane*
- 6.4.14 24 June 1942 (Bette Belle Cooke, Chicago, IL) *roller skating; job as typist/receptionist*
- 6.4.15 29 June 1942 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *Thanks for weekend; dates, bridge, clothing left behind (shorts and shirt); haircut*
- 6.4.16 10 July 1942 (Edie, Alton, IL) *life out west, punch recipe for wedding shower, school*
- 6.4.17 14 August 1942 (Patty, Normal, IL) *blackout, servicemen on furlough;*
- 6.4.18 27 August 1942 (Julie, Vandalia, IL) *horseback riding; new shoes and blouses from St. Louis; saw "Show Boat," breakup and new dates*
- 6.4.19 9 September 1942 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *Come visit, sorority/fraternity rush events*
- 6.4.20 9 September 1942 (Jewell Bailey, Lowell IN) *Betty's freshman campus sister; transfer from MacMurray in Jacksonville; story of her life*
- 6.4.21 17 April 1943 (Jane, Normal, IL) *Birthday card*
- 6.4.22 19 April 1943 (Patty, Normal, IL) *Birthday Card*
- 6.4.23 18 August 1943 (Frances Coan, Denver, Colo.) *vacation, Buffalo Bill's grave and mountains*
- 6.4.24 24 September 1943 (Mrs. C.W. Hosphehorn (Jane), Tyler, Tex.) *Clothing retail: hats; Texas attitude; getting furloughs, promotions?*
- 6.4.25 7 October 1943 (Media Jayne Stubblefield, Peoria, IL) *schoolwork – Spanish; dating Jack; parties for A.S.T.P. soldiers*
- 6.4.26 26 October 1943 (Normal, IL) *invitation to Halloween Party*
- 6.4.27 7 November 1943 (Unitarian Church, Normal, IL) *talk by M.W. Fodor (columnist and*

*war correspondent) on "Living in Hitler's Shadow" is overfull and moved to Bloomington High School*

- 6.4.28 7 November 1943 (Lois, Bloomington, IL) *Inquiry about Thanksgiving*
- 6.4.29 29 November 1943 (Margaret Remschner, Normal, IL) *Invitation to Linen Shower*
- 6.4.30 20 December 1943 (Bud?, Lexington, IL) *upcoming wedding, dance, package in the mail*
- 6.4.31 20 December 1943 (Mary K. Herrmann, Urbana, IL) *Christmas Card*
- 6.4.32 27 December 1943 (Chuck and Phyl., Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for wedding gift and help at wedding*
- 6.4.33 6 or 8 February 1944 (Jane, Tuscaloosa, ALA) *Desc. Of University of ALA Campus; "Cec" is busy all week long*
- 6.4.34 29 February 1944 (Carl and Lois, Seneca, IL) *engagement card*
- 6.4.35 22 March 1944 (Normal, IL) *Income Tax relief party*
- 6.4.36 29 June 1944 (Dorothy Elliott, Cropsey, IL)
- 6.4.37 1944 (Nancy Fearheiley) *Best wishes and luck card*

**Folder 5: From the Porter family, including "Mamere" Baddeley (Charles Porter's grandmother), Marion B. Porter (Charles Porter's mother), Philip "Bobe" Porter (Charles B. Porter's brother), Jane Caviezel (Philip's girlfriend) and one from Charles himself (the only surviving one from 1941) to Betty Belle Irvin at Illinois State Normal University (1940-1944)**

- 6.5.1 15 October 1941 ("Mamere" Baddeley, Poynette, Wis.) *Description of scenery, come next year*
- 6.5.2 6 November 1940 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *work – cashier; health – eczema*
- 6.5.3 16 January 1941 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *housing for exams; thank-you for party; movies: "Little Nellie Kelly" and "Dr. Kildare Returns;" schoolwork; sports: basketball; clothes: quilted blue housecoat*
- 6.5.4 3 March 1941 ("Mamere" Baddeley, Pontiac, IL) *chain letter*
- 6.5.5 25 April 1941 (Jane Caviezel (dating Philip "Bobe" Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Planning to visit "College Days" in Normal at I.S.N.U.; senior prom; graduation; Junior-Senior banquet; Student Council Conventions*
- 6.5.6 17 May 1941 (Jane Caviezel (dating Philip "Bobe" Porter, Pontiac, IL) *planning to attend I.S.N.U.; description of prom dress; writing letters with Bobe; yearbooks; finals and graduation*
- 6.5.7 4 June 1941 (Philip "Bobe" Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Accepting invitations*
- 6.5.8 6 December 1941 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *catch up on Porter's school work; sports – basketball; Rotarian lectures; food – frosting recipe*
- 6.5.9 10 September 1942 ("Mamere" Baddeley, Poynette, Wis.) *short postcard*
- 6.5.10 17 April 1943 ("Mamere" Baddeley, Pontiac, IL) *Birthday Card*
- 6.5.11 13 October 1943 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Planning for Porter's visit home; recipe for whole-wheat waffles*
- 6.5.12 4 December 1943 (Philip "Bobe" Porter, Los Angeles, Calif.) *Christmas card*
- 6.5.13 25 January 1944 ("Mamere" Baddeley Poynette, IN) *Thank you for Christmas hanky; read Madison newspaper; listen to Gabriel Heater - Lum and Abner (?); reading "The Robe;" letters from Porter and Bobe at Christmas; mumps*
- 6.5.14 12 February 1944 (Porters family, Pontiac, IL) *Valentine w/ phone number—they are now*



*“momma and poppa”*

- 6.5.15 27 February 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Update on Porter and Bobe*
- 6.5.16 15 March 1944 (“Mamere” Baddeley, Poynette, Wis.) *general greetings*
- 6.5.17 19 April 1944 (Porter family, Pontiac, IL) *birthday card*
- 6.5.18 19 May 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Thanks for clipping, Jean and George marrying tomorrow*
- 6.5.19 22 June 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL) *Chuck is painting apartment, received invitation from Mary Jane and Donna (Betty’s wedding shower?)*
- 6.5.20 25 June 1944 (Philip “Bobe” Porter, Los Angeles, California)
- 6.5.21 26 June 1944 (“Mamere” Baddeley, Poynette, Wis.)

**Folder 6: From Jean Flanigan at University of Illinois, Champaign, IL to Betty Belle Irvin at Illinois State Normal University (1941)**

- 6.6.1 9 January 1941 *Health: head cold; school: return from break; double date (with Porter!); gossip; planning a weekend together*
- 6.6.2 29 January 1941 *arranging visit to Champaign*
- 6.6.3 4 February 1941 *plan for visit; snow & tobogganing; dinner at Betty’s parents’ house; sports: basketball game*
- 6.6.4 3 March 1941 *yes to invitation; recreation: hunting; sorority meeting*
- 6.6.5 4 March 1941 (Jean Flanigan, Champaign, IL) *U of I school work; writing letter in class; children’s theatre production of “Tom Sawyer;” Decatur, IL*
- 6.6.6 9 December 1941 *Sorority; can’t break date for dance to visit; 50 planes over San Francisco and city in blackout; 2000 male students declared commitment to army/navy and many left school; Pearl Harbor reaction*

**Folder 7: From Charles B. Porter to Betty Belle Irvin (1940-1941)**

- 6.7.1 10 September 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.2 15 September 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.3 26 September 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.4 11 October 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.5 23 October 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.6 31 October 1940 (Homer, IL) *Envelope only*
- 6.7.7 12 November 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.8 27 November 1940 (Homer, IL) *postcard*
- 6.7.9 27 November 1940 (Homer, IL) *letters*
- 6.7.10 8 December 1940 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.11 6 January 1941 (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.12 Undated (Homer, IL)
- 6.7.13 7 January 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.7.14 3 February 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.15 9 February 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.16 18 February 1941 (Urbana, IL)

- 6.7.17 26 February 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.18 2 March 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.19 16 March 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.20 31 March 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.21 6 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.22 15 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.23 17 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.24 20 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.25 23 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.26 29 April 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.27 6 May 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.28 15 May 1941 (Urbana, IL)
- 6.7.29 21 May 1941 (Urbana, IL)

**Folder 8: From Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward from University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (unless otherwise noted) to Betty Belle Irvin (1941-1944)**

- 6.8.1 21 January 1941 (LaFayette, IN) *accepting invitation; Roy might pledge Sigma Chi*
- 6.8.2 31 January 1941 (LaFayette IN)
- 6.8.3 30 October 1941 (Urbana, IL) *description of blind date; partial letter (ripped)—other part sent to Donna*
- 6.8.4 18 March 1942 (Urbana, IL) *gossip; college shenanigans; set up on a blind date with a “Mr. Dillaron,” has a date and will rub it in George’s face; poor grades*
- 6.8.5 7 April 1942 (Urbana, IL) *College shenanigans; going to formal with George*
- 6.8.6 15 April 1942 (Urbana, IL) *addressed to “Dan Miles,” a fake date made up by Betty and Donna?; health: George got measles (no formal)*
- 6.8.7 27 April 1942 (Urbana, IL) *school troubles(Spanish exam); man troubles (George); college scandal*
- 6.8.8 15 August 1942 (Bloomington, IL) *saw “Mrs. Miniver;” working in a store; are they hitched yet?; bicycle riding; city blackout; dress-making*
- 6.8.9 16 September 1942 (Urbana, IL) *Back with George again, dating and dancing; housing curfew; college shenanigans*
- 6.8.10 21 September 1942 (Urbana, IL) *got “pinned;” dating & courtship*
- 6.8.11 3 October 1942 (Urbana, IL) *planning marriages around army service; field hockey*
- 6.8.12 11 November 1942 (Urbana, IL) *finest for cutting class; gas rations; play of “The Women,” performed by men; plans for Thanksgiving; dates*
- 6.8.13 18 November 1942 (Urbana, IL) *The End of George; clipping from university gossip column*
- 6.8.14 7 January 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Looking for info about orphan’s home, now dating a “Homer,” Christmas gift: a dickey*
- 6.8.15 26 January 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Has another new man*
- 6.8.16 16 February 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Sorority hell week; classes: nursing, child development, Spanish; college shenanigans and dirty jokes; many men*

