Notes

Chapter One: Tranquility

1 The record books of the Tranquility Methodist Episcopal Church indicate that Rev. W. C. Reed baptized the author on Children’s Day, June 11, 1899.

2 His father, John Robert Runyon, was born in 1846 in Andover, NJ and died May 10, 1919. He was buried in Tranquility Methodist Cemetery next to his first wife and his first two children. Buried near him are his parents and brother and many other relatives.

3 Anna Rebecca Fayette Runion, John Robert Runion’s first wife, was born in 1846 in Andover, NJ and died May 31, 1892, leaving behind five children, ages 20, 11, 8, 6, and 1. She also gave birth to four children that died young. The couple’s first two children, Joseph A. (1868-1869) and Amy L. (1870-1875), are both buried in the Tranquility Methodist Cemetery. The 1880 census lists a John R. Runyon and Anna R. F. Runyon living in Bushkill, PA with two children, Louis W. and Charles M. (1874-1881). Charles M. and another child, Frankie E. (1877-1878), are not buried in Tranquility, but the census lists both Louis and Charles as being born in New Jersey. Most likely, the couple moved from Tranquility, NJ to Bushkill Falls, PA between 1875 and 1878. Since the 1900 census lists Mattie’s birthplace as Pennsylvania and Daisy’s birthplace as New Jersey, the family must have moved back to Tranquility between 1881 and 1884.


The 1900 census also lists Thomas E. Maguire (b: 1884) and John M. Maguire (Mar. 26, 1888-Sep. 1977) living with John R. and Louisa Runion in Tranquility. The other half-brother of the author was Henry C. Maguire (b. 1887).

At this point, the manuscript contains two newspaper cutouts of uncertain origin. The first is a picture of a house with the caption, "First parsonage of the Tranquility Methodist Church at Allamuchy which was erected before the Civil War, possibly in 1845." The other clipping contains two photographs of churches, one older than the other, with a caption that reads, "Tranquility Methodist Church, right, as it appears today, and left, as the first church looked. It later became a school and is now a double house. These pictures were lent to The Press by Mrs. Helen Johnson."

Pappy Hull, according to the 1900 census, may in fact be William N. Labar (Jan. 17, 1838-Jul. 24, 1916), grandfather to Bertha A. Hull (b. 1890). Her father, George C. Hull (Oct. 9, 1862-Jan. 15, 1920), would have been much too young to sport a long, gray beard.

The author is basing this information upon a family tree drawn up by his daughter, Gladys. She found a connection between the Runion family and the famous Elizabethan pirate, courtier, and victor over the Spanish Armada.

In 1844, Amos Kennedy built a mill on the Pequest River that came to be
quite prosperous under his and his son Edgar’s guidance (Dale, County). The settlement was never officially named Kennedytown, but this was its popular name until it adopted the name Tranquility, a name the Methodist Church outside of town had long since adopted. The Mrs. Kennedy referred to here is Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy (1848-1923), the widow of Edgar Kennedy, who died in 1890.

10 This and several other sections contained dialogue between two people within the same paragraph. This practice makes it difficult to follow who is speaking, especially since the author’s use of quotation marks isn’t always consistent. For clarity, each speaker’s lines have been placed into individual paragraphs.

11 Eli Sidner - b. 1887.

12 This section was also separated into paragraphs for dialogue clarity.

13 Frank B. Labar - b. 1840.

14 The author inserted a magazine cutting into the manuscript at this point. It is a full-page picture depicting a general store of this era.

15 Castor oil is used to relieve constipation or induce vomiting. Epsom salts is also used as a laxative as well as for heartburn.

16 The reed organ was a keyboard instrument using foot-pumped bellows to pull air over metal reeds. These organs were much cheaper than the traditional pipe organ and even the upright piano, making them perfect for use in small country churches.

17 The author inserted “- the account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on an ass!” into the manuscript in pen.
The minister referred to here was Rev. William Stout.

"Katzenjammer Kids" was created by Rudolph Dirks in 1897 and centered around two brothers who were always up to no good. "Happy Hooligan" was created by Frederick Burr Opper and it ran between 1900 and 1934. Gloomy Gus was in the same strip as his brother, Happy Hooligan, and they both were lovable hobos. Because these strips pioneered word balloons and stories told in panels, both "Katzenjammer Kids" and "Happy Hooligan" are considered pioneer comic strips.

A surrey is a four-wheeled carriage with both seats facing forward.

The author's uncle, Lewis M. Runion (Apr. 10, 1849-1928), and aunt, Catharine Ellen Runion (1855-1906), lived in Great Meadows, about ten miles away. They are both buried in the Tranquility Cemetery. They had a daughter named Nina (b.1876).

Commodore George Dewey, commanding the Asiatic Squadron of the United States Navy, defeated the Spanish Navy on May 1, 1898. This allowed the U.S. to take the Philippines, and resulted in Dewey becoming an Admiral and a national hero. There were celebrations across the country when he finally arrived home in September 1899 (Sweetman 320).

According to route maps of the day, the travelers would have taken the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad to Franklin, NJ, and would have changed to the New York, Susquehanna, and Western. They would have disembarked at the Erie Pavonia Avenue Terminal in Jersey City. The Erie Railroad regularly operated a ferry from here to Chambers Street (Adams 159).
During this time period, New York was experiencing an upheaval in rapid transit. The horse car railways which had existed since 1850 constituted a significant element of NYC transportation despite competition from elevated railways, electric and cable street cars, and the beginnings of the subway in 1902 (Cheape 65). In 1904, Henry James described his experience with horse cars as “such an odd consciousness of roughness superimposed upon smoothness” (5).

If the author and his mother took a horse car down Chambers St., most likely they boarded the elevated at 6th Avenue. This is the only elevated route that connects with both Chambers and 6th Avenue.

According to the 1880 census, Emil Frank (b.1842) and his wife Elizabeth (b.1845) were both German born. Louisa was their first born in Feb. 1864, followed by Dena (b.1869), Anna (b.1873), and Emelia (b.1875). Since Dena is not mentioned by the author, she may have passed away some time before. According to the 1920 census, Harry Frank was born in 1881. His brother Alfred is unaccounted for.

"Sauerfleisch und Kartoffelkloß" is a marinated pot roast with potato dumplings.

"Spätzle" is a dumpling.

"Kuchen" is cake, “Kaffee” is coffee, and “Apfel” is apple. Peach is correct English.

Marjorie Leicht -- b.1901.

“Charlotte russe” is a pudding dessert contained in a bread, graham cracker or cake crust.
The author could have meant one of two companies established in 1901. Engine Company 74 was located on West 83rd Street, and Ladder Company 25 was located on West 77th Street.

By 1909, the New York Fire Department was beginning the process of converting to mechanized locomotion, and by 1922, the last of the horse-drawn, steam pumpers had been retired.

Actually, B. F. Keith and E. F. Albee teamed up to own and run a vaudeville theater chain that, in its height, numbered 700 theaters including the Palace Theater in New York. F. F. Proctor ran an earlier chain of theaters that was taken over by Keith and Albee. All three men insisted on clean family entertainment, and fired any act that transgressed.

The New York Hippodrome, built in 1905, was located on 6th Avenue at 43rd and 44th Streets, and was demolished in 1939. The theater was able to hold up to 5,200 people and had a water tank in the stage and hydraulic lifts that could lift as many as fourteen different sections of the stage (Slide 240). Since the author claims to have moved from Tranquility in 1903, this detail and a later mention of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania (which began service in 1906) may be out of order.

John McCormack (1884-1945) was an internationally famous Irish tenor and an early star of the recording industry. William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925), three-time Democratic party Presidential candidate, also led the fight for the 18th Amendment (Prohibition), the 19th Amendment (Women’s Suffrage), and traversed the country speaking against Darwin’s Theory of Evolution.
37 The spelling is actually “Rutherfurd Stuyvesant.”

38 This line ends a page, but the paragraph at the top of the next page is not indented. They have been left as two separate paragraphs.

39 Patriotic Order Sons of America, founded in 1847 in Philadelphia, was among a number of anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant groups that proliferated in 19th century America. The P. O. S. of A. reassembled in 1868 and quickly grew in size so that had 250,000 members by 1923. It was a secret society with its own rituals and codes, and was still a Protestant and anti-immigrant organization by the time the author’s father was aware of it. They prided themselves on erecting monuments and preserving historic sites (Preuss 393).

40 Dialogue clarity required the division of a large paragraph into separate dialogue paragraphs.

41 See note 40.

42 See note 40.

43 According to the 1900 census, the blacksmith of the town was Conrad Ries (1835-1928). He emigrated from Germany in 1854.

44 Neither the 1900 census nor the Tranquility Cemetery records list a Pete Van Riper. Both lists, however, a William Van Riper (1849-1913) who lived very close to the Runions. He saw service in the Civil War and was employed as a painter.

Chapter Two: Marksboro

45 M. Thurman Parr -- b.1889.

46 Lemuel Paddock, creamery -- b.1861.
The author's memory of Marksboro may have been assisted by a little book entitled, *Historical Paulinskill Valley, New Jersey -- Blairstown's Neighbors* by June Benore Gleason. This book was found among the author's possessions after his wife, Ruth, died in January 2002. According to this source, the Presbyterian Church burned in 1943.

The 1910 census lists George E. Garris (b. 1870) as telegrapher and Station Agent.

The 1910 census lists Milton R. Lanning (b. 1871) as merchant of a General Store. He purchased the stone mill in 1913 and sold it to Frederick B. Lanning in 1922 (Dale, *Warren* 13).

Alfred B. Huff, Jr. was born in 1899, and according to the 1910 census, his father was a farmer on the Marksboro-to-Newton Rd. The Huffs and the Runions were most likely in close proximity. As an adult he became a real estate broker and died in Amityville, Long Island on June 19, 1969.