- leaving for army*
- 6.8.17 14 March 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Hen parties in place of dates, film "Random Harvest," considering entering nurses' training; annoying pledges (sorority life); U of I "girls' school"*
- 6.8.18 6 October 1943 (Urbana, IL) *sorority life; dates with soldiers, sailors and chem. Majors*
- 6.8.19 31 October 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Visiting soldiers; mad for Homer; Homecoming*
- 6.8.20 2 December 1943 (Urbana, IL) *Dating; formals, proms, finals*
- 6.8.21 22 March 1944 (Urbana, IL) *wedding dresses; visiting Homer—engaged to be married Sept. 1945; Liz and George Ferry are married in Denver*
- 6.8.22 10 May 1944 (Urbana, IL) *Agreeing to be bridesmaid—what dress specifications? Wedding plans? Update on Homer, senior ball, shower she will host this summer, her own wedding plans*

**Folder 9: From Charles B. Porter to Betty Belle (Summer 1941-Winters 1942), after her first year at college and into her second year.**

- 6.9.1 23 June 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.2 25 June 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.3 1 July 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.4 8 July 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.5 16 July 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.6 23 July 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.7 22 August 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.8 2 September 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.9 15 September 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.10 23 September 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.11 23 September 1941 (Pontiac, IL) *List of meat prices at butcher shop where he works*
- 6.9.12 28 September 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.13 18 October 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.14 28 October 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.15 22 November 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.16 28 November 1941 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.17 8 January 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.18 13 January 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.19 15 January 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.9.20 17 January 1942 (Pontiac, IL)

**Folder 10: From Charles B. Porter to Betty Belle the summer after her second year at college (April-September 1942)**

- 6.10.1 3 April 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.2 5 June 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.3 9 June 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.4 26 June 1942 (Normal, IL)

- 6.10.5 21 August 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.6 24 August 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.7 29 August 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.8 1 September 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.9 2 September 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.10 4 September 1942 (Pontiac, IL)
- 6.10.11 8 September 1942 (Pontiac, IL)

**Folder 11: Correspondence from Private Irvin Conlee to Betty Belle Irvin (8 October 1942-24 September 1943) (See also 6.13.13, 7.8)**

- 6.11.1 8 October 1942 (Camp Crowder, Mo.) *army camp life*
- 6.11.2 18 November 1942 (Camp Crowder, Mo.)
- 6.11.3 21 December 1942 (Fort Slocum, NY) *Christmas, camp life*
- 6.11.4 29 December 1942 (Fort Slocum, NY)
- 6.11.5 17 May 1943 (U.S. Army) *send pictures! Enclosed picture of self? But faded? (looks like a piece of foil)*
- 6.11.6 5 June 1943 (U.S. Army) *plaque for soldiers at their old school, farm info and prices, stationed in England*
- 6.11.7 15 September 1943 (U.S. Army) *falling in love with Betty...*
- 6.11.8 19 September 1943 (U.S. Army) *Wants to date Betty now*
- 6.11.9 24 September 1943 (U.S. Army) *Still in England, reminiscing about home*

**Folder 12: Betty Belle Irvin's Christmas Cards, 1942, 16 items**

**Folder 13: Betty Belle Irvin's Correspondence from Charles B. Porter, 6 January-7 September 1943 (Betty's third year of college and following summer)**

- 6.13.1 6 January 1943 (McNeese College, Lake Charles, LA) *enclosed letter from Marion B. Porter to Betty that she mailed to Porter*
- 6.13.2 9 January 1943 (Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.)
- 6.13.3 28 March 1943
- 6.13.4 31 March 1943
- 6.13.5 4 April 1943
- 6.13.6 11 April 1943
- 6.13.7 15 April 1943
- 6.13.8 18 April 1943
- 6.13.9 25 April 1943
- 6.13.10 28 April 1943
- 6.13.11 3 May 1943
- 6.13.12 23 May 1943
- 6.13.13 30 May 1943 *enclosure from Pvt. Irvin Conlee*
- 6.13.14 5 June 1943 *enclosure from Marion B. Porter to Betty*
- 6.13.15 13 June 1943
- 6.13.16 18 June 1943
- 6.13.17 23 June 1943
- 6.13.18 27 June 1943

- 6.13.19 28 June 1943
- 6.13.20 29 June 1943
- 6.13.21 5 July 1943
- 6.13.22 11 July 1943
- 6.13.23 12 July 1943
- 6.13.24 13 July 1943
- 6.13.25 14 July 1943
- 6.13.26 18 July 1943 *Letter is dated June, but postmark indicates July*
- 6.13.27 20 July 1943 *Western Union Telegram*
- 6.13.28 22 July 1943 (Texarkana, Ark.)
- 6.13.29 July 31, 1943 (Baton Rouge, LA)
- 6.13.30 28 August 1943
- 6.13.31 4 September 1943
- 6.13.32 7 September 1943

**Folder 14: Letters from Servicemen/women to Betty Belle Irvin (1943-1944)**

- 6.14.1 15 January 1943 (Lee Brooks, U.S. Army) *from Iran(?); memory of racing cops in Normal*
- 6.14.2 30 April 1943 (Larry Scheets)
- 6.14.3 17 September 1943 (Dorothy Christen, U.S. Naval Hospital, Sampson, NY) *Women's Navy life*
- 6.14.4 19 September 1943 (Allen Durath Beyer, U.S. Navy, San Francisco, Cal.) *Joke recipe for fruit cake*
- 6.14.5 26 September 1943 (Sgt. Howard K. Johnson, NY, NY) *change of address card*
- 6.14.6 14 October 1943 (Howard Nicol(?), Harrell Field, Camden Ark.) *Flight training, Air Force life*
- 6.14.7 27 October 1943 (Howard K. Johnson, U.S. Army Postmaster) *stationed in England; summary of English customs*
- 6.14.8 26 November 1943 (Howard K. Johnson, U.S. Army, England) *summary of working up through Woolworth's management-promoted to manager of Mich. Ave. Woolworth's; wanted to enlist in Marines rather than army draft, but they wouldn't let him; transferred from infantry to air corps.*
- 6.14.9 22 December 1943 (Larry Scheets, U.S. Army Air Corps, Tulare, Calif.) *Air Corps life, gossip, tall tales*
- 6.14.10 22 December 1943 (Dick Richards, Wichita Falls, Tex.) *Christmas card*
- 6.14.11 11 February 1944 (Larry Scheets, Taft, Calif.) *Congratulations on engagement, reminiscence of Porter and Betty; weddings: big vs. small; flying school*
- 6.14.12 18 April 1944 (Larry Scheets, Stockton, Calif.) *marrying and bachelorhood; dating; coming home in June*
- 6.14.13 26 June 1944 (Howard K. Johnson, New York, NY) *Congrats on upcoming wedding, difficulty of war life, censored lines are cut out*

**Folder 15: General correspondence of the Irvin family (1943-1944)**

- 6.15.1 5 January 1943 (Ruth Courvey, Normal, IL)
- 6.15.2 26 February 1943 (Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Miss.)
- 6.15.3 26 February 1943 (Mary and Eldon, Bloomington, IL) *Happy Birthday Lutie*

- 6.15.4 5 April 1943 (Rosa Lee Bourret, Bloomington, IL)
- 6.15.5 28 April 1943 (The Greeness Family, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 6.15.6 30 May 1943 (Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL) *Invitation to Commencement*
- 6.15.7 25 July 1943 (Jean L. Ross, Kenosha, Wis.)
- 6.15.8 13 December 1943 (P.V. Irvin to Mr & Mrs Frank Irvin and Betty) *season's greetings*
- 6.15.9 16 December 1943 (Merlin A. Erdmann to Frank Irvin) *season's greetings*
- 6.15.10 31 December 1943 (Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hays and Burnell, Carlock, IL)
- 6.15.11 23 January 1944 (Dottie Catlin, Springfield, IL)
- 6.15.12 24 February 1944 (Gertrude B. Purcell, Pasadena, Calif.) *Happy Birthday Lutie*
- 6.15.13 25 February 1944 (Mary Champion (?), Cleveland, Ohio)
- 6.15.14 28 February 1944 (Hamp Johnson, U.S. Navy)
- 6.15.15 9 March 1944 (Mary Champion, Cleveland, Ohio)
- 6.15.16 25 March 1944 (Al, Thomaston, Conn.)
- 6.15.17 31 March 1944 (Illinois Christian Home, Jacksonville, IL) *Informational letter about facilities*
- 6.15.18 21 April 1944 (ISNU Sophomore Home Economics students) *Invitation to Spring fashion show*
- 6.15.19 12 May 1944 (Betty Belle Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 6.15.20 June 1944 (Illinois State Normal University) *Summer "Campus Towers" Newsletter*
- 6.15.21 27 June 1944 (The Cline Family, Normal, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 6.15.22 18 July 1944 (Wayne Lasky, Chairman of Committee, Normal, IL)
- 6.15.23 28 September 1944 (Lt. Ed. E. Rankin, San Francisco, Calif.)
- 6.15.24 15 October 1944 (Irene Dougherty, Aurora, IL)
- 6.15.25 1 November 1944 (The Martins, The Huffingtons, Normal, IL)
- 6.15.26 6 November 1944 (Invitation to Mary Jane Ward's bridal shower)
- 6.15.27 27 November 1944 (Invitation to wedding of Mary Jane Ward to Homer L. Lyman, Jr., Bloomington, IL)
- 6.15.28 29 November 1944 (The family of Mrs. David Grant Evans, Lincoln, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 6.15.29 3 December 1944 (Jane, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for sweater for Nancy*
- 6.15.30 6 December 1944 (Doris, Decatur, IL) *Thanks for bedspread, cannot attend Mary Jane's shower*
- 6.15.31 9 December 1944 (Hazel Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 6.15.32 15 December 1944 (Mary Jane (Ward) Lyman, Bloomington, IL) *thank you for the gift*
- 6.15.33 25 December 1944 (Eleanor, Normal, IL) *Thanks for baby gifts*
- 6.15.34 26 December 1944 (Invitation to wedding of Marilyn Irene Gilstrap to Mr. Donald Elvin Freet, Tacoma, Wash.)

**Folder 16: Correspondence received by Frank Irvin from his brother, Delmar Irvin (1942-1944, 1970 outlier)**

- 6.16.1 2 March 1942 (San Fernando, Calif.)
- 6.16.2 3 March 1943 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.3 2 April 1943 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.4 3 June 1943 (Santa Paula, Calif.)