Red squill is a powder made from the dried bulb of the sea onion, a member of the lily family, grown in lands surrounding the Mediterranean.

The author uses two rough diagrams to describe this process. The first is a diagram of a tree with an exaggerated drawing of a spile. The second is captioned “'Boiling Down' with apologies to Courier & Ives,” and depicts two large kettles suspended over a fire.

Ryerson Trauger (b. 1849) was one of two blacksmiths in town as early as 1880 (Gleason 25).
Scott’s Emulsion was a brand of Cod Liver Oil. Their trademark was a man in heavy fishing gear, bent over and lugging a huge fish.

The spelling is most likely “Crisman.” The Crisman family owned the Paulina mill for a long time and owned an extensive farm just north of Paulina on Crisman road (Gleason 27). This wasn’t the farm the author lived in given the directions on pages 59-61.

Blair Academy was founded in 1848 on the hill above Blairstown by John I. Blair, namesake for both the town and the Academy. The academy was co-educational until 1915, and co-ed again after 1970. Water was piped from wells in Paulina beginning in 1889 to the town and the Academy, and limited electricity was generated at the Paulina dam beginning in the same year. The electric supply must not have extended at all into the countryside, for the only farm he lived in that was electrified was the Wildrick farm in Paulina.

Albert Payson Terhune (1872-1942) was famous for his stories about dogs and especially collies, the most famous named Lad. The famous collie, Lassie, was based upon a 1938 story by Eric Knight.

This paragraph ends a page. It comes very close to completing the line, but an extra space is left at the bottom of the page. The next paragraph begins at the top of the next page but isn’t indented. Because of the line break and the change in subject matter, it was decided to keep them as two separate paragraphs.

The manuscript contains a map of the area at this point. The road they must have lived on was most likely Wards Road, since the Lanterman house is on this road,
precisely where the author describes it. In fact, the 1910 census lists the families in the same order as the author does.

60 James Lanterman, Jimmy -- b.1826; Louisa A. Lanterman, wife of James -- b.1824; Anna Hibler, daughter of James -- b.1856; Jason A. Lanterman, Jace, son of James -- b.1859; Cora Coleman, daughter of Anna Hibler -- b.1876; Mable Coleman, daughter of Cora Coleman -- b.1897. James Lanterman was retired and living on his own income in 1910, while his son Jason was a farm laborer.

61 Watson Swartz -- b.1878; Myrtle Swartz -- b.1890; Floyd Swartz -- b.1902; Herbert Swartz -- b.1904; Viola Swartz -- b.1908; Clarence Swartz -- b.1910. According to the 1910 census, Watson Swartz was a farm laborer, not a railroad hand.

62 Sutton Howard -- b.1845; Louise Howard, Minnie -- b.1845; Sadie Howard -- b.1883.

63 Bushkill Falls has been a privately operated park since 1905. Most likely this trip occurred within two years of leaving Tranquility, possibly just at the same time the park was opened.

64 Emma L. Newbaker -- b.1859:

65 The “Gibson Girl” was named after illustrator Charles Dana Gibson. Gibson’s portrayals of aristocratic society women in popular magazines were taken as feminine ideals (“Gibson, Charles Dana”). Simultaneously, Howard Chandler Christie (1873-1952) was painting what became known as the “Christie Girl” along the same lines. He was also well known for his patriotic and war scenes, and painted the mural “The Signing of the Constitution” which hangs in the rotunda of the Capitol.
building in Washington.

66 The 1910 census lists an Edward (b. 1899) and John Van-Auken (b. 1906) on Paulina Rd., not far from the place they were fishing.

67 The author has inserted into the manuscript a picture of the school with a crowd of students in the front yard. His caption reads, “This is the way it looked when I went there. There was a bell in the tower.” He states earlier that they moved to the Crisman farm in 1906, and states on page 98 that “Blairstown offered two years of high school.” Depending on what grade he began in 1906, he would have graduated between 1912 and 1914. The school in the picture is a two-story building, an improvement that wasn’t completed until 1912. In the same year, the Blairstown school began offering four years of high school. His memories of the school as a two-story institution would have to be from the very end of his educational tenure.

68 Included in notes left with the manuscript were a list of games played during recess. Along with the mumbly peg, donkey on rock and baseball he mentions in this paragraph, the author crossed out “fox + geese” and “Yetters Pond.”

69 R. Marshal Van Horn -- b. 1860.

70 After the author’s wife died in 2002, her daughter and granddaughter found a harmonica among the couple’s effects.

71 A postcard of the Blairstown school was inserted by the author at this point on a new page.

72 Sheepshead Bay, NY is located in southeast Brooklyn, just north of Coney Island and Sheepshead Bay. Neck Road cuts the area in half diagonally from the
northeast to the southwest.

73William Sheppard (b.1849) and Mary A. Sheppard (b.1859) lived on Neck Road, Sheepshead Bay as late as 1920. Effie’s name is Fanny Sheppard and she was born in 1877. The Sheppards emigrated in 1900 from England.

74Kohlrabi is a type of cabbage with an edible, bulbous stem that looks like a turnip.

75Henry MacLennon Lauder (1870-1950) was an internationally known music hall performer and vocalist who became famous for singing about his native Scotland.

76The Sheepshead Bay Race Track was founded in 1879 near Neck Road. A 1910 New York State law banning betting on races closed the track forever. Ironically, the racetracks in Queens, Belmont and Aqueduct, stayed idle long enough to reopen when the law was repealed in 1916.

77Richard G. Smith -- 1892-1985. His mother, according to the 1930 census, was Cuban, not Spanish.

78In the manuscript, the preceding paragraph uses a third of a page. The author inserted a magazine clipping of a Morton Salt advertisement on the remainder of the page. There are a group of bathers gathered under a pier at the beach, glumly waiting out the rain. On the next page is another Morton Salt advertisement containing a family that is eating a picnic lunch in their Model “T” Ford because of the pouring rain.

79Rural Free Delivery, although advocated for by the Postmaster General as early as 1891, didn’t reach its fullest extent until 1926. This was a major
breakthrough for those living on farms away from larger urban centers since any mail could be delivered to your door for free, opening up a communications revolution.

80 J. Edward Jones -- b. 1862.

81 White Lake is approximately 1.5 miles from the Crisman farm, and, contrary to the author's premonition, there are very few dwellings on the lake.

82 The author inserted an old picture in the manuscript at this point. It is of a large house with a white fence and gated driveway. In the distance are row houses. Several people are standing in the yard. The caption states, "This is the old house at Neck Road, Sheepshead Bay. From the left is Tauntta Peppler, Grandma Frank, Aunt Effie, a friend of Aunt Effie's, Uncle Harry holding my Cousin Billy, at the gate Grandpa Frank."

83 Sarita Vass (b. 1897) lived in a large stone house overlooking White Lake. The Vass house and farm are currently undergoing historic preservation.

84 Silvia Vanstone -- b. 1893.

85 The author indented before "I just ate up any music that happened to be in the air," and then indented again on the next line for the sentence beginning with "Ballads." The author ends the page with fifteen dots, as follows: "Ballads were the order of the day, and .............."

86 In the manuscript, the opposite face of this page includes two pictures. The first is a photograph of fourteen people on a porch in Sunday dress. The caption states, "An old family foto. This is not the Tranquillity home, and your guess is as good as mine. Starting at the left is Uncle Doc., then my Mother and Father. The
other old Gals and Whiskers I can’t identify. Of course the little feller is ME.” The
other picture is a newspaper clipping from The Blairstown Press of the old mill in the
center of Blairstown. The caption states, “A thing of beauty. This car was the
wonder of Main Street in 1912. The gleaming Chalmers was also the pride of Joe
Winternmute for it was his first car. It is shown in front of the Old Mill looking west
with the town clock high’ on the spire of the old Methodist Church.”

87Reginald DeKoven (Apr. 3, 1859-Jan. 16, 1920) was a composer, author and
conductor. Ernest R. Ball (Jul. 21, 1878-May 3, 1927) was well known for his Irish
tunes. Harry Von Tilzer (Jul. 8, 1872-Jan. 10, 1946) was a composer of popular
music.

88Enrico Caruso (1873-1921) was a famous Italian tenor; Nellie Melba (1859-
1931) was an Australian soprano; John McCormack has already been mentioned.

89Emma G. Pettingill (b.1862) had a music shop in the Strickland Block on
Main Street in Blairstown. Pianos were displayed in the window and music lessons
took place in the back rooms (Hall).

90William Mackey (b.1876) owned a livery garage on Water Street in
Blairstown.

91"Pa Pettingill” is not on the 1900, 1910 or 1920 census. In 1900, Emma
Pettingill was a divorced Emma King, so the Pettingills must have married after that
point, and he must have died before 1910. Mary S. Strickland -- b.1837.

92A drug used as a cardiac or respiratory sedative. It is made from the dried
roots of monkshood, a plant that is itself poisonous.
Jonas Peaster (b.1852) was a horse doctor living in Hardwick Township.

A surcingle is a strap used to hold a saddle or blanket onto a horse's back.


Andrew J. Yetter -- b.1864.


The baby, possibly named Albert Albert, was born in either 1909 or 1910. Sadie Albert was still living with her parents at the time of the 1910 census.

Grace Paddock -- b. 1893; Florence A. Paddock -- b. 1897.

The R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic on April 14, 1912, and sank in the early hours of April 15. Over 1500 people lost their lives.

According to a historical article in a pamphlet celebrating the 105th
anniversary (1916) of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Blaistown, "The pastorate of Revs. D. W. C. Ramsey and W. A. Knox were both very brief. These men, as representatives of the Kingdom, did their best and new members were added and property improved, and when they left they went with the consciousness they had fulfilled their mission and helped strengthen the cause they represented" (One). This note's terseness, in contrast to effusiveness about other pastors, suggests there was indeed tension within the church. Rev. Knox served 1914-1915 and was the pastor under which the author joined this Methodist church on Feb. 6, 1915.