- 6.16.5 2 July 1943 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.6 4 May 1943 (Santa Paula Calif.)
- 6.16.7 2 September 1943 (Santa Paula, Calif.) *Newspaper clippings enclosed*
- 6.16.8 17 March 1944 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.9 7 June 1944 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.10 7 August 1944 (Santa Paula, Calif.)
- 6.16.11 13 October 1944 (Pacoima, Calif.)
- 6.16.12 18 December 1944 (Pacoima, Calif.)
- 6.16.13 17 April 1970 (Joshua Tree, Calif.) *birthday card*

**Folder 17: Birthday and Get Well cards for Lutie (Denman) Irvin at the Mennonite Hospital (1943)**

**Folder 18: Correspondence to the Irvin family from the Stubblefield family: Lois (Denman) Stubblefield, Guy Stubblefield, and their children, Media Jayne and Sarah, who lived in Peoria (1943-1945, 1959)**

- 6.18.1 1 February 1943
- 6.18.2 15 February 1943
- 6.18.3 5 April 1943
- 6.18.4 4 May 1943
- 6.18.5 6 May 1943
- 6.18.6 25 May 1943
- 6.18.7 24 June 1943
- 6.18.8 29 July 1943
- 6.18.9 6 December 1943
- 6.18.10 13 December 1943
- 6.18.11 9 February 1944
- 6.18.12 4 March 1944
- 6.18.13 18 April 1944
- 6.18.14 7 August 1944
- 6.18.15 9 October 1944
- 6.18.16 25 October 1944
- 6.18.17 20 November 1944
- 6.18.18 1 December 1944
- 6.18.19 13 December 1944
- 6.18.20 27 February 1945
- 6.18.21 11 March 1945
- 6.18.22 10 May 1945
- 6.18.23 27 May 1945
- 6.18.24 7 August 1945
- 6.18.25 14 December 1945
- 6.18.26 31 March 1948
- 6.18.27 9 April 1948
- 6.18.28 14 May 1948

- 6.18.29 16 July 1948
- 6.18.30 26 September 1948
- 6.18.31 7 October 1948
- 6.18.32 15 October 1959
- 6.18.33 18 March 1963
- 6.18.34 Undated "*quit-claim deed*" enclosed

**Folder 19: Betty Belle Irvin's Correspondence from Charles B. Porter, September–December 1943 (Betty's fourth year at college)**

- 6.19.1 12 September 1943 (Lake Charles, LA)
- 6.19.2 19 September 1943
- 6.19.3 27 September 1943
- 6.19.4 4 October 1943
- 6.19.5 10 October 1943
- 6.19.6 17 October 1943
- 6.19.7 24 October 1943
- 6.19.8 10 November 1943
- 6.19.9 20 November 1943
- 6.19.10 28 November 1943
- 6.19.11 29 November 1943 (envelope only)
- 6.19.12 11 December 1943
- 6.19.13 15 December 1943
- 6.19.14 19 December 1943
- 6.19.15 20 December 1943
- 6.19.16 24 December 1943
- 6.19.17 26 December 1943
- 6.19.78 27 December 1943

**Folder 20: Correspondence from teaching colleagues at I.S.N.U. and correspondence related to student teaching**

- 6.20.1 30 September 1943 (Alice, Yorkville, IL) *Questions about I.S.N.U Home Management house; checking on handbook; teaching and student teaching*
- 6.20.2 15 November 1943 (Dottie, Metamora, IL) *Student teaching; description of housing and situation*
- 6.20.3 17 November 1943 (Doris Gunsten, Farmington, IL) *Student teaching*
- 6.20.4 23 November 1943 ("Roomie," (Dorothy), Lexington, IL) *Student teaching update*
- 6.20.5 18 December 1943 (Marjorie Penns, Peoria, IL) *student teaching*
- 6.20.6 20 December 1943 (Doris Gunsten, Farmington, IL) *Student teaching*
- 6.20.7 21 December 1943 (Dottie Elliot, Farmington, IL) *Student Teaching, Christmas*
- 6.20.8 29 December 1943 (Dottie Catlin, Springfield, IL) *Thanks for Christmas pin, suit-making*
- 6.20.9 31 December 1943 (Doris Gunsten, Farmington, IL) *Thanks for Christmas*



- pin; New Year's Eve; dress-making; student teaching; coursework at I.S.N.U.; Landlady separated from husband*
- 6.20.10 6 January 1944 (Betty Belle Cooke, Lexington, IL) *Thanks for Christmas pin; Bob is "the one for her" and she must tell Fred; student teaching, counseling course*
- 6.20.11 12 January 1944 (Betty Belle Cooke, Lexington, IL) *plans to be in town; student teaching*
- 6.20.12 18 January 1944 (Dottie Catlin, Springfield, IL) *resting, suitmaking; visiting, public transportation; shopping, coursework, shower gifts*
- 6.20.13 20 February 1944 (Doris Gunsten, Normal, IL) *Congrats on engagement; draping class; red shoes; need a stamp to buy shoes?; Phil-Wright Contest; formal campus events*
- 6.20.14 23 February 1944 (Helen, Maria, Farmington, IL) *student teaching; engagement*
- 6.20.15 29 February 1944 (Dottie, Normal, IL) *School; founder's day planning; sending copy of Vidette; possible married man dating their friend?; counselor meeting*
- 6.20.16 9 March 1944 (Lutie Denman, Normal, IL) *Advice on cooking/teaching cooking; food at party, hosting suppers; income taxes; new furniture*
- 6.20.17 22 March 1944 (Lutie Denman, Bloomington, IL) *Family updates; cooking advice – cornbread, housecleaning*
- 6.20.18 22 March 1944 (Doris, Normal, IL) *student teaching; life back on campus; counselor's forum; collecting for Red Cross at Irvin Theatre; coursework – draping and food*

**Folder 21: Correspondence from Betty Belle Irvin to Frank and Lutie (Denman) Irvin during her semester of student teaching in Lexington, IL (Spring 1944) (Items 1-13) and correspondence to Betty Belle Irvin to Lutie Denman (Items 14-\_\_\_\_\_)**

- 6.21.1 2 February 1944
- 6.21.2 14 February 1944 *Valentine for Frank*
- 6.21.3 14 February 1944 *Valentine for Lutie*
- 6.21.4 17 February 1944
- 6.21.5 21 February 1944
- 6.21.6 26 February 1944 *Happy Birthday Lutie*
- 6.21.7 2 March 1944
- 6.21.8 3 March 1944
- 6.21.9 8 March 1944
- 6.21.10 10 March 1944
- 6.21.11 16 March 1944
- 6.21.12 28 March 1944
- 6.21.13 Undated, Spring 1944

**Folder 22: Betty Belle Irvin's Correspondence from Charles B. Porter, January–March 1944 (Betty's fourth year at college)**

- 6.22.1 1 January 1944
- 6.22.2 16 January 1944
- 6.22.3 23 January 1944
- 6.22.4 6 February 1944
- 6.22.5 13 February 1944
- 6.22.6 15 February 1944
- 6.22.7 15 February 1944 *Certificate to Betty from Porter's friends*
- 6.22.8 17 February 1944
- 6.22.9 18 February 1944
- 6.22.10 22 February 1944
- 6.22.11 26 February 1944 *Three postcards enclosed*
- 6.22.12 6 March 1944
- 6.22.13 13 March 1944
- 6.22.14 26 March 1944
- 6.22.15 27 March 1944
- 6.22.16 31 March 1944

**Folder 23: Frank Irvin & Lutie Denman Irvin Income Tax Reports 1942-1946**

- 6.23.1 Town of Normal Improvement Bond, \$500, June 1928
- 6.23.2 Individual income and defense tax return, Frank & Lutie Denman 1940, 1941, 1943
- 6.23.3 Individual income and defense tax return, Lutie Denman, 1942, 1943, 1944
- 6.23.4 Individual income and defense tax return, Frank Lemar Irvin, 1942, 1943, 1944
- 6.23.5 Individual income and defense tax return, Lutie Denman, 1947, 1946
- 6.23.6 Letter from the IRS to Frank Irvin, February 1942, March 1942
- 6.23.7 Crop Share-Cash Farm Lease: Lutie Denman Irvin, landlord, W. M. Oliver and Son, tenants.
- 6.23.8 2 Social Security cards for Hazel D. Irvin

**Box 7: 1944-1947**

**Correspondence received by Betty Belle Irvin until her marriage to Charles B. Porter in 1944; Correspondence received and sent by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles Porter after their marriage (20 Folders)**

**Folder 1: Betty Belle Irvin's Correspondence from Charles B. Porter, April 1944 (Betty's fourth year at college)**

- 7.1.1 4 April 1944 (St. Louis, Mo.)
- 7.1.2 5 April 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.1.3 8 April 1944
- 7.1.4 9 April 1944
- 7.1.5 10 April 1944
- 7.1.6 11 April 1944
- 7.1.7 12 April 1944

- 7.1.8 13 April 1944
- 7.1.9 14 April 1944
- 7.1.10 15 April 1944
- 7.1.11 16 April 1944
- 7.1.12 17 April 1944
- 7.1.13 18 April 1944
- 7.1.14 19 April 1944
- 7.1.15 21 April 1944
- 7.1.16 23 April 1944
- 7.1.17 24 April 1944
- 7.1.18 25 April 1944
- 7.1.19 26 April 1944
- 7.1.20 28 April 1944 *envelope only*
- 7.1.21 28 April 1944

**Folder 2: Betty Belle Irvin's Correspondence from Charles B. Porter, May-June 1944 (leading up to their wedding on July 4, 1944), & their wedding invitation.**

- 7.2.1 1 May 1944
- 7.2.2 4 May 1944
- 7.2.3 6 May 1944
- 7.2.4 8 My 1944
- 7.2.5 9 May 1944
- 7.2.6 11 May 1944
- 7.2.7 11 May 1944
- 7.2.8 14 May 1944
- 7.2.9 15 May 1944
- 7.2.10 16 May 1944
- 7.2.11 18 May 1944
- 7.2.12 19 May 1944
- 7.2.13 21 May 1944
- 7.2.14 24 May 1944
- 7.2.15 27 May 1944
- 7.2.16 29 May 1944
- 7.2.17 31 May 1944
- 7.2.18 4 June 1944
- 7.2.19 7 June 1944
- 7.2.20 11 June 1944
- 7.2.21 13 June 1944
- 7.2.22 18 June 1944
- 7.2.23 20 June 1944
- 7.2.24 24 June 1944
- 7.2.25 4 July 1944 *Betty Belle & Charles' wedding invitation*

**Folder 3: Correspondence received by Charles B. Porter (1942-1944)**

- 7.3.1 2 February 1942 (Betty Carlin, Pontiac, IL) *apparently a summer girlfriend, who seems unaware of his relationship with Betty Irvin*

- 7.3.2 7 February 1944 (Mary Jane “Wobbly” Ward, Normal, IL) *Congratulations on engagement; news on her “man,” Homer*
- 7.3.3 22 February 1944 (“Mamere,” Poynette, Wis.) *congratulations; gender norms; illness: sulphur medications*
- 7.3.4 4 March 1944 (Philip “Bobe” Porter, U.S. Army Air Forces) *Pre-med school training, courtship/engagement*
- 7.3.5 Spring 1944 (Donna Schad) *congrats on engagement*
- 7.3.6 2 April 1944 (Charles G. Porter (Charles B’s father), Pontiac, IL)
- 7.3.7 18 June 1944 (Charles G. Porter (Charles B.’s father), Pontiac, IL)

**Folder 4: Correspondence received by the Irvin family from the Porter family (1944-1946)**

- 7.4.1 14 March 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.4.2 12 July 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.4.3 27 August 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Poynette, Wis.)
- 7.4.4 12 September 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Poynette, Wis.)
- 7.4.5 21 September 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Oak Park, IL)
- 7.4.6 27 September 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.7 6 October 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.8 19 October 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.9 31 October 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.10 7 November 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.11 16 November (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.12 13 December 1944 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.13 9 January 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.14 16 April 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.15 23 April 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.16 23 April 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.17 28 April 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.18 10 May 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.19 16 May 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.20 8 June 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.21 24 September 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.22 26 October 1945 (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.4.23 Undated cards [3] (Mrs. Charles G. Porter, Aurora, IL)

**Folder 5: Correspondence received by Charles B. Porter and Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from the Porter and Irvin Families while living in Moscow, Idaho (July-September 1944)**

- 7.5.1 6 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.2 7 July 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.3 9 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.4 13 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.5 13 July 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)

- 7.5.6 17 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.7 20 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.8 22 July 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.9 23 July 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.10 26 July 1944 (Sarah Jean (Sally) Stubblefield, Peoria, IL)
- 7.5.11 30 July 1944 (Frank Irvin and Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL) *Newspaper clippings enclosed*
- 7.5.12 1 August 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.13 5 August 1944 (Charles G. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.14 8 August 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Pontiac, IL)
- 7.5.15 20 August 1944 (Frank Irvin and Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.16 28 August 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.17 11 September 1944 (Frank Irvin and Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.18 18 September 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.5.19 22 September 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.5.20 25 September 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)

**Folder 6: Correspondence received by Charles B. Porter and Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from friends at home and in the service while living in Moscow, Idaho (June-September 1944)**

- 7.6.1 8 July 1944 (Patty Parret, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.2 12 July 1944 (Lt. Larry Scheets, Las Vegas Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nev.)
- 7.6.3 3 August 1944 (Mary Jane "Wobbly" Ward, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.4 5 August 1944 (Bunny Bane(?), Normal, IL)
- 7.6.5 20 August 1944 (Christine Lowenstein, Bloomington, IL)
- 7.6.6 22 August 1944 (Mary Jane "Wobbly" Ward, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.7 23 August 1944 (Nancy Fearheiley, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.8 24 August 1944 (Frances, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.9 25 August 1944 (Josephine Ross, Normal, IL)
- 7.6.10 29 September 1944 (Pvt. Johnny Farrell, Astoria, NY)

**Folder 7: Correspondence received by the Irvin family from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter in Moscow, Idaho (July-August 1944)**

- 7.7.1 6 July 1944 (Saint Paul, Minn.) *Stationery from La Salle Hotel, Chicago*
- 7.7.2 10 July 1944 (Moscow, Idaho) *Stationery from Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Wash. List of "things we need" enclosed*
- 7.7.3 12 July 1944
- 7.7.4 19 July 1944
- 7.7.5 26 July 1944
- 7.7.6 30 July 1944
- 7.7.7 31 July 1944
- 7.7.8 3 August 1944 *postcards enclosed*
- 7.7.9 8 August 1944
- 7.7.10 9 August 1944
- 7.7.11 13 August 1944

- 7.7.12 16 August 1944
- 7.7.13 24 August 1944
- 7.7.14 27 August 1944

**Folder 8: Correspondence received by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from Private Irvin Conlee, (July-October 1944) (See also 6.11)**

- 7.8.1 11 July 1944
- 7.8.2 17 July 1944
- 7.8.3 2 August 1944 (In different handwriting)
- 7.8.4 13 August 1944
- 7.8.5 23 August 1944
- 7.8.6 18 October 1944

**Folder 9: Correspondence received by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter regarding teaching positions (1944)**

- 7.9.1 22 August 1944 (Margaret Ritchie, Director of Home Economics, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.9.2 2 September 1944 (J.W. Carrington, Illinois State Normal University Bureau of Appointments, Normal, IL)

**Folder 10: Correspondence received by Charles B. Porter and Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from the Porter and Irvin Families while living in Moscow, Idaho, Tacoma, Wash. and Denver, Colo. (October-December 1944)**

- 7.10.1 3 October 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.2 21 October 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.10.3 24 October 1944 (Philip "Bobe" Porter, Los Angeles, Cal.)
- 7.10.4 6 November 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.5 9 November 1944 ("Mamere" Baddeley, Poynette, Wisc.)
- 7.10.6 13 November 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.10.7 16 November 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.8 22 November 1944 ("Gram," Homer, IL)
- 7.10.9 8 December 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.10 13 December 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.10.11 18 December 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.12 20 December 1944 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 7.10.13 23 December 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)
- 7.10.14 27 December 1944 (Marion B. Porter, Aurora, IL)

**Folder 11: Correspondence received by Charles B. Porter and Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from friends at home and in the service while living in Moscow, Idaho, Tacoma, Wash. and Denver, Colo. (October-December 1944)**

- 7.11.1 9 October 1944 (Larry Scheets, Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, LA)

- 7.11.2 15 October 1944 (Ralph Buesgens, Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.11.3 13 November 1944 (Larry Scheets, Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, LA)
- 7.11.4 24 November 1944 (Bunny Bane(?), Normal, IL)
- 7.11.5 25 November 1944 (Patty Parret, Normal, IL)
- 7.11.6 29 November 1944 (Rosie Baxla or Bayla, Indianapolis, IN)
- 7.11.7 4 December 1944 (Mary Jane "Wobbly" Ward, Normal, IL)
- 7.11.8 14 December 1944 (Bunny (Bobe's girlfriend or fiancée?), Normal, IL)
- 7.11.9 15 December 1944 (Mary Jane "Wobbly" Ward, Normal, IL)
- 7.11.10 15 December 1944 (Pvt. Andros Karporos "Greek", Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.11.11 18 December 1944 (Pvt. William Krueger, Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.11.12 28 December 1944 (Pvt. Andros Karporos "Greek", Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.)

**Folder 12: Holiday Cards received by Charles B. Porter and Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter while living in Denver, Colo. (December 1944-January 1945)**

**Folder 13: Correspondence received by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter from Charles B. Porter while he was being discharged from the army in Los Angeles, Calif. (January-February 1946)**

- 7.13.1 18 January 1946
- 7.13.2 12 February 1946
- 7.12.3 20 February 1946
- 7.13.4 21 February 1946

**Folder 14: General correspondence received by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter while living in Normal, IL and Marshall, IL**

- 7.14.1 18 May 1946 (Patty Parret, Santa Monica, Calif.)
- 7.14.2 13 June 1946 (Lillian S. Daniels, Normal, IL) *Receipt for dues*
- 7.14.3 16 July 1946 (Larry Scheets, Boulder, Colorado)
- 7.14.4 25 July 1946 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Rhinelander, Wis.)
- 7.14.5 25 July 1946 (Frank Irvin, Rhinelander, Wis.)
- 7.14.6 29 July 1946 (Lutie (Denman) Irvin, Rhinelander, Wis.)
- 7.14.7 9 February 1949 (Marge (marries "Bobe" in June of 1949? Girard, IL)
- 7.14.8 10 June 1949 (Philip M. Porter "Bobe, Location?) *Thanks for wedding gifts*

**Folder 15: Undated correspondence of Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter (no year listed) (9 Items)**

**Folder 16: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (September-October 1944)**

- 7.16.1 4 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.2 7 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.3 15 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)

- 7.16.4 18 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.5 20 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.6 23 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.7 29 September 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.8 4 October 1944 (Moscow, Idaho)
- 7.16.9 9 October 1944 (Spokane, Wash.)
- 7.16.10 10 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.16.11 10 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.16.12 13 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *Change of Address notice*
- 7.16.13 13 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.16.14 14 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *postcard*
- 7.16.15 18 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.16.16 20 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *postcard*
- 7.16.17 20 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *postcard enclosed*
- 7.16.18 23 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.16.19 27 October 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)

**Folder 17: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (November-December 1944)**

- 7.17.1 5 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *large postcard*
- 7.17.2 6 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.3 6 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.4 9 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.5 14 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.6 19 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.7 20 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *Thanksgiving card*
- 7.17.8 21 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.9 28 November 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.10 4 December 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.) *Planning to go to Seattle for Christmas Shopping with Marilyn Gilstrap; Porter wakes up at 4:30 a.m.; no furlough coming*
- 7.17.11 5 December 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.12 9 December 1944 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.17.13 11 December 1944 (Denver, Colo.)
- 7.17.14 18 December 1944 (Glenns Ferry, Idaho)
- 7.17.15 20 December 1944 (Denver, Colo.)
- 7.17.16 22 December 1944 (Denver, Colo.)
- 7.17.17 26 December 1944 *no envelope*
- 7.17.18 28 December 1944 (Denver, Colo.)

**Folder 18: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (January to June, 1945)**

- 7.18.1 3 January 1945 (Normal, IL)



- 7.18.2 21 January 1945 (Aurora, IL) *Arrived safely, found bank book*
- 7.18.3 22 January 1945 (Aurora, IL)
- 7.18.4 25 January 1945 (Aurora, IL)
- 7.18.5 4 April 1945 (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 7.18.6 5 April 1945 (Miles City and Butte, Mont.)
- 7.18.7 5 April 1945 (Butte, Mont.)
- 7.18.9 9 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.10 10 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.11 13 April 1945 (*can't read city name*, Wash.)
- 7.18.12 19 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.) *two postcards enclosed*
- 7.18.13 20 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.14 23 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.15 24 April 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.16 1 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.17 4 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.18 5 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.19 8 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.20 11 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.21 14 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.22 17 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.23 24 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.24 27 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.25 31 May 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.26 4 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.27 7 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.28 7 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.) *PNAB Supply Line newsletter*
- 7.18.29 12 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.) *Father's Day card for Frank*
- 7.18.30 14 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.31 19 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.18.32 27 June 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)

**Folder 19: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (July-November, 1945)**

- 7.19.1 2 July 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)
- 7.19.2 4 July 1945 (Missoula, Mont.)
- 7.19.3 17 July 1945 (Aurora, IL)
- 7.19.4 4 September 1945 (Ellsworth, IL)
- 7.19.5 1? September 1945 (Ellsworth, IL)
- 7.19.6 17 September 1945 (Ellsworth, IL)
- 7.19.7 20 September 1945 (Ellsworth, IL)
- 7.19.8 7 November 1945 (Tacoma, Wash.)