103 In notes found with the manuscript was the line, "I went to work in 1913."

104 New York City child labor laws prohibited anyone thirteen and under to work any manufacturing job in the city beginning in 1908. Federal restrictions were passed by Congress in 1916. No one under the age of fourteen was allowed to work in factories and children under the age of sixteen could not be employed longer than eight hours a day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Trattner 136). Most likely the author was fourteen or fifteen when he began the summer, making his manager's request enigmatic.

105 George E. Garris, telegrapher, station agent -- b.1870; Jake H. Quick, station agent -- b.1879.

106 The author inserted a page filled front and back with newspaper clippings at this point. The first is an Associated Press photo of a steam locomotive with the caption, "Romance of the High Iron." To its right is a photo of a train station with the caption, "Old N.Y.S. & W. Railroad Station. History of Marksboro -- 1880." At the
bottom of the page is a pencil sketch of a caboose from a magazine, with the caption, written by the author, "This is a caboose. The cupola served as a lookout post. The cab served as a home-on wheels for the crew. There was a stove for cooking and heat -- Bunks for those off duty. The conductor had a small desk where he could keep records. Signal lanterns were kept clean and at night they were kept lighted. A 'spittoon' was STANDARD Equipment." On the other side of the page, there are two pictures. The upper one is a newspaper photograph, probably from *The Blairstown Press*, of a parade moving by the old post office in Blairstown. He inserted his own caption: "This is the same building which housed the post office when I carried the mail. The P.O. was first floor; the door to the left. The road to left lead to High St., the one at the bottom of picture is Main St. Upper floor was home of the *Blairstown Press*. D[eWitt] C. Carter [1865-Oct. 30, 1947] was Editor and publisher of the Press. Amsey Linnaberry [Ames B. Linaberry -- b. 1879] did most of the printing on the paper." The last newspaper clipping is a picture of an old automobile with the caption, "Remember When? Back in 1913, fewer people had cars . . . far fewer could finance them economically."

107 Robert B. Roy (b.1892) started a movie hall with a Raymond Smith in 1910, and it burned in 1917.

108 This may be a memory error. *Our Gang*, created by Hal Roach and better known as *The Little Rascals*, didn't come to the screen until 1922. By the time the series ended in 1944, there were 221 episodes of a group of neighborhood kids and their antics.
Harold Lloyd (Apr. 20, 1893-Mar. 8, 1971) was best known for his dangerous stunts and comedy, starring in over 200 films between 1913 and 1947. He also produced and directed another twenty films.

Susan M. Hill, housekeeper b. 1853. Joseph W. Silvers (b. 1877), barber in Blairstown, hanged himself in his shop on Nov. 27, 1940.

Pearl Eay White (Mar. 4, 1889-Aug. 4, 1938) starred in 210 silent films over fourteen years, and had her first hit in 1914 with the serial production of The Perils of Pauline. For this and many early films, she performed her own dangerous stunts.

Chapter Three: Blairstown

The only chapters divided by the author were the Tranquility and Marksboro chapters. Further chapter divisions are either suggested by spaces in the manuscript or inserted where there is a change in the author’s location. This chapter begins with the move from the Crisman farm to a home up on the hill above Blairstown near the new railroad depot.

Charles J. Raub b. 1883.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad was initially created as a line to transport coal from Scranton, PA south to the Delaware River at Delaware Water Gap and north to Great Bend, PA where connection could be made with the Erie Railroad and subsequently New York City. Because of the difficult terrain, the line was a landmark in engineering. It later merged with the Morris’ & Essex Railroad, giving it a direct southern route to New York. Through further acquisitions,
the line became one of the main passenger routes to the west through Buffalo, NY. In 1908, work began on a cut-off route from New York to Delaware Water Gap in order to expedite trips west. It was completed in 1911 and involved the building of the highest and longest railroad bridges in the world, one of them where the railroad crossed both the New York, Susquehanna, and Western Railroad and the Paulins Kill at Hainesburg. Because of John Blair’s involvement, the only stop in New Jersey was at Blairstown (Casey 140). The telegraph shack the author worked on in Hainesburg later in the narrative is in the shadow of the Paulins Kill Viaduct.

115 Jasper D. Jacobus -- b.1891; Mabel B. Jacobus -- b.1891; Lois M. Jacobus -- b.1918.

116 Edna M. Allen -- b.1899.

117 Throughout history, tuberculosis has been more commonly known as consumption. The tuberculosis bacteria most commonly attacks the lungs, slowly filling them with tubercles, or scars. Three types exist -- human, bovine and avian -- and all three can infect humans. In the 20th century, the incidence rate in the United States dropped dramatically because of the advent of sanitariums and an antibiotic, as well as pasteurization of milk, until it was almost nonexistent.

118 George J. Becking (b.1866) is listed as a train conductor living in Blairstown on the 1920 census.

119 Beaver Lake, NJ may possibly be the place to which the author is referring. It is on the N.Y.S.&W. Railroad and close to the junction between that railroad and the Lehigh and New England Railroad.
120 Abraham L. Mabie, train conductor -- b. 1861. The author wrote in "Ed" directly above the typed word "Abe" in the manuscript.

121 The "Dinky" was a short railroad constructed in 1876 from Blairstown, NJ, south to Columbia, NJ and connecting to Stroudsburg, PA. It opened in 1877 and was absorbed by the New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad in 1882. Despite the takeover, the Dinky continued to run passenger service until 1928.

122 John Insley Blair (Aug. 22, 1802-Dec. 2, 1899) began in business in 1813 in Hope, NJ in a relative's store, and became a young partner in a store in Blairstown with a relative in 1821. Over the next forty years, he methodically built up capital and prestige, acting as postmaster, establishing at least six branch stores in the area, and invested widely in flour mills, cotton manufacturing, wholesale goods, and produce marketing. His profitable investment in an iron mine in Oxford Furnace, NJ in 1933 led to equally lucrative investments in iron and coal mines in Lackawanna, PA. In order to transport the coal, he was an early investor in what would later become the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. He owned a large proportion of the stock of the D.L&W., and by 1885 he was a wealthy and highly influential businessman. His leadership in railroad lines included the establishment of railroads, towns and churches throughout Iowa and five other Midwestern states. Mr. Blair was a founding director of the Union Pacific railroad and was director of seventeen companies and president of three others at the same time. His unsuccessful gubernatorial bid came in 1868, however he was a major figure within the national Republican Party. By the time of his death in 1899, he had amassed a fortune in
excess of seventy million dollars.

123Emma L. Wildrick (b.1863) bought this farm in 1909.

124“JB” is short for Jabez (Quick), both pronounced the same way.

125Conrad Cooke, telegraph operator -- b.1877; Simeon Cooke, drayman -- b.1855.

126A drayman is a person who drives a heavy-duty cart with detachable sides.

127Alvin F. Edmonds, telegraph operator -- b.1880.

128This person’s last name may possibly have been Simson. The book entitled *The History of the Blairstown Railway, Blairstown, N.J.* lists a Mr. Simson who had been “released from duty after Dinkey broke loose in accident with L&NE train” (Heilich 91).

129Samuel L. Gardner, station agent, Hainesburg -- b.1874.

130“Piles” is a slang term for hemorrhoids.

131Although both railroads have been abandoned, the remains of two shacks exist on the site. One is inside the point made by the junction; its ruins include the remains of a signal apparatus. The other still stands as the author describes, right on the back of the Paulins Kill.

132Dr. Henry O. Carhart -- June 13, 1863-May 22, 1940.

133Edith M. Elder, housekeeper -- b.1872.

134There are quite a few men with the name of Beck in Hainesburg in both 1910 and 1920. None of them are named Joe.

135In the manuscript, “Astrakhan” is written in above “Astrican.” The spelling
is actually “Astrachan.”

\[136\] Isaac F. Reed (b.1835) owned the cider mill in Jacksonburg, on the other side of Blairstown from Paulina (about 2 miles).

\[137\] At this point, the author inserted a newspaper picture of a cider mill with the following caption: “The good old days will be recalled for many with this picture of the cider mill which was one of the busiest places around. It was located at Jacksonburg in the building now housing Blue Ridge Lumber company, and was owned and operated by Isaac F. Read, Flock’s father. Apples by the wagon load are piled along this road.”

\[138\] Blanche Ellen Wagner (1884-Jul. 2, 1986) graduated from Blair Academy in 1903 and the New England Conservatory of Music in 1914. She was hired at the Academy in that same year and taught piano there until 1943. At some point she married and became Blanche Goodenough, and when she died in 1986, she left a $120,000 endowment to Blair Academy to be used as a scholarship for a music student.

\[139\] The Runions must have cared for Thomas Maguire while they were both alive. After their death, Tommy was a hired farm laborer on the Pierson farm in Blairstown Township as of the 1920 census.

\[140\] The deed was recorded on November 15, 1917 between Emma Van Camp, widow of John N. Van Camp, and his children and Henry C. Maguire.

\[141\] The author inserted a newspaper picture of a horse and carriage at this point.
Clinton M. Hill, laborer -- b. 1852.

The *Blairstown Press* began publication in 1877 and closed down in 2003. The author most likely had a subscription to the *Press* after he moved to Florida since two Christmas letters to the paper addressed from Holly Hill, FL and his obituary appeared in the paper as well. A 1963 letter from John Maguire to Alfred Runion refers to something said by the author about Pink Egerton’s death in 1963, a fact that may have appeared in the *Press*.

The Spanish Influenza pandemic ravaged the U.S. between September 1918 and June 1919, and it killed as many as 36,000 people in New York City and 17,000 in Philadelphia. Over 24,000 people in New Jersey died as a result of this disease (Crosby 214). Although the pandemic’s origins and biological makeup are still a mystery, many now think that the devastation was caused by the symbiotic linking of normal influenza and pneumonia. Separately, these diseases cause death to people in older age groups and nowhere near as many. Spanish Influenza killed people regardless of age group in a spectacularly rapid fashion.

Clark Jones, confectionery manager -- 1880-1918.

Dr. Amandus Shubert, dentist -- b. 1855; Marie Shubert -- b. 1856; Amanda T. Shubert -- 1892-1918.

In the manuscript, “kuchen” is written in above the “cooken.” Kuchen is German for cake.

The author inserted a newspaper picture of a bald man with a polka-dot bow tie, which may possibly be Dr. Shubert.
Rev. James Newton Armstrong was pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Blairstown from 1909-1919.

Carrie A. Griggs -- b.1886.

Louisa Runion’s death certificate states the cause of death was “septicemia due to autointoxication,” or blood poisoning resulting from fecal toxins being reabsorbed due to prolonged constipation.

Thomas Maguire is not mentioned in the manuscript again, although the author does refer to “us” in his description of the six months leading up to the selling of the Van Camp farm. Tommy must have stayed in the area after the author left Blairstown since the 1920 census lists him as a farm laborer for George W. Pierson and his wife.

“Unser Vater” is translated “Our Father,” the first two words of The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). The interment occurred on May 26, 1919.

The author inserted two newspaper cuttings into the manuscript side by side. The first is a sketch drawing of a wild tree set against a mountainous background. The other, a simpler sketch, is a close-up of a kerosene lamp illuminating a book in a dark room.

Christina Scheick (b.1863) is listed as a maid of Anna Leicht on the 1920 census. She emigrated from Germany in 1900.

The authors notes contain the line, “1918-1919 Van Camp Place; sold out Dec. 1919.”

The preceding paragraph is at the top of a page, and the remainder is filled
with a color magazine photograph of a barn and silo. Since there is such a large break
made and the next page begins a new location, it was a logical chapter break.

Chapter Four: Wandering

158Elsie Smith -- b.1892.

159Roseland opened on 239 West 52nd Street and Broadway in Manhattan in
1919 and is still in operation.

160Sea Cliff, Long Island, NY is a town about 20 miles from Kew Gardens. It
is on the northern side of Long Island, on Hempstead Harbor.

161The 1920 census lists Henry and Elsie Maguire in Kew Gardens, Queens
with two kids: Jeanne D. (b.1919) and Harriette (b.1920). They would later have
Patricia and Henry Jr. in 1928.

162By 1930, there is no record of Mrs. Smith, but Consuelo Schmitt (b.1908) is
listed as head of household for her half-brother Richard G. Smith.

163Samuel Baldwin (b.1863) taught organ at City College between 1907 and
1932. The Skinner organ was a part of the Great Hall in Sheppard Hall. It was
discarded during renovations of the hall somewhere around 1995.

164Jessie and Jacques Belet had a total of eight kids. By the time of this visit,
they would have had Henri Jacques (b.1913), Robert Alfred (1914-1942), Henrietta
Blanche (1916-1994), and Marion Grace (1919-2000). Jessie Myrtle (1921-1997),
Edward Eugene (b.1922), Wilmot Frederick (b.1925), and Joseph Runion (1925-
1956) were born later.

165John D. Mingle -- b.1883; Lulu O. Mingle -- b.1887; Ruth E. Mingle --
This apparatus is most likely a low platform on beams. The fronts of the beams are tapered up so that the stones can be towed over the ground by horses.

The New York Central Railroad was formed in 1853, and it was the principal freight line into Manhattan at Grand Central Station. It later became a major transportation line from the East Coast to as far away as St. Louis, MO and was the first to introduce sleeper cars.

Service began on what would become the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad in 1852, connecting Chicago to Kansas City, and eventually heading further west. The author connected with the New York Central in Chicago and to the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad in Kansas City.

The Southern Pacific Railroad, chartered in 1865, was originally a line from San Francisco to the Central Pacific Railroad. Later the two were merged and boasted service from the West Coast to New Orleans. The author connected to the Southern Pacific in San Antonio, TX.

George Mortimer Pullman developed the Pullman car in 1867, at first outfitting existing passenger cars with sleeping berths.

Casa Grande is forty-five miles to the south of Phoenix, AZ and is close to many large Native-American reservations.

The Coolidge Dam was built in 1927-1928 on the Gila River, forming the San Carlos Reservoir. This project turned 100,000 acres of desert into irrigated land, mostly on the San Carlos Indian Reservation.
Originally chartered in 1868, this railroad was the first to serve Indian reservations. The author used this line to get from Chicago to Arizona through a Kansas City junction with the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad. He connected with the Southern Pacific in San Antonio, TX. En route to Oklahoma, he took a branch line at Muskogee, OK to Tulsa.

Oklahoma produced the most oil in the country until Texas surpassed it in 1928. Even with that success, oil speculation was an expensive, and many times fraudulent, gamble (Morgan 155).

Founded in 1906 by Alfred C. Fuller, the company became famous for door-to-door sales. The Fuller Brush Man became an American institution, and by 1923 the company had achieved over fifteen million dollars in sales ("The History").

Muskogee was the site of an early statehood convention in 1905. The early plan was intended to unite the two large Indian reservations on the territory and center power in Muskogee (Morgan 78). The plan failed. The plan Congress adopted in 1907 placed the capitol in Guthrie. The capitol was later moved to Oklahoma City (74). Muskogee is approximately fifty miles from West Tulsa on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad.

Okmulgee is the county seat of Okmulgee County, OK and was founded in 1900. Like many cities in Oklahoma, the population boom began with oil discovery in 1907. Okmulgee is approximately forty-five miles from Muskogee.

Piggly Wiggly was founded in 1916 in Memphis, TN by Clarence Saunders as the first self-serve grocery store. He also introduced checkout stands, marked
prices on products, and coolers for produce. Within a short amount of time, the company was trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

179 Sapulpa, OK, is the county seat of Creek County and is known for agriculture and oil, as well as glass and steel manufacturing. The lake the author mentions is most likely the Heyburn Reservoir. Sapulpa is twelve miles to the south of Tulsa and the Hayburn Reservoir is another twelve miles to the southwest of Sapulpa.

180 The Osage Indians became immensely wealthy because of oil discoveries on their land. Unlike many tribes, the Osage divided the royalties and sales equally among members of the tribe. At the same time, many of the Osage were victims of terrorism and legal manipulation (Morgan 158).

181 In 1930, Anna Boss was living with her son, Jack Leicht. It seems likely that Fred Boss died sometime between 1923 and 1930.

182 According to both the 1920 and 1930 census, the Franks lived in Newark, NJ. In 1920 Harry was a poultry merchant. By 1930 Harry was a supervisor of an insurance company, and Billy (William S. Frank -- Mar. 4, 1910-Jan. 1967) was an insurance agent.

183 At this time, the Central Railroad of New Jersey operated two boats, the Monmouth and the Sandy Hook, to accommodate summer commuters heading to the resorts on the New Jersey shoreline (Adams 201).

184 The German owned SS Vaterland, built in 1914 as one of the largest and most elegant ocean liners in the world, was idled in New York harbor at Hoboken, NJ
that same year at the outset of World War I. In 1917, the U.S. appropriated her as a troop ship and re-christened her the SS Leviathan. She eventually carried over 100,000 troops across the ocean -- 14,000 in one spectacular, if crowded, run. After the war she was again outfitted as a luxury liner, and once again lay idle at Hoboken, doubtless the period in which the author bumped into her. She was sold for scrap in 1938 (Mancini).

185John T. McEntee (Sep. 20, 1890-Nov. 1977), freight agent, lived in Brooklyn.

186The Northern Railroad of New Jersey began service in 1859 from Piermont, NJ to Jersey City, and later extended north to Nyack, NY in 1870. This railroad branch was instrumental for suburban occupation of the Tenafly area. The Northern Valley was actually named after the railroad (Adams 132).

187Alexander Fell, station agent, Tenafly, NJ -- b.1889.

Chapter Five: Tenafly

188The Dyckman Street Ferry began service in 1915 with two ferry boats. By 1930 it was carrying close to a million pedestrians and 1.3 million vehicles. There was bus service provided by the Hill Bus Company from downtown Englewood. The ferry closed down in 1942 (Adams 137).

189Julia Blackwell -- b.1875.

190Andrew Knox (b.1868) and Robert Knox (b.1856), brothers, operated the meat market in Tenafly.

The Edgewater ferry to 125th Street, or the Public Service Ferry, was a major ferry route because its terminal in Manhattan was close to the Broadway Subway terminal, making connections to other places in Manhattan simple. The author’s mistake in calling it the “Fort Lee Ferry” may be simply because this ferry line operated a ferryboat named Fort Lee (Adams 139).

The Hudson and Manhattan Railroad opened the first tunnel under the Hudson in 1908 and it took passengers from Hoboken, NJ to Manhattan. The author more likely used a second tunnel which went from the Exchange Place terminal in Jersey City to the southern tip of Manhattan, a location not far from the Maguire and Company offices on 366 Broadway (Adams 272). These tunnels were later taken over by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and became what is now know as the PATH system with its Manhattan terminal underneath what was the World Trade Center.

The Tenafly Methodist Church was founded in 1909, and the church building in which the author attended worship was opened in 1912 on Clinton Avenue in Tenafly.

Rev. Thomas I. Coultas (b.1855) was 67 and not “in his eighties someplace,” however he had just retired from the ministry when he served as full-time supply pastor in Tenafly. He led the church from Spring 1922 to Spring 1926, and during this time, the church purchased the house next door as a parsonage.