**Folder 20: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (1946-1947, 1952, 1954, 1965)**

- 7.20.1 8 April 1946 (Location illegible)

- 7.20.2 30 July 1946 (Normal, IL)
- 7.20.3 31 July 1946 (Normal, IL) *postcard*
- 7.20.4 14 July 1947 (Normal, IL)
- 7.20.5 21 July 1947 (Normal, IL)
- 7.20.6 July 1947 (Normal, IL)
- 7.20.7 30 June 1952 (Normal, IL) *Bal to his parents*
- 7.20.8 25 January 1954 *Bal to Mamere*
- 7.20.9 2 March 1954 (Champaign, IL) *Bal to his parents*
- 7.20.10 9 March 1965 (Normal, IL) *Bal to his parents*
- 7.20.11 Undated Lutie to Betty and Charles (4 letters)

**Folder 21: Wedding congratulations, shower planning, and “to-be-opened” letters for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Porter, April-August 1944**

- 7.21.1 16 April 1944 (Doris) *planning a shower*
- 7.21.2 18 May 1944 (Maude & Silvey)
- 7.21.3 26 June 1944 (The Mearl Norris’s) *accepting invitation to wedding*
- 7.21.4 29 June 1944 (from unknown in Hempstead, NY)
- 7.21.5 30 June 1944 (Virginia Norris, Shelbyville,
- 7.21.6 1 July 1944 (Aunt Tib & Edna)
- 7.21.7 1 July 1944- to be opened September 3, 1944 (Edna)
- 7.21.8 1 July 1944 (Bill, Pat, & Kay)
- 7.21.9 1 July 1944 (Helen & Spencer)
- 7.21.10 1 July 1944 (Aunt May)
- 7.21.11 1 July 1944- to be opened July 15, 1944 (Mamere)
- 7.21.12 1 July 1944- to be opened after you board the train (wobbly)
- 7.21.13 1 July 1944- to be opened July 12 (Mrs. Parret)
- 7.21.14 1 July 1944- to be opened after you cross the continental divide (Mrs. A. N. Corrington)
- 7.21.15 1 July 1944- to be opened July 8, 1944 (unsigned)
- 7.21.16 1 July 1944- to be opened July 8, sometime during the day (Donna)
- 7.21.17 1 July 1944- to be opened July 11<sup>th</sup> (mother)
- 7.21.18 1 July 1944- to be opened when you come in view of the Rockies (Mrs. Ward)
- 7.21.19 2 July 1944 (Mrs. Cline, Normal IL)
- 7.21.20 3 July 1944 (Doris & Jim)
- 7.21.21 4 July 1944- to be opened after the big day (Sally Kreideler)
- 7.21.22 6 July 1944 (Mr. & Mrs. Glen Frick & Family)
- 7.21.23 8 July 1944 (Mildred Knauer & family)
- 7.21.24 8 July 1944 (Jack Stoltz)
- 7.21.25 8 July 1944 (Betty)
- 7.21.26 12 July 1944 (Marian DePew, Hollywood, California)
- 7.21.27 18 July 1944 (Margaret Esposito)
- 7.21.28 1 August 1944 (Wilma Sims)
- 7.21.29 To be opened 4 August 1944 (Hagel Kneidler(?))
- 7.21.30 Undated (Frances Conkey)
- 7.21.31 Undated (Dorothy Elliott)
- 7.21.32 Undated (Floy, Hugh, Barbara Harrison)

- 7.21.33 Undated (The Stubblefields)
- 7.21.34 Undated (Mildred Bopp)
- 7.21.35 Undated (Dottie Catlin & Phyllis Thomas)
- 7.21.36 Undated (Christine Lovenstein)
- 7.21.37 Undated (Gram, Aunt Dorothy, and Mary)
- 7.21.38 Undated (Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Fuller & Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Fouman)
- 7.21.39 Undated (Mr. & Mrs. Eisenberger)
- 7.21.40 Undated (Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hitch, & Mrs & Mr. Joe McElroy)
- 7.21.41 Undated (Barbara Browne, Patty Martin, Romaine Zehr, Elaine Brigham, Nancy Fearheily, Frances Coan, Erma Steele, Christine Lowenstein)
- 7.21.42 Undated (Aunt Ella)
- 7.21.43 Undated (Jane Hospelhorn)
- 7.21.44 Undated (unknown)
- 7.21.45 Undated (Margaret Nienon)

**Folder 22: Cards for Betty for birth of Barbara (approx. 50 items)**

- 7.22.1 Blessing of Children booklet

**Box 8: 1946-1999**

**1940s Correspondence of the Irvin family; Correspondence received and sent by Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles Porter after their marriage (16 Folders)**

**Folder 1: General correspondence received by the Irvin family (1945-1948)**

- 8.1.1 4 January 1945 (Dr. Bernard Pierce, Normal, IL) *Announcement of opening optometry practice*
- 8.1.2 11 January 1945 (Herb Hildebrandt, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.1.3 24 February 1945 (Gertrude B. Purcell, Pasadena, Calif.) *Happy birthday Lutie*
- 8.1.4 27 February 1945 (The Goodwins, Normal, IL) *Happy Birthday Lutie*
- 8.1.5 2 March 1945 (Mrs. Wilma Hildebrandt and Joan, Bloomington, IL) *Thank you for sympathy*
- 8.1.6 April 1945 (Schimpff Silver Studio, Normal, IL) *Bill for Betty's Birthday Present, silver earrings*
- 8.1.7 18 April 1945 (Gertrude B. Purcell, Pasadena, Calif.) *Birthday card*
- 8.1.8 25 April 1945 (Sophomore clothing class at ISNU) *Invitation to class fashion show*
- 8.1.9 20 April 1945 (Earl Powell, sales manager, Hibben, Holloweg & Co., Indianapolis, IN)
- 8.1.10 23 April 1945 (Rosa Lee and Joe, Bloomington, IL) *Happy Birthday Frank*
- 8.1.11 10 June 1945 (Charlotte Turner, Normal, IL)
- 8.1.12 14 June 1945 (Donna, Williamson, W.Va.)
- 8.1.13 17 June 1945 (Patty, ?ordesburg, N.Mex.)
- 8.1.14 1 August 1945 (Marilyn and Don Freet, San Diego, Calif.)
- 8.1.15 22 October 1945 (Normal Community High School and Board of Education, Normal, IL) *Invitation to dedication of recreation field in honor of Truman H. Keys*
- 8.1.16 23 October 1945 (Greeness Family, Bloomington, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*

- 8.1.17 15 November 1945 (Ethel, Normal, IL)
- 8.1.18 30 December 1945 (Rosa Lee, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.1.19 7 February 1946 (Ethel Skinner Miller, Bloomington, to Lutie in Normal)  
*historical information regarding glass*
- 8.1.20 29 May 1946 (Viola Community High School Graduation, Viola, IL, Frances Person)
- 8.1.21 29 June 1946 (McLean County Home Bureau, Bloomington, IL) *reminder of time and location for annual meeting*
- 8.1.22 11 July 1946 (Anabel Humphrey, Normal, IL) *Note about payment of \$10*
- 8.1.23 25 September 1946 (Eaton family, Max., Minn.)
- 8.1.24 4 October 1946 (Hibben, Holliwg & Co., Indianapolis, IN) *Diaper shipment ordered by Frank Irvin for granddaughter*
- 8.1.25 27 November 1946 (Peggy and Gordon, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.1.26 13 December 1946 (Gertrude and Ray Gilstrap)
- 8.1.27 24 February 1947 (The Eaton family, Saint Augustine, FL)
- 8.1.28 19 June 1947 (Fern C. Lawson of the Woman's Council, Normal, IL)
- 8.1.29 26 June 1947 (Amy Broughton, Salt Lake City, Utah)
- 8.1.30 19 February 1948 (Esther Nierstheimer, Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs National Park, Ark.)
- 8.1.31 24 March 1948 (Gertrude and Ray Gilstrap, Tacoma, Wash.)
- 8.1.32 24 April 1948 (Elmer Grove, Carlock, IL)
- 8.1.33 27 May 1948 (Bloomington-Normal Garden Club, Bloomington, IL)  
*Announcement of summer events*
- 8.1.34 21 June 1948 (Northernaire, Three Lakes, Wis.) *Letter and brochure of facilities*
- 8.1.35 20 August 1948 (I.B. Schreiber, Textile Representatives, Chicago IL)
- 8.1.36 23 August 1948 (S. A. Gentry of Hibben, Hollweg & Co.)
- 8.1.37 23 August 1948 (Rice-Stix Manufacturing Wholesalers, St. Louis, MO)
- 8.1.38 23 August 1948 (Levin-Goodman Co., St. Louis, MO)
- 8.1.39 24 August 1948 (The Woolen Mill Store, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.1.40 25 August 1948 (Aaron Fleisher Company)
- 8.1.41 27 August 1948 (Berkshire-Cery Inc.)
- 8.1.42 31 August 1948 (Ely & Walker, St. Louis, MO)
- 8.1.43 21 September 1948 (Morgan Textile Company, St. Louis, MO)
- 8.1.44 1 October 1948 (Guthrie and Loar Corset Shoppe Bloomington, IL) *Ad for new miracle girdle*
- 8.1.45 5 November 1948 (Lois to Lutie & Frank)
- 8.1.46 11 November 1948 (Hotel Radke, Savanna, IL)

**Folder 2: Applicants responding to a *Pantagraph* advertisement to rent Frank Irvin's farm (July 8-10 (A-G), 1946)**

- 8.2.1 July 1946 Hoeft, Lyle (Bloomington, IL)
- 8.2.2 9 July 1946
- 8.2.3 Asper, Harold B. (Cornell, IL)
- 8.2.4 Cinnamon, Robert W. (Dana, IL)
- 8.2.5 Garrett, Sanford and Clifford (Lexington, IL)
- 8.2.6 Kingsley, Charles (Gibson City, IL)