Elinor P. Fink -- b.1884. The J. H. and C. S. Odell organ was donated in November 1915 and first played in 1916 (75th Anniversary 6).
Florence Blackwell -- b.1901 in Englewood, NJ.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church, named after John Wesley's boyhood home, was organized in 1889 to encourage young adults to become members.

"Mac" refers to John McEntee.


The Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect in 1919 in a wave of moral fervor. By 1930, only one-third to two-fifths of the population adhered to the law. It was difficult to enforce as a result of loopholes such as ones that allowed doctors to prescribe alcohol as a medicine. During the campaign to repeal the amendment, one Wisconsin congressman stated, "I believe there is more bad whiskey consumed in the country today than there was good whiskey before we had prohibition" (Kyvig 25). The amendment was repealed in 1933.


Ruth A. Ware, bookkeeper in a nursery -- b.1906. Ruth married Thomas A. Mifford in the same summer that the author married.

Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. (1883-1939) was pioneer actor in the silent films, specializing in the daring, swashbuckling hero. With Mary Pickford and Charles Chaplin he founded United Artists films in 1919 and he was a founding member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. His film, The Thief of Bagdad
(1924) is cited as his most notable achievement.

205 Thought to originate with Chinese, Persian, and Turkish merchants telling tales to while the hours on the trail, the first time *Arabian Nights*, or *The Thousand and One Nights*, appears in print is an Arabic translation from 950 AD. Similar in structure to Boccaccio’s *Decameron* or Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, the tales are set in a frame or outer story. The most famous of the work is the tale of Sheherazade.

206 Ruth L. Grahn, public school teacher -- b. 1903. Her sister’s name was Anna Bere (b. 1891).


208 Although Guglielmo Marconi demonstrated radio’s effectiveness in 1901, it wasn’t until 1920 that the first commercial radio station opened in Pittsburgh. Technical improvements were made rapidly, and within ten years most Americans owned and depended upon the technology.

209 Jennie A. Byrnes -- b. 1840.

210 The road name is Knickerbocker. The author spells it correctly later on in the manuscript.

211 Frank Miller (b. 1892) was a salesman of food products. Frank Miller and Helen Brewster were married in 1924 and lived on Knickerbocker Road.

212 Kranich & Bach began operations in 1864 in New York City. This piano served the family throughout the lives of both the author and his wife. It was among the possessions that they moved down to Holly Hill, FL. After Ruth Runion’s death in 2002, it was taken back to New York State in the possession of their son, John.
Albert Petrucci, piano tuner -- b. 1881. Mr. Petrucci lived in nearby Dumont Township and had emigrated from Italy in 1897.

Frederick Barenborg, music teacher -- b. 1880.


Ernest M. Hatch, chief engineer at an ice plant - b. 1877.

The stables were actually called Tavenier Johnson's stables.

William F. Bodecker, postmaster - b. 1872; Winchester H. Bodecker, real estate agent - b. 1902.

Rudolph Gabler (Aug 20, 1894-May 1984) lived in Queens as of 1930. In a letter to his wife from Philadelphia on June 19, 1930, the author writes, "Gabler has been trying to pull another 'fast' one on me."

Letters written to his wife reveal trips to Detroit, Erie, Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Boston, New Bedford, Providence, Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Rudolph Valentino (May 6, 1895-Aug. 23, 1926) began his movie career after emigrating from Italy in 1913. His first hit movie came with The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in 1921. The Sheik, mentioned here by the author, was also released in 1921. At his death, the funeral home was mobbed by closer to 80,000 fans ("Biography for Rudolph Valentino").

In a letter addressed to his wife on Nov. 18, 1929, he says, "he [John] says he thinks he can get a radio like ours for about $125 or less. Also said there are two or three other good makes for about same price."

William R. Flynn (1889-1974) was a chauffeur for an express company.
Charles Augustus Lindbergh (1902-1974) became the first to fly across the Atlantic when he landed near Paris, France on May 21, 1927 after 33½ hours of flying. Contrary to the author’s assertion, many others had attempted the flight with the $25,000 prize and many had died. President Coolidge sent the U.S.S Memphis to bring him back to America, and he was greeted in New York City with a parade crowded by four million people.

Jules Maranden, weaver, silk mill -- b.1865.

William Ashley Sunday (1863-1935), after a career as a professional baseball player (1883-90), began his career as an Evangelist in 1896. The revivals he held during World War I were vastly popular and influenced Billy Graham and other Evangelists.

Dale Carnegie (1888-1955) came to New York as a salesman and actor and wound up teaching a course in adult communication at the YMCA. The author’s experience with the YMCA course in Paterson was early in Carnegie’s career.

Frederick Esau, manager of a printing shop -- 1879-Dec. 8, 1954; Christine M. Esau -- Apr. 7, 1886-Dec. 1980; Frederick Esau -- Dec. 19, 1914-June 17, 1994. Next door lived Christine’s mother, Anna Weidman (b.1857), her daughter Anna Schock (b.1885), and her son-in-law Carl C. Schock, a butcher (b.1882). The Schock’s children were Martha C. (b.1913) and Louise A. (b.1918). The Esaus were all born in the United States, but both Frederick and Christine’s parents were born in Germany.

The author inserted three pictures into the manuscript at this point. The
first is a black and white magazine picture of a sailing ship at dock with a New England town in the background. The second, taped onto the top corner of the first, is a black and white magazine drawing of a lighthouse on a rocky point. The third is a color magazine picture of a rocky harbor with ships tied up in it.

In a letter on Nov. 20, 1929 from the author to his wife, he states, “Tomorrow night I expect to be in Providence. The evening might be spent profitably mapping an auto route from west to east for our personal use. The four times we passed through there seems we were always lost.” The “A.L.A. Bluebook” may have been either the American Legal Association’s Green Book or the American Automobile Association’s Blue Book. There were many guidebooks available, few of them user-friendly.

Located on the western side of Buzzards Bay, MA near Westport Point, Horseneck Beach has few of the landmarks that the author remembers. It is now a two-mile long state beach.

William Piper, insurance salesman - 1888-Feb. 7, 1953; Alice R. Piper -- 1887-Sep. 8, 1956. Bill Piper was Frederick Esau’s half brother.

The Fall River Line, connecting Fall River, MA to Manhattan at piers in the north river, was established in 1847. Between 1912 and its demise in 1937, it was owned by the New England Steamship Company and prided itself on its palatial accommodations. One could board ship in New York in the evening and wake up in Massachusetts (Davis).

In 1930, Hannah C. Lawrence (b.1870) was a helper in the school cafeteria.
Clifford Demarest, teacher of music - b.1875.

In the letters he wrote to his wife, many of them after September 1929 report slow or little business. Sept. 17, 1929: “Gosh business seems too slow for words. Let’s see what the morrow brings forth. It’s always feast or famine.” Sept. 29, 1929: “From a business point my trip so far has been bum. I have been going at break neck speed too, as haven’t much time.” Nov. 18, 1929: “Hope and pray that I get some business between now and Xmas.” His references seem to climax on Nov. 20, 1929: “Had some day, ketched hell all over, and accomplished nothing . . . All you hear everywhere is the stock market crash, and calamity howling over business. From what Harry says they have been doing quite a good business. This continual howl over business being poor may have it’s aftermath due to the adverse phychological effect.”

Alfred Emanuel Smith (1873-1944) was a Roman Catholic politician from New York City who became a New York Assemblyman and was governor of New York four times. He is known for reform legislation and his popularity led him to run against Herbert Hoover for president in 1928. He lost after a vitriolic and anti-Catholic campaign.

The New York Symphony Orchestra was founded by Leopold Damrosch in 1878, and taken over by his son, Walter in 1885. It merged with the New York Philharmonic in 1928 under Arturo Toscanini to form the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra. Walter Damrosch (1862-1950) was not only an orchestral conductor, but an opera composer for the Metropolitan Opera.
The Gorham sterling silver was a setting for twelve, including salad forks, dinner forks, teaspoons, soup spoons, knives, butter knives, and a host of serving utensils.

A chapter division was appropriate here, not because of a change of location but because of a major change in circumstance.

Chapter Six: Married

Caroline F. Pond -- b.1839; Lavinia Pond, music teacher -- b.1867.

Rev. Andrew H. Murdock (Sep. 15, 1887-Jan. 1963) was the minister of Tenafly Methodist Church from Mar. 29, 1926 to Mar. 31, 1930. He had emigrated from Northern Ireland in 1907.

The author inserted two full-page pictures into the manuscript at this point. The first is the cover of Holiday magazine picturing the Hudson steamship Alexander Hamilton that he refers to on p.196. The second is the cover of a publication entitled, Travel U.S.A 1966: Discovering America by Rail. The drawing is of the front of a steam engine with the engineer blowing the whistle and a cow with a flower in its mouth lying on the cowcatcher.


The Niagara Great Gorge Trip (1895-1935) was an enormously popular attraction that rivaled the falls themselves. It began on the Canadian side at the Horseshoe Falls and went north along the top of the gorge. In Queenston, Ontario it crossed a suspension bridge to two sets of tracks laid at the bottom of the gorge. It then progressed southward a few feet above the river at the foot of the cliffs until it
gradually rose up to Niagara Falls, NY and crossed another suspension bridge to Canada. By the time the author and his wife were honeymooning there, falling rocks and some very public tragedies had plagued the railroad. In 1930, adult fare was ten cents.

246 A Canada Steamship Lines advertisement in a 1930 National Geographic reads, "They operate a fleet of 104 steamers, freight and passenger, and are the largest fresh water transportation company in the world. The famous Saguenay trip includes visits to Montreal, metropolis of Canada; Quebec, the historic walled city; Murray Bay, 'Newport of the North' and Tadussac, Canada’s oldest settlement. The Saguenay Canyon is one of nature’s masterpieces . . . Our big roomy passenger steamers take in all the worth while sights and scenes between Niagara and the Saguenay River. Here is hotel comfort above ship, a very excellent cuisine, and most reasonable rates for travel and luxurious living combined."

247 The Saguenay River, explored by Cartier and Champlain, has banks that exceed 1500 feet in some places. The river has long been used for lumber transportation and tourist trips by steamer from Quebec. Tadoussac, at the confluence of the Saguenay and the St. Lawrence, is Canada’s earliest Christian mission and was later known for its fur trading. The town has since become a resort.

248 The Basilica Saint Anne de Beaupre dates its founding to 1658, and from the beginning the church gained a reputation for healing, becoming a subject of pilgrimages. It was replaced in 1857 with a much larger stone building, and then again after a fire in the early 1900’s. It is located northeast of Quebec along the St.
Lawrence River. Montmorency Falls, named by Samuel de Champlain, is located six miles northeast of Quebec where the Montmorency River meets the St. Lawrence. At 280 feet high, it proudly boasts that it is much higher than the more famous Niagara Falls. The Chateau Frontenac was built in 1892 within the walls of Old Quebec at the top of cliffs overlooking the St. Lawrence. It has 104 rooms and boasts luxurious accommodations.

249 Canada had no laws prohibiting alcohol.

250 A calèche is a two-wheeled carriage with a top that folds down. They are used as tourist vehicles in Montreal and Quebec.

251 These words end a page in the manuscript and do not extend to the right margin. However, the first line of the paragraph at the top of the next page is not indented to indicate a paragraph is beginning. The choice was made to separate the sections into two paragraphs.

252 The Ausable Chasm House overlooks Birmingham Falls at the head of Ausable Chasm, a canyon hollowed out by the Ausable River. Ausable Chasm is south of Plattsburgh, NY and is on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.

253 In 1929, the Vermont (III), a 262 ft. ship equipped with fifty staterooms and all the amenities of an ocean liner, operated on a route on Lake Champlain from Plattsburg, NY, at the northwest end of the lake, to Montcalm Landing, NY, at the southern tip. In between it made stops at Port Kent (two miles from Ausable Chasm) and Burlington, VT (Ross 141). When the newlyweds disembarked at Montcalm Landing, NY, they rode a specially-built Delaware & Hudson railroad link west to
Baldwin at the northern tip of Lake George (194). From there they took the lake steamer, *Horicon (II)* down the length of Lake George. *Horicon* was a smaller steamship, boasting only eight staterooms, but just as elegant as the *Vermont* (Bellico 305). From there, they took the Delaware & Hudson Railroad to Albany.

254 The Ten Eyck Hotel was one of two expensive hotels in center Albany, NY. This hotel boasted a rooftop garden with a view of the river and the city.

255 The Hudson River Day Line began service in 1856 from New York City to points along the Hudson as far as Albany. In 1929 as many as six large steamboats operated on this route, including *Hendrick Hudson* (1909), *Robert Fulton* (1909), *DeWitt Clinton* (1913), *Chauncey M. Depew* (1913), *Peter Stuyvesant* (1927), and *Alexander Hamilton* (1924). Most likely the newlyweds did not ride *Alexander Hamilton* since he mentions seeing it in a magazine, but does not identify it as their steamer. Despite railroad lines up both sides of the Hudson River, these boats thrived until 1948, victims of increased automobile mobility (Adams 189).

256 The side-wheel steamboat, *Alexander Hamilton*, was purchased in 1924 and was 349 feet long. This boat was the last side-wheeler to be built for the Hudson and, in 1971, the last to operate on the Hudson. She sank in a storm in 1978 (Adams 189).

257 Overnight cruises up the Hudson began as early as the 1820’s, and grew to the same extravagance as the Champlain steamers mentioned earlier. The Hudson River Night Line, a different company from the Hudson River Day Line, operated four ships until, after several reorganizations and sales, it ended service in 1939.

258 In the 1920’s and 1930’s, the New England Steamship Company, owner of
the Fall River Line, also operated steamships out of Providence, New Bedford, New Haven, Bridgeport, and New London (Davis). The Cape Cod Canal was opened in 1914 at the point where the isthmus and the mainland were connected. Originally the canal was privately owned, but it was rescued from bankruptcy in 1928 by the U.S. Government and expanded.

259 The 1930 census lists Alfred and Ruth Runion living at 26 George Street, Tenafly, NJ, with Alfred as head of household, and Hannah Lawrence as a boarder.

260 The author wrote a letter to his wife from Detroit, MI on April 30, 1928 about this subject. He states, “I don’t know, Honey. The more I think of it the more it seems wise to move slowly on buying a house. What most people, - young ones -- more often own is a good sized first and second mortgage.”

261 Rodney Kessler, secretary -- b.1896; Helen Kessler -- Dec. 3, 1902-Mar. 12, 1988; Robert S. Kessler -- Apr. 27, 1927-Feb. 24 1994. Enclosed with the manuscript was a piece of stationary with a drawing of the Tenafly Methodist Church on one side, and a part of a letter signed by Helen on the other.


263 In a letter addressed to his wife from Philadelphia on Sep. 17, 1929, he writes, “Honey guess you’ll not have much time to get lonely will you with going to S.S. board meeting + Mildred’s meeting tonight?”

264 After plastering, the surface is sealed and washed using a mixture of clear glue, white pigment, and water.
Edward H. Bohlen, clerk, custom broker -- b.1880. Ed lived with his family in Demarest, NJ, only a few miles north of Tenafly. The name is spelled "Hohlen" in the manuscript, but the author later spells it correctly.

Rev. Charles C. Tibbetts (b.1885) served Tenafly Methodist Church from Mar. 31, 1930 to Apr. 16, 1934. As a result of the depression’s effect upon the church budget, he allowed his salary to be reduced from $2,900 to $1,650 (75th Anniversary 7).

In the comic strip, The Gumps, Bim Gump was the rich uncle of main character Andy Gump. The wildly popular strip about the uneducated masses was written by Sidney Smith from 1917 until his death in 1935.

In a letter written by the author to his wife on Nov. 20, 1929, he says, "What a naughty girl to write me while teaching."

Bedbugs are nocturnal parasites that feed off of human or mammal blood. They are usually about the length of a fingernail and spend the day in bedding or furniture.

The Mohawk Trail, a centuries-old route from the Hudson River west to the Connecticut River, was opened as a scenic roadway in 1914. North Adams is a town on that route.

The Palisades Interstate Park Commission regulates Bear Mountain State Park and Harriman State Park along the west side of the Hudson River, about fifty miles north of New York City.

In a letter to his wife on Nov. 11, 1930, the author expresses the
nervousness of an expectant father: “It’s worrying to say the least to be away from home just now, but I’m quite sure my little girl is OK for the time being . . . So take good care of yourself until your hubby returns.”

Dr. Valentine Ruch (b. 1877) was a physician in general practice living in Englewood, NJ.

Poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, is a viral infection that attacks the central nervous system through the bloodstream and usually leads to some form of paralysis. Typically the disease infects children. Since the introduction of the Salk vaccine in 1955, the disease has been eradicated in the United States. In a letter to his wife on April 23, 1931, the author, using a baby slang, expressed his concern: “So be a good ittle girl and take care of ohself + ittle Gadys.”

In a letter on Nov. 20, 1929, the author states that “From what Harry says they have been doing quite a good business.”

Frank W. Kimmick, insurance underwriter -- b. 1901; Marie E. Kimmick -- May 28, 1905–Jun 1979; Mary Ann Kimmick -- b. 1928. The Kimmicks must have moved to the area shortly before meeting the author and his wife since the 1930 census lists their residence as Bronx, NY.

Many times in his letters to his wife, the author expresses an unease and distrust about Harry. On Apr. 30, 1928, he wrote, “Others seem to care what they can get out of me in the way of work or money.” On July 24, 1929, he hopes that there are no messages from the office, and in several other letters he grumbles about having to report news back to Harry.
In 1916, the U.S. Government set up Land Banks, organizations that would give low interest mortgages with little collateral required, even for people with high amounts of debt or other mortgages. In 1932, the year the author bought the New Berlin farm, the government appropriated an additional $125 million to bolster the program.

Vineland, NJ is thirty-five miles southeast of Camden, NJ and 135 miles south of Tenafly.

Princeton, NJ is sixty miles south of Tenafly, and only six miles from Hopewell, NJ.

The kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. from the Lindbergh’s Hopewell, NJ estate on March 1, 1932 was a saga that gripped the nation. Over the two and a half years until an arrest was made there were twelve ransom notes and the FBI followed up on thousands of leads. Fifty thousand dollars was paid in exchange for the baby on a boat near Martha’s Vineyard. No child was found. The baby was later found dead in a shallow grave within five miles of the Lindbergh Estate on May 12, 1932. Bruno Hauptmann was arrested after agents traced the gold certificates used in the ransom to him. He pled innocent to the charges despite a large amount of circumstantial evidence against him. He was electrocuted April 3, 1936. The author’s notion that it stemmed from the work of gang members may have come from the FBI’s extensive but fruitless investigation of the “Purple gang” of Detroit for the murder.

Violet J. Nicklaus, Brooklyn, NY -- b.1887. Her husband’s name was John
Nicklaus, Jr. (b.1879) and he had been a book salesman.

283"Truck" was an agricultural slang term referring to those vegetables that could be transported to a town or city for sale in a market. Usually the goods would be sold directly from the back of the wagon or truck.

284The New England hurricane of 1938 caused 600 deaths and did $306 million worth of damage. Between New London, CT and Cape Cod, the hurricane produced storm surges of eighteen to twenty-five feet, burying New Bedford, MA in eight feet of water (Vallee).