- 8.2.7 Koltveit, Rudy (Fairbury, IL)
- 8.2.8 Molln, Roy (Graymont, IL)
- 8.2.9 Naas, George (LeRoy, IL)
- 8.2.10 Renfrow, Porter (Atlanta, IL)
- 8.2.11 Richard, John (Towanda, IL)
- 8.2.12 Tolpke, Harold (Bloomington, IL)
- 8.2.13 Tropel, Warren Dean (Wapella, IL)
- 8.2.14 Wallace, Otis (Gibson City, IL)
- 8.2.15 10 July 1946
- 8.2.16 Alpers, Hartzel (Chenoa, IL)
- 8.2.17 Attic, Roy C. (Atlanta, IL)
- 8.2.18 Augsperger, Delmar G. (Meadows, IL)
- 8.2.19 Grammar, Charles E. (LeRoy, IL)
- 8.2.20 Griffin, Robert (Clinton, IL)

**Folder 3: Continuation of applicants responding to a *Pantagraph* advertisement to rent Frank Irvin's farm (July 10 (H-W)-13, 1946)**

- 10 July 1946
- 8.3.1 Howell, R.L. (Buckley, IL)
- 8.3.2 Kerber, Robert H. (Anchor, IL)
- 8.3.3 Lever Jr., Harry (Cherry Valley, IL)
- 8.3.4 Poole, Percy (Saybrook, IL)
- 8.3.5 Sebrock, Charles E. (East Peoria, IL)
- 8.3.6 Schultz, Lyle F. (Normal, IL)
- 8.3.7 Swaner, James (McLean, IL)
- 8.3.8 Whittlesey, Verne D. (Stanford, Ill)
- 8.3.9 11 July 1946
- 8.3.10 Barker, Elvin (Colfax, IL)
- 8.3.11 Benjamin, Sam (Normal, IL)
- 8.3.12 Butler, Lee (Heyworth, IL)
- 8.3.13 Carrell, W.B. (Danvers, IL)
- 8.3.14 Hodges, Cecil (Lexington, IL)
- 8.3.15 Holm, Mrs. Rao (?) Holm (Gibson City, IL)
- 8.3.16 Kleeman, Henry J. (Mahomet, IL)
- 8.3.17 Marx, Harrison (Bloomington, Ill) *envelope only*
- 8.3.18 Mays, Glen F. (Normal, IL) *Pantagraph form*
- 8.3.19 Metz, Robert E. (Atlanta, IL)
- 8.3.20 Larh, V. L. (Farmer City, IL)
- 8.3.21 12 July 1946
- 8.3.22 Burmaster, Clarence (Carlock, IL)
- 8.3.23 Burmaster, Delbert (Danvers, IL)
- 8.3.24 Lamont, Clyde (LeRoy, IL)
- 8.3.25 Smith, Ernest (Chenoa, IL)
- 8.3.26 13 July 1946
- 8.3.27 Killian, Raymond (Colfax, IL)

- 8.3.28 Teutsch, Russell (Bloomington, Ill)
- 8.3.29 Trimble, Delbert (LeRoy, IL)

**Folder 4: “Get Well” cards for Lutie (Denman) Irvin, (3 June - 27 June 1947) 23 Items**

**Folder 5: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (February-April 1948)**

- 8.5.1 10 February 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.2.2 12 February 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.3 18 February 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.4 18 February 1948 (Marshall, IL) *envelope only*
- 8.5.6 25 February 1948 (Marshall, IL) *Postcard: arrived safely, description of trip to grandma’s*
- 8.5.7 26 February 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.8 2 March 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.9 4 March 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.10 9 March 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.11 16 March 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.12 16 March 1948 (Marshall, IL) *postcard*
- 8.5.13 22 March 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.14 26 March 1948 (Marshall, IL) *Photography; candy; clothes-making; storms—wind and hail; painting with baby Janet; Easter candy and baskets; Church and Sunday School; digging up old friends; 4 lane highway and driving speed; baby development; Brazil, IN, Terre Haute, IN, Indianapolis, IN*
- 8.5.15 31 March 1948 (Marshall, IL) *explanation why hasn’t written; description of apartments and rents (but where??), dress-making, circus, car insurance, forwarded mail*
- 8.5.16 6 April 1948 (Marshall, IL) *Driving; model airplanes; hats; Paris, IL*
- 8.5.17 14 April 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.18 18 April 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.5.19 21 April 1948 (Marshall, IL) *photo enclosed*
- 8.5.20 22 April 1948 (Marshall, IL) *Birthday card for Frank*
- 8.5.21 28 April, 1948 (Marshall, IL)

**Folder 6: Correspondence received by the Irvin and Porter families from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter and Charles B. Porter (May-December 1948)**

- 8.6.1 3 May 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.2 17 May 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.3 24 May 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.4 26 May 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.5 11 June 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.6 18 June 1948 (Marshall, IL)

- 8.6.7 25 June 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.8 20 July 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.9 3 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.10 9 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.11 14 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.12 19 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.13 24 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.14 28 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.15 31 August 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.16 6 September 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.17 13 September 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.18 25 September 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.19 28 September 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.20 12 October 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.21 18 October 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.22 25 October 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.23 1 November 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.24 14 November 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.25 23 November 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.26 31 November 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.27 6 December 1948 (Marshall, IL)
- 8.6.28 8 December 1948 (Marshall, IL)

**Folder 7: Holiday cards received by the Irvin family (1940s-'50s, and 1974)**

**Folder 8: General correspondence received by the Irvin family (1950s-70s)**

- 8.8.1 16 August 1951 (Mrs. O'Brian, Normal, IL) *congratulations on birth of your daughter*
- 8.8.2 20 March 1956 (Merrill Harris of Montpelier, Vermont, to Frank Irvin) *attached photo of home*
- 8.8.3 26 October 1956 (Lois in Peoria to Lutie in Normal) *sally had a boy, weather*
- 8.8.4 1 January 1957 (Nellie Phillips Eidson, Mariposa, Calif.)
- 8.8.5 31 January 1958 (the family of Anna M. Irvin, Battle Creek, Mich.) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 8.8.6 17 November 1960 (birth of Michael Robert Luthy)
- 8.8.7 1 June 1961 (Philip "Bob" Porter and Family, New Hampton, Iowa) *Birth announcement for Thomas Baddely Porter, 14 May 1961*
- 8.8.8 17 November 1963 (Lottie Irvin (married to Delmar Irvin), Costa Mesa, Calif.) *Delmar is in the hospital and has cancer*
- 8.8.9 8 March 1968 (Bess Abell, social secretary of The White House) *Thanks to Frank for poem on behalf of Mrs. Johnson*
- 8.8.10 Christmas 1969 (Lutie and Frank to Betty and Chuck)
- 8.8.11 1 September 1970 (Cassie and Gurdon (?) Denman, Schaller, IA)
- 8.8.12 24 January 1970 (The family of George Stubblefield, Atlanta, IL) *Thanks for sympathy*
- 8.8.13 14 August 1972 (Wally Bishop, St. Petersburg, FL)
- 8.8.14 Undated (Probably from Janet Porter through Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter) *"Happy Anniversary Grandma and Grandpa"*
- 8.8.15 Undated (Barbie to her grandma, Lutie) *Birthday card*

8.8.16 Undated (Mrs. Gilliland to Lutie) *happy birthday, too bad you are in the hospital*

**Folder 9: Correspondence received by the Irvin family from the Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter, Charles Porter and family (1953-1961, 1974)**

- 8.9.1 24 August 1956 (Normal, IL) *home again- Beloit, Rockford, Byron*
- 8.9.2 May 1956 (Champaign, IL) *Mother's Day card for Lutie*
- 8.9.3 18 August 1958 (Plymouth, Mass.)
- 8.9.4 13 October 1958 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.5 23 January 1959 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.6 13 February 1959 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.7 20 February 1959 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.8 8 October 1959 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.9 20 November 1959 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.10 7 June 1960 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.11 3 February 1961 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.12 27 February 1961 (Champaign, IL) *Birthday card for Lutie*
- 8.9.13 27 February 1961 (Champaign, IL) *Birthday card for Lutie*
- 8.9.14 1 June 1961 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.15 14 July 1961 (Champaign, IL)
- 8.9.16 February 1974 *Valentine's Day card from Bal & Betty to Betty's parents.*

**Folder 10: Undated Correspondence of the Irvin Family**

**Folder 11: Correspondence received by Betty Belle Irvin, partially about her genealogical research (1967-1981)**

- 8.11.1 24 December 1967 (Jane Hospelhorn, Annandale, VA)
- 8.11.2 30 April 1970 (Mrs. H.J. Becker, Paradise, Calif.) *envelope only*
- 8.11.3 16 April 1972 (Wally Bishop, St. Petersburg, FL)
- 8.11.4 16 December 1973 (Maurice and Florence, Newark, Ohio)
- 8.11.5 14 October 1974 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.11.6 25 March 1981 (Marian Becker, Paradise, Calif.)