286Edward T. Greenman -- b.1872. The house was built by William Beardslee in the 1840’s, and sold upon his death in the 1880’s. Multiple occupants owned the property up until the author bought it.

287A close examination of cemetery records, census records, Social Security Death Index, and histories of New Berlin and Pittsfield did not reveal anyone with this name, although several people had similar sounding names.

288Orange L. Van Horn -- b.1884.

289The thirteen square mile Ashokan Reservoir was built in 1912 as a part of the water supply system for New York City. From it, the Catskill Aqueduct pipes water the ninety-two miles to the city.

290The Hotel Fenimore was a luxurious old hotel on Main Street in Cooperstown, NY. It has since been torn down. The Fenimore House, built in 1945 to house the New York State Historical Association, was built on the site of James
Fenimore Cooper's house in Cooperstown.


293 The most logical route for them to take, given the clues, is Route 17 from Paramus, NJ to Deposit, and Route 8 to New Berlin. The town of West Branch is far to the north of New Berlin. Most likely, he means East Branch, a town about twenty-five miles before New Berlin.


295 The Alaska Highway, or Alcan Highway, was built in 1942 between Dawsons Creek, British Columbia, and Fairbanks, Alaska by the U.S. Military in order to supply bases in Alaska. Difficulties in weather and terrain made this road a tremendous feat of engineering.

296 Wurtsboro, NY is another town on Route 17 and the mountain was a landmark for those heading to the Catskills.

297 A chapter division was made at this point because the family leaves Tenafly, a major geographic change. There is also a picture inserted at this point, another indication that the author viewed it as a stopping place. The newspaper picture shows an elderly black couple seated in a carriage. Surrounding the carriage are dignitaries, including one that looks like Woodrow Wilson.

Chapter Seven: New Berlin -- 1932-1940
The Erie Railroad went through Deposit, NY.

Arthur Perkins (Apr. 2, 1904-Apr. 1972) founded a company that built auto
trailers in New Berlin, later moving it to Oneonta.

Harold Dennis - Jan. 12, 1907-Sep. 24 1999.


Charles Watson - b.1889; Izetta Watson - b.1890.

The Sheffield Plant (1925-1940) was the creamery in New Berlin and it had
a siding on the Ontario and Western Railroad, which shipped the milk to Sidney and
beyond. The high butterfat content of the milk from the Runion’s Jersey herd was
highly desirable.


The Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad ran through Norwich,
the county seat of Chenango County. Norwich is seventeen miles from New Berlin.

Archie C. Bingham (1892-1942) ran a hatchery in South Edmeston, several
miles to the north of the Runion farm. His hatchery employed the services of two
Japanese men who were able to determine the sex of the chickens.

Calvin Day - b.1864; Emma J. Day - b.1867. Calvin Day’s farm was just to
the north of the Runion farm. Since he is listed on a 1904 Pittsfield Township map,
he must have owned the farm for quite some time.

Lee A. Elliott -- Dec. 19, 1889-Dec. 24, 1992; Ward Elliot -- Jan. 1, 1888-
Dec. 1971. The butcher shop, founded by their father, Walter Elliot, was on Main
Street in the center of New Berlin, near the bank. It was open from 1908-1953.
Carrie L. Colgrove, private nurse -- b.1875. In 1930, the following people were living in her house: her father, Albert L. Bourne (b.1845); her brother-in-law, Edgar J. Williams, a laborer on the Unadilla Valley Railroad (b.1873); his daughters, Carrie L. Williams (b.1910) and Emily R. Williams (b.1914); and Carrie’s aunt, Ellen Bourne (b.1862). Arthur Morse’s mother was Ida Doolittle Morse (1852-1941). Carrie’s maternity hospital, founded in 1925, was on North Main Street in New Berlin.

In most areas properly trained midwives were a rarity, and the well-intentioned services of neighbors and friends often brought problems with birthing. The Runions were fortunate to have so many professionals at their disposal.


Beacon Feeds was located in the same vicinity of New Berlin as the Sheffield Plant and closed in 1958.


The West End Brewery was founded in 1888 in Utica, NY. It survived Prohibition by producing soft drinks, and afterward became famous for its Utica Club Beer, advertised on television with animated characters in the 1950’s and 1960’s, the voices of which were provided by comedian Jonathan Winters. The brewery is still in
operation, relying on its Saranac line of beers.

317 John Gaffney - b. 1867; Chloe Gaffney - b. 1873.

318 Elizabeth M. Thinnes, music teacher -- b. 1908.

319 Robert B. Talmage -- b. 1911; Ruth (Thinnes) Talmage -- b. 1912. Bob's father was Dr. J.B. Talmage (b. 1881).

320 Earlville, NY is about eighteen miles west of New Berlin.


322 Irwin Stephens, carpenter -- b. 1873.

323 Lead pipes, paint, gasoline and other items were common fare until 1978 when Congress outlawed the use of lead in these applications. Lead pipe was preferred over iron because of its malleability and ease of use. Lead is known to cause brain damage in children and a variety of health hazards in adults.

324 Marlene Dietrich (Dec. 27, 1901-May 6, 1992) was a major movie actress generally typecast as a seductress.

325 Louise K. Blume (b. 1912) lived in Bergenfield, NJ, with her family in 1930 and was a stenographer in a bank. Her father, John H. Blume (b. 1879), ran a delicatessen.

326 Sophie Tucker (Jan. 13, 1884-Feb. 9, 1966) was a Russian-born movie actress.

327 Daisy, the author's half sister, and Charles Sayer had four girls: Helen

328 When phone services were introduced to most areas, whole towns would be connected by one line. The line employed an operator who would direct calls to the right house by using a coded ring. All of the houses on the line would have their phone ring and so anyone could listen into phone conversations, an entertaining practice called "rubbering." Because of the needs of modern technology, the party line is, at this point, almost extinct except in some rural areas of Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine and Massachusetts.


330 James Averill Holl - b. 1900; Mary L. Holl - Jun. 11, 1905-Apr. 1986. His parents were Thomas R. Holl (b. 1859) and Nellie Holl (b. 1861).

331 The author inserted two pictures into the manuscript at this point. The upper one is a black and white magazine photograph of a woman and daughter in a kitchen. The author's caption states, "The phone above is the same style as our first one. The stove much like ours was. Ma was more 'chic.'" The lower picture is another black and white magazine photograph of a farmer and horse standing by a single row cultivator. Next to it is the author's caption: "The one horse cultivator outfit -- strikingly familiar sight."

332 Harmon Shatzel - Jun. 7, 1882-Feb. 1971; Elsie M. Shatzel - b. 1882; Albert

Ambrose B. Hill -- 1861-Dec. 24, 1936; Ellen Hill - b. 1875.

Five Corners is a small hamlet just north of New Berlin where five roads intersect. It is almost directly across the river from the Runion farm and a bridge linked one of the five roads to the East River Road just south of the Runion farm.

Albert U. Shatzel -- b. 1915; Thelma Shatzel -- b. 1917; Melvin H. Shatzel -- b. 1921.

Harrison J. Camp -- May 21, 1886-Aug. 18, 1950. The garage, with another bay added, is still used as an automobile repair shop.


Ernest Sargent (b. 1883) began his service as town supervisor in 1933. His second term was cut short when he was in an accident coming home from a County Supervisors meeting in Cooperstown. He died shortly afterward on Dec. 28, 1938.

Pecktown received its name from the preponderance of Peck families in the area.

A local history book, *Town of Pittsfield, a History* claims that since Hoboken, NJ is directly across the river from New York City, they granted the same
name to this hamlet since it was across the river from the “big city” of New Berlin (Town 2).

The factory in question was originally the Arkwright Cotton factory. The main building was a large stone building with a water tower, and it had a siding for the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad. This was converted into a Borden’s Milk Condensery. The business was notable for being completely self-sustaining. It took hydroelectric power from a dam across the Unadilla River, and had a water tower filled nightly by mountain springs. Bordens sold out to Nestlee in 1926. The buildings burned in 1929 and the company never rebuilt.

Holman Harry Linn invented a new type of tractor in 1917 and founded the Linn Tractor Company of Morris, NY. This custom-made tractor had two wheels in the front and link tracks, similar to an army tank, in the back. This innovation, along with its weight, made it ideal for heavy construction and clearing snow. It was used to maintain the Panama Canal and to construct the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington. The company lasted for only about thirty years (“Linn”).

Five Corners school was located about three-quarters of a mile from the Runion farm. New York State law stated that if a one-room school’s enrollment dropped below twelve it must be closed down. This happened around 1941, when the students were transferred to New Berlin Central.

Although many people remember Louise Benedict, no one can remember much about her.

Irene Colgrove, public school teacher -- b.1901. Irene taught at Five
Corners beginning in 1936, and moved to New Berlin Central Schools when Five Corners closed. She retired in 1960.

346 The Bell Telephone Hour aired on NBC from 1940-1958 featuring orchestral music. Cliquot Club Ginger Ale sponsored Harry Reser (1896-1965) and his banjo band called the Cliquot Club Eskimos. It ran from 1923-1933, and again in the ‘50’s. Basil Rathbone (1892-1967) and Nigel Bruce (1895-1953) starred in radio productions of Sherlock Holmes stories in 1939-1942 and in 1943-1946. Amos ‘N’ Andy was a comedy show about two black men voiced by two white men named Freeman F. Gosden and Charles J. Correll. The show ran in fifteen-minute blocks from 1928-1943 and hour episodes from 1943-1955. Because their racial content, they are rarely heard today. According to Margaret, the author’s favorite show was “It Pays to be Ignorant.”

347 The hydrogen-filled dirigible, Hindenburg, caught fire as it was docking in Lakehurst, NJ, in 1937. Thirty-seven people died in the destruction, and a radio broadcaster covered the disaster live. Popular feelings were so strong that the dirigible, and later the blimp, never regained popularity for transportation.