**Folder 12: Sympathy cards to Betty Belle Irvin Porter and Charles B. Porter on the death of Betty's mother, Lutie Denman Irvin (January, 1973) 25 items**

**Folder 13: Sympathy cards to Betty Belle Irvin Porter and Charles B. Porter on the death of Betty's mother, Lutie Denman Irvin (February, 1973) 20 items**

**Folder 14: Undated holiday & birthday cards**

**Folder 15: Valentine cards, most from the childhood of Betty Belle Irvin**

**Folder 16: Miscellaneous cards that were once attached to flowers**

**Folder 17: Correspondence received by (and 1 sent by) Charles "Bal" Porter & Betty Belle**



**(Irvin) Porter**

- 8.17.1 10 August 1949 (L. E. Eyer, Normal, Illinois) *apartment*
- 8.17.2 11 October 1949 (Lolita Driver of *The Pantagraph*)
- 8.17.3 28 March 1950 (Helen E. Marshall, Normal IL) *congratulations on becoming a member of ISU staff*
- 8.17.4 14 November 1954 (Darrell J. Inabnit, Madison, WI)
- 8.17.5 24 January 1955 (Board of Vocational Education, Springfield) *vocational teachers record card*
- 8.17.6 15 February 1955 (Mr. & Mrs. James Cheatham, Aurora, IL) *Bonnie Sue birth announcement*
- 8.17.7 18 April 1955 (Donna & Ralph, Washington DC) *Birthday card*
- 8.17.8 11 May 1955 (Robert A. Ritzheimer, Homer, IL)
- 8.17.9 7 June 1955 (Gram & Aunt Dorothy, Homer IL) *Birthday card*
- 8.17.10 7 June 1955 (Mom & Dad, Aurora, IL) *Birthday card*
- 8.17.11 6 September 1955 (Mary Jane Lyman, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.12 12 October 1955 (Mary Jane Lyman, Normal IL)
- 8.17.13 16 October 1955 (Nelle Steele, Normal, IL) (postcard)
- 8.17.14 19 October 1955 (can't read signature, Whites Li...(?))
- 8.17.15 30 December 1955 (Lucile Ralston(?), Berkeley, California)
- 8.17.16 6 August 1956 (Grandma Marion, Aurora, IL)
- 8.17.17 17 February 1957 (Grandma & Grandpa, Aurora, IL)
- 8.17.18 16 August 1964 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.19 26 November 1968 (Betty to Mr. Parmantic) *interest in reading her ancestors letters to find out what school was like in the 1880's, describes family and the Hubbards relation to the Carlocks.*
- 8.17.20 9 April 1965 (A. H. Larsen, ISU Vice-president of Academic Affairs)
- 8.17.21 1 July 1969 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.22 6 July 1969 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.23 9 July 1969 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.24 2 March 1970 (Lottie & Uncle Delmar Irvin, Joshua Tree, CA)
- 8.17.25 3 July 1971 (Mom & Dad, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.26 19 July 1971 (Frank Irvin, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.27 20 July 1971 (Mom & Dad, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.28 21 July 1971 (Mom & Dad, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.29 22 July 1971 (Mom & Dad, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.30 24 July 1971 (Mom & Dad, Normal IL)
- 8.17.31 3 February 1972 (Grace Bowers, Birmingham, AL)
- 8.17.32 24 August 1972 (Gretchen, Bloomington IL)
- 8.17.33 9 January 1973 (Mrs. Glenn M. Crull, Pecatonica, IL)
- 8.17.34 15 January 1973 (Marian Richardsen Becker, Paradise, California)
- 8.17.35 16 January 1973 (Andy & Ann Kaipinos, Yuba City, California)
- 8.17.36 19 June 1973 (Media, Peoria, IL)
- 8.17.37 1 August 1973 (Herman R. Tiedeman, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.38 1 January 1976 (Mark, Danville IL)
- 8.17.39 6 July 1938 (P. Pichayapajboon, Normal IL) *photos enclosed*
- 8.17.40 August 22, 1983 (P. Pichayapajboon, Normal IL) *article enclosed*

8.17.41 28 October 1999 (Mike Mosher and Alma Mosher the Centurion, Wadena, MN)

**Folder 17B: Correspondence received (and 3 sent) by Charles “Bal” Porter & Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter, continued**

- 8.17.42 9 October 1973 (Aunt Lois, Peoria, IL)
- 8.17.43 6 March 1974 (Fran S., Normal IL)
- 8.17.44 24 March 1974 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.17.45 20 May 1974 (*Commencement invitation, West High School for Carol Porter*)
- 8.17.46 27 May 1874 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.17.47 17 April 1974 (Marian Becker, Paradise, CA)
- 8.17.48 1 July 1974 (*wedding announcement of Elizabeth Marlett and Robert Connell, Decatur, Georgia*)
- 8.17.49 28 July 1974 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.17.50 7 August 1974 (Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Walf, Rockwell City, Iowa) *photo*
- 8.17.51 9 September 1974 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.17.52 25 February 1975 (Aunt Lois, Peoria, IL)
- 8.17.53 19 March 1975 (P. J. Lawrence, Christchurch, New Zealand)
- 8.17.54 13 August 1975 (Maurice D. Denman, Newark, Ohio)
- 8.17.55 14 September 1975 (Lawrence, Christchurch, New Zealand)
- 8.17.56 5 October 1975 (Debbie Anderson, Tacoma, Washington)
- 8.17.57 27 October 1975 (Ike Schlosser, Seattle, WA)
- 8.17.58 1 January 1976 (Mark A. Denman, Danville, IL)
- 8.17.59 7 June 1976 (Arley Gillett, Huntsville, AR)
- 8.17.60 30 June 1976 (Daniel G. Downey, Jr.)
- 8.17.61 19 July 1976 (May & Tim(?), Pocatello, ID)
- 8.17.62 7 August 1976 (Aggie, Normal IL)
- 8.17.63 9 August 1976 (*Birth announcement- Daniel Rupert Westman*)
- 8.17.64 17 August 1976 (Maurice & Florence, Columbus, Ohio)
- 8.17.65 18 August 1976 (Helen Schlosser, Peoria, IL)
- 8.17.66 23 August 1976 (Sent to Aunt Dorothy FROM Betty)
- 8.17.67 10 September 1976 (Virginia C., Danforth, IL)
- 8.17.68 4 September 1976 (Helen Schlosser, Peoria, IL)
- 8.17.69 6 June 1977 (Corson & Edith O’Brian, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.17.70 10 August 1977 (Mary and Floyd Watkin, Bloomington, IL)
- 8.17.71 11 May 1977 (Mary and Floyd Watkin, Amarillo, TX)
- 8.17.72 16 September 1978 (Marian Richardson Becker, Paradise, CA)
- 8.17.73 1982 (Seasons Greetings FROM Chuck and Betty)
- 8.17.74 6 July 1983 (P. Pichayapajboon, Normal IL) *photo*
- 8.17.75 22 August 1983 (P. Pichayapajboon, Normal, IL)
- 8.17.76 1983 (Marge) *moving eye paper doll*
- 8.17.77 9 December 1994 (Charles and Betty) *Holiday Greetings*
- 8.17.78 6 November 1999 (Mosher, Wadena MN)

**Box 9: 1852-1954**

**Box contains the remaining miscellaneous elements of the collection that either do not quite fit in with the rest of the correspondence, or are missing key pieces of information (dates,**

names, etc.) that would allow them to be placed more specifically. (39 Folders)

**Folder 1: 1875 Booklet- The Oak Grove Journal. Contains short articles and poems**

**Folder 2: Abstract of Titles for lands in Sac County, Iowa. Dated October 3, 1901.**

**Folder 3: Automobile Certificates of Registration**

- 9.3.1 1912 Olds
- 9.3.2 1914 Reo Touring
- 9.3.3 1921 Chevrolet Road
- 9.3.4 1922 Reo Touring
- 9.3.5 1913 Olds Touring
- 9.3.6 1917 Reo Touring
- 9.3.7 1919 Chevrolet Runabout
- 9.3.8 1916 Reo Touring
- 9.3.9 1915 Reo 5 Pass
- 9.3.10 1923 Reo Sedan

**Folder 4: Business Letters**

- 9.4.1 28 June 1882 (A. W. Carlock to C. W. Klemm) *let my sister pick out what she wants and bill it to us*
- 9.4.2 19 June 1906 (A.L. Mealey Dealer in Watches, Jewelry, Silverware and Novelties)
- 9.4.3 29 November 1911 (Peoples Bank)
- 9.4.4 2 February 1917 (The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.)
- 9.4.5 5 November 1917 (Union Gas & Electric Co.)
- 9.4.6 1 March 1919 (Henry Capen's Sons Investments)
- 9.4.7 6 February 1915 (W.H. Foster, Lawyer)
- 9.4.8 9 June 1922 (Treasury Department)
- 9.4.9 28 June 1922 (Treasury Department)
- 9.4.10 4 January 1924 (Heyworth State Bank)
- 9.4.11 11 January 1939 (U.S.D.A.)
- 9.4.12 1 July 1937 (Patrons' Mutual Fire and Lighting Insurance Co.)
- 9.4.13 7 February 1938 (Sac County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association)
- 9.4.14 19 December 1938 (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- 9.4.15 8 February 1939 (U.S.D.A)
- 9.4.16 27 February 1939 (Hallsville Elevator Company)
- 9.4.17 13 June 1939 (Lang-Fuller Printing Company)
- 9.4.18 17 August 1939 (Sac County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association)
- 9.4.19 18 September 1939 (The Farmers State Bank)
- 9.4.20 25 September 1939 (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- 9.4.21 1940- 6 letters from USDA regarding meetings in McLean County and acreage allotments, yields, and productivity.
- 9.4.22 4 April 1940 (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- 9.4.23 4 June 1940 (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- 9.4.24 24 August 1940 (McLean County Service Company, 2 of the same letter, to Lutie and Lois)

- 9.4.25 19 October 1940 (Illinois Committee of the National Committee for Agriculture)  
9.4.26 29 May 1954 (Homer Canton, Representative, 26<sup>th</sup> District McLean and Ford Counties)

**Folder 5: Misc. Cards, including business cards, wedding invitation c. 1881, Advertisement cards, 2 letters from Mary Jane to Mary Francis. 51 items**

**Folder 6: Carlock Domestic Science Assoc.**

- 9.6.1 Program 1906-1907  
9.6.2 Program 1909- 1910  
9.6.3 Program 1917-1918

**Folder 7: Carlock Farmers Elevator Co. Stock Certificates c. 1965**

**Folder 8: Carlock Military Land Warrants c. 1850, Trustee of Schools contract, 1848, Warranty Deed c. 1867**

**Folder 9: Church Material**--Contains miscellaneous items such as Constitution and By-Laws of Women's Council of the University Christian Church, Normal Christian Church Thimble Society yearly program, Thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the McLean County Sunday School Association program, Bloomington Scottish Rite Newsletters, Hymn sheet music, service card for Betty B. Johnson, Invitation to program honoring Donna Eaton, misc. newspaper article clippings circa 1979,1980, 1981, 1995, photocopies and originals. 52 items

**Folder 10: Deeds- Carlock, Bloomington, & Park Hill Cemeteries**

**Folder 11: Denman Family Newspaper articles, obituaries, genealogy**

**Folder 12: Denman House Specifications c. 1910**

**Folder 13: Denman Legal.**

- 9.13.1 31 January 1881 (Stock shares)  
9.13.2 28 July 1891 (Chattel Mortgage)  
9.13.3 31 May 1901 (Petition for Probate of Will of Mathias E. Denman)  
9.13.4 7 April 1909 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.5 29 February 1868 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.6 28 September 1901 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.7 19 September 1864 (Mortgage)  
9.13.8 8 October 1875 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.9 30 October 1852 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.10 19 September 1864 (Warranty Deed)  
9.13.11 9 November 1953 (Dedication of Right of Way for a Freeway)  
9.13.12 6 April 1918 (Land agreement memorandum, J. Howard McKinney and D.E. Denman)  
9.13.13 4 September 1933 (Farm Lease)  
9.13.14 16 June 1910 (Warranty Deed, Statutory)  
9.13.15 27 December 1910 (Recorders copy)

**Folder 14: Denman Real Estate Taxes for McLean County, 1875-1924**

**Folder 15: Denman Real Estate Taxes for Woodford County, 1853-1926**

**Folder 16: Farm Leases & other Leases**

- 9.16.1 14 August 1946 (Illinois Crop Share-Cash Farm Lease)
- 9.16.2 March 1 1939- 28 February 1940 (Commercial Merchants National Bank and Trust Company of Peoria, Farm Lease)
- 9.16.3 1 August 1912 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.4 10 January 1912 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.5 7 February 1911 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.6 7 January 1914 (Letters Testamentary)
- 9.16.7 March 1, 1940 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.8 March 1, 1938 (Farm lease)
- 9.16.9 March 1, 1942 (Crop share-cash farm lease)
- 9.16.10 August 13, 1934 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.11 March 1, 1941 (Farm Lease)
- 9.16.12 1 August 1939 (Oil and Gas Lease)

**Folder 17: Farm Plots**

- 9.17.1 28 December 1874 (Survey and Subdivision)
- 9.17.2 11-13 May 1864 (Survey and Subdivision)
- 9.17.3 1 July 1863 (Survey and Subdivision)
- 9.17.4 26 November 1867 (Survey and Subdivision)

**Folder 18: Insurance Documents- Policies, Misc. 1912-1939**

**Folder 19: Irvin Deeds**

- 9.19.1 12 July 1901 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.2 2 May 1903 (Quit-Claim Deed)
- 9.19.3 26 March 1920 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.4 29 March 1921 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.5 28 February 1928 (Mortgage)
- 9.19.6 31 December 1927 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.7 1 January 1943 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.8 28 April 1947 (Warranty Deed)
- 9.19.9 26 March 1940 (Mortgage)

**Folder 20: ISNU** Contains miscellaneous items dealing with the school Commencement invitations and programs, identification cards (Betty Belle Irvin c. 1940-41), activity and academic programs, report cards, 1899-1944

**Folder 21: Kinloch Telephone Co. Receipts, 1910-1920**

**Folder 22: License to Ex- Union Soldier or Sailor, 26 October 1903**

**Folder 23: Miscellaneous items.** Cards, unidentifiable letters, songs, picture, certificates

**Folder 24: Miscellaneous Banking--**Cancelled checks, bank book, safe deposit certificates (9 May 1891), Promissory Note (17 February 1908), Savings Bonds List (July 1942- May 1946), savings bonds booklet (1940),

**Folder 25: Miscellaneous Business Records and Documents--**Receiving slips, receipts, misc. records. 1850-1927

**Folder 26: Miscellaneous Deeds 1864-1865.**

**Folder 27: Miscellaneous Real Estate Taxes, 1849-1912**

**Folder 28: Miscellaneous Tax Receipts, 1837-1929**

**Folder 29: Mortgages**

- 9.29.1 20 April 1921 (Release of Mortgage)
- 9.29.2 10 March 1916 (Mortgage)
- 9.29.3 1 March 1919 (Lease)

**Folder 30: Political items**

- 9.30.1 1912 "Official Political and other Valuable Information" Pamphlet, Magic Moving Picture Cards "Our Next President"
- 9.30.2 (Undated) Democratic Candidates National and State Platforms for
- 9.30.3 Woodrow Wilson, Thomas R. Marshall and Edward F. Dunne
- 9.30.4 9 April 1940 democratic primary ballots

**Folder 31: Receipts 1874-1935**

**Folder 32: Rock Creek Fair Books**

- 9.32.1 12-15 September 1893
- 9.32.2 7-10 September 1909

**Folder 33: Travel Mementos**

- 9.33.1 1907 Guide to Washington
- 9.33.2 October 1909 Disciples Eastern Tour to Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., New York City, Niagara Falls

**Folder 34: Unidentified Receipts 1848-1929**

**Folder 35: Checks I**

- 9.35.1 Third National Bank of Bloomington 1892-1900
- 9.35.2 The National Bank of Bloomington 1874-1888
- 9.35.3 The Normal State Bank 1918-1929, 1939 (1939-Mrs. Buttorff, housekeeper)

9.35.4 The First National Bank of Bloomington 1888-9

**Folder 36: Checks II**

- 9.36.1 The First National Bank of Globe (Arizona) 1913
- 9.36.2 Liberty State Bank 1923, 1925-1926
- 9.36.3 German American Bank 1904-1912

**Folder 37: Checks III**

- 9.37.1 Farmers State Bank 1903-1909, 1954
- 9.37.2 Peoples Bank 1898-1899, 1914

**Folder 38: Checks IV**

- 9.38.1 First National Bank Normal 1888-1921
- 9.38.2 First National Bank 1888-1924
- 9.38.3 First National Bank Normal 1940s

**Folder 39: Checks V**

- 9.39.1 Normal State Bank 1916-1930

**Folder 40: Miscellaneous Porter (teacher's contract, certificates, Charles porter homework, letter from Charles' mother in 1907 in Tampa, Florida, Betty Belle Porter Obituary)**

**Box 10:**

**Continuing miscellaneous elements of the collection that either do not quite fit in with the rest of the correspondence, or are missing key pieces of information (dates, names, etc.) that would allow them to be placed more specifically. (13 Folders)**

**Folder 1: 1906-1907 School Documents**

- 10.1.1 26 May 1906- McLean County Public School Rallying Day event program
- 10.1.2 12 May 1906- Examination Report (Lutie Denman)
- 10.1.3 (Undated)- Examination Report (Lutie Belle Denman)
- 10.1.4 (Undated)- Examination Report (Lutie B. Denman- last name misspelled on report as "Denham")
- 10.1.5 June 1906- McLean County Common Schools Pupil's Certificate (Lutie Denman)
- 10.1.6 1908-1911, Report cards for Frank Irvin, Normal Public Schools, High School Department
- 10.1.7 Frank Irvin School essays: The Life of Scott, Success, The Island, Edgar Allen Poe, A Visit to the Goblins. Undated.

**Folder 2: Empty Envelopes**

**Folder 3: Irvin family Newspaper Clippings, Obituaries, Birth Certificate**

**Folder 4: Licenses- Drivers, Hunting**

- 10.4.1 Operators License (Lutie B. Irvin) Expires 1 May 1942

- 10.4.2 Operators License (Lutie B. Irvin) Expires 28 February 1961
- 10.4.3 Drivers License Renewal Certificate (Lutie D. Irvin) Expires 28 February 1949
- 10.4.4 Resident Hunting License (Frank Irvin) 9 November 1911
- 10.4.5 Resident Hunting License (Frank L. Irvin) 5 July 1912

**Folder 5: Miscellaneous Legal Documents- Estates, Wills, Affidavits, Marriage Certificates**

**Folder 6: Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings**

**Folder 7: Miscellaneous Pamphlets, Recipes**

**Folder 8: Partial Letters and Diary Excerpt**

**Folder 9: Poetry- Written by Frank Irvin**

**Folder 10: Postcards- No text**

**Folder 11: Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes**

- 10.11.1 Frank Irvin 1940-1951, 1970
- 10.11.2 Josie Phillips 1933, 1935-1940

**Folder 12: Receipts- Memorial Home, Doctor Bills, Utilities, Groceries, General Merchandise**

**Folder 13: Strings, ribbons, and notes from Betty Belle (Irvin) Porter's own system of storing and organizing letters**

**Folder 14: Carlock, Gaddis, & James Genealogy**

**Folder 15: Gano, Crane, Stoughton, Townley, Williams Genealogy**

**Folder 16: Denman Genealogy**

**Folder 17: Irvin Genealogy**

**Loose Items:**

**Large Black and Red Standard Figuring Book. D.E. Denman**

**Family Account Book. January 1944. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. January 1946. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. January 1947. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1948. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**



**Family Account Book. 1 December 1949. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1950. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1951. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1952. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1953. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1954. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1956. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1957- 1 January 1958. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Family Account Book. 1 January 1958. Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Irvin**

**Box 11: Miscellaneous Books/ Items**

**Collection of Calling Cards (contained in 3 small packages)**

**Ration Books**

**Small Black Diary (1877) - G.W. Carlock**

**Small Brown Diary (1877) - G.W. Carlock**

**Small Black Notebook- Frank Irvin. Contains some children's drawings, production records, feed records**

**Small Yellow Notebook- Misc. notes written**

**Small Black Deposit Book (1947)**

**Small Brown Notebook. (Third National Bank of Bloomington, Ill.). (1904-1905)**

**Small Black Notebook. (Third National Bank of Bloomington, Ill.). (1899-1900)**

**Small Brown book. (A Line A Day). Frank Irvin (1918-1920)**

**Account Book. (Farmers State Bank of Carlock) D.E. Denman**

**The Constitution and By-Laws of the Carlock Farmers' Elevator Company (1906)**

**Account Book. (Third National Bank Bloomington Ill.). Belle Denman**

**Account Book. (Third National Bank Bloomington Ill.). M.E. Denman**

**Account Book. (The Peoples Bank Bloomington, Ill.). M.E. Denman**

**Account Book. (The Normal State Bank, Normal Ill.). D.E. Denman**

**Large Brown Account Book. (D.E. Denman, Carlock Ill.)**

**1916 Calendar (small, red)**

**3 Black memorandum books**

**Willie Mouse-children's book**

**Spokane Washington Pow Wow Souvenir Program**

**"The Relation of Latin to Modern Life" by Lutie Denman**

**The Book of Baby Mine for Otis Denman Irvin**

**Lutie Denman's Pocket Bible**

**Weekly reminder book, 1967**

**Boy Scouts Composition book, Lutie Denman**

**Amos 'n' Andy notebook**

**C. W. Klemm Rules and Regulations, February 1915**

**5 attendance and on-time plan cards, Betty Belle Irvin**

**A Personal Chronicle: 1988-1992, Betty Porter**

**A Personal Chronicle: 1993-1997, Betty Porter**

**Funeral book for Josie Irvin Phillips (notes and correspondence are in side pockets of book)**

**Calling cards from Denman family and others**

**Irvin account book (Tiny, brown)**

**Big 5 composition book belonging to Otis Denman Irvin**