348 The reporter he refers to may have been Bob Anderson, a radio operator who took his portable ham radio out into the flood to reach an isolated town, giving continual assessments of the flood as he went and eventually establishing a communications link for Shawneetown, IL.


350 Dr. Lee C. Van Wagner, physician in New Berlin -- b.1870.
Mabel H. King -- Jun. 8, 1886-Mar. 28, 1957. Later, the author spells her name, "Mabelle."

Carroll King - b.1883; Raphael Matteson, carpenter - b.1887.


William H. Payne - 1890-1959; Myrtle M. Payne - b.1890.

William S. Hart (1865-1939) was a silent film actor famous for his cowboy roles.

Lewis Glodt was already involved in a band that played for dances and other functions. Lewis played saxophone, Ken Olds played bass, Gladys Carpenter played piano, and Ken Carpenter played the drums.


Gunnar Ragnvald Lindberg (May 24, 1913-Feb. 29, 1988) and Stella were married on Dec. 31, 1936.

Maurice Ashley (May 9, 1918-Aug. 1983) went on to serve as a private in the U.S. Army 1942-1945.


Since the author does not move location until the end of the autobiography, the rationale for breaking up the remainder of the manuscript shifted to subject matter. The author has, at this point, just concluded a narrative about the incompetent farm workers that the Runions employed over the years. The discussion abruptly
shifts to his civil and political service in Pittsfield Township. The division is a logical one.

Chapter Eight: New Berlin -- 1940-1955

362 This is most likely Sarah Burdick (b.1864), a Democrat that served between 1940 and 1949.

363 Lynn Colgrove - b.1876.

364 At this point, the author inserts a picture that takes up two full pages. It is a color magazine photograph of cakes, breads, pies and marmalades on a table, some of them with ribbons and trophies. A jar of amber marmalade is dated 1967.

365 Shacktown Mountain is to the south of Hoboken and overlooks Silver Lake, just west of the Unadilla River. According to the memories of longtime residents, the hill was traditionally a spot for fringe activities, such as moonshine stills and partying.

366 Kraft Foods was located in South Edmeston, about a three mile drive north along the East River Road from the Runion farm. Founded in 1863, the factory burned in 1899 and rebuilt in its present location as the Pheonix Cheese Company, later purchased by Kraft. They made Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese and cottage cheese while the author worked there.

367 The I. L. Richer Co., owned by Irving L. Richer, was a feed store near Beacon Feeds in New Berlin. The Richer company had been in operation in the town since 1870 when it was a flour mill. It moved out of town in 1999.

368 Gladys may actually be Clara J. Calhoun (b.1890), a music teacher in New
Lisbon. Her father may have been Rev. Johnston C. Calhoun (b. 1851), a Presbyterian minister.

Fritz Kreisler (Feb. 2, 1875-Jan. 29, 1962) was a world-renowned Austrian violinist who was wildly popular with musical audiences across the United States.

Milton H. Fish - b. 1898.

The Unadilla Valley Railroad began operations connecting the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad branch to New Berlin north to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad in Bridgewater in 1895. The tracks were torn up in 1960.

Rupert Bagg -- July 8, 1912-Dec. 15, 1993. Rupert's father, Harry, also worked for Kraft as a cheese salesman.


William G. Linger - b. 1876.

Eardley Johnson -- b. 1868.

Throughout the United States' involvement in World War II, the United States Office of Price Administration regulated prices on most goods and controlled the distribution and purchase of certain essential items such as tires, automobiles, sugar, gasoline, fuel oil, coffee, meats, and processed foods.


Although many of the lessons were given out of their home, Ruth did operate a studio for a time in downtown New Berlin. She did manage to pay for the college education of all seven children with the money she made, an incredible feat in any time period. This allowed the children to pursue professions and escape factory or farm work. She charged only fifty cents per hour.

The German word, “Dummkopf” literally means, “dumb head.”


Rev. Robert T. Webster -- Jul. 16, 1910-Oct 5, 1987. Rev. Webster was minister in New Berlin 1942-1948. In 1947, Rev. Webster, who had been preaching at the Pittsfield Congregational Christian Church as well, guided it through a change in denomination to Methodist. For the next few pastors, the New Berlin minister led services at the Pittsfield church as well. Doc Webster’s installation of street signs
happened in 1947.


Gladys Dopp Carpenter (Oct. 15, 1890-May 16, 1989) was a graduate of Ithaca Conservatory of Music and taught piano locally.

On a recent visit to the farm, the remains of a flagpole could still be found up the bank across the road from the house. Its base was contained within an old tractor tire.

The pasture across the road from the Runion house led steeply up Meeker Hill. The other side of the hill was upwards of a mile of difficult hiking to the east.

There were several Mrs. Lawrence’s in the New Berlin area at this time, but none of them lived in the vicinity of Meeker Hill.

Possibly Mathilda Anderson -- b.1878.

This bridge connected the East River Road and a road to Five Corners at a point just south of the Runion’s farm on a bend in the river. This allowed the children easy access to the school in Five Corners at a distance of, at most, a mile. The bridge has since been removed. An 1868 Beers Atlas map indicates a grist mill and a saw mill just on the other side of this bridge from the farm.

At this time, Oneonta State Teachers College comprised one large seven-floor building. Gladys graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.


Patrick Hill is on NY Route 23 just east of South New Berlin, and ten miles
south of the Runion farm.


401The Eagle Hotel, rebuilt in 1900 after fire destroyed the original hotel, was a large three-story structure in downtown New Berlin. On the second floor was a large porch on which several of the Runion children remember playing band concerts. The hotel was torn down in the 1960's.

402Chloride of lime (calcium hypochlorite) is a white powder used to bleach or disinfect, commonly known as bleaching powder.

403According to Gladys, the woman was a teacher who was, at that time, supervising a student teacher in her classroom.

404Edward Roe Eastman was an influential voice in education and agriculture in New York State. With a background as a farmer and a school teacher, he went on to organize groups to represent farmer's needs and led reforms for rural education.
He was vice chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents and through his influence brought about the change from one-room schoolhouses to Central Schools. He edited *The American Agriculturalist* from 1922 to 1957.

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This line is brief and undeveloped. The line of thought is continued on page 295, where he resumes with “Gladys had to find a place to live in Walton . . .”

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Minnie Chase Memorial Hospital, founded in 1935, was a very small facility located on the northern edge of New Berlin.

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Walton is approximately forty-eight miles southeast of New Berlin, NY.

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Gladys taught at the Walton Elementary School from 1951-1955.

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Bear Spring Mountain is halfway between Walton and Downsville, about four miles on the other side of Walton from New Berlin.

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Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Morehouse were widowed sisters that ran a boarding house in Walton, mostly filled with teachers. Gladys met her future husband, Ray Williford, in Walton. His boarding house was next door, but didn’t serve meals. He became a regular next door and met Gladys shortly afterward.

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Arthur Goldberg (1908-1990) was a famous labor lawyer who was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Kennedy in 1962. He resigned in 1965 to be appointed by President Johnson to be U.S. Representative to the United Nation. He served until 1968. Afterwards he ran unsuccessfully for New York State Governor.

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Margaret attended Fredonia State from Sep. 1951 to Jun. 1955, achieving a
Bachelor of Science in Music Education.

West Winfield is twenty-three miles north of New Berlin.

Verner J. Shafer (Jul. 20, 1911-May 1964) owned the Shafer Hardware store in New Berlin from 1946-1964.

Viola Maguire -- Sep. 6, 1912-Apr. 6, 1997.

Joe Fiske was moved at the 1953 Wyoming Conference, not 1954. The Methodist Church is organized into Conferences that are a part of Regions. The Wyoming Conference covers northeastern Pennsylvania and South Central New York.

Johnson City, a city connected to Binghamton, NY, is sixty miles to the southwest of New Berlin.

Greene is forty miles southwest of New Berlin.


The Swiss company, Scintilla Magneto, purchased the old Hatfield automobile manufacturing plant in Sidney, NY in 1925 and began producing magnetos, the generators that produce the spark for internal combustion engines. It was taken over by Bendix Aviation in 1929. Sidney is approximately twenty-six miles south of New Berlin.


minister in New Berlin from 1954 to 1958. In March 1957, Rev. Dawson reported that the Pittsfield church’s foundations were caving in and that membership was down to twenty-nine. In July of that same year the congregations of New Berlin and Pittsfield were joined.


424The following poem, written by Frederick Esau on July 5, 1951, was found with Ruth Runion’s letters after she died, with the note, “Pop wrote this after we came back from Runions”:

Adios

I stood and gazed far down the road,

The time to part had come.

My smiling face belied the load

My heart must carry home.

Who knows if ere again we’ll meet?

The years are going fast.

Fond mem’ries will be long, and sweet

To cherish to the last.

The visit God did let us make,

To find you well and strong:
Bring thanks to Him, for Jesus sake,

Who'll guide us all from wrong.

Factoryville, PA is just north of Scranton, PA, and about 110 miles from New Berlin.

Rev. Thomas Kline (May 3, 1914-Dec. 1987) was a minister Gladys met while working as a summer counselor at Sky Lake. He was appointed supply minister to Factoryville and Waverly Methodist Churches in 1949. Rev. Joseph Fiske also officiated at the wedding.

Glenn Carpenter -- Feb. 11, 1890-May 13, 1969; Charles Carpenter -- b. Nov. 25, 1941. Glenn Carpenter built and operated a Sunoco gas station with his son Ken, and he also delivered the mail for a time. According to Glenn’s great-granddaughter, Glenn, Charlie, and John etched their names into the rafters after they finished the job.

This reference is to the Oliver Wendell Holmes poem, “The Deacon’s Masterpiece or The Wonderful ‘One-Hoss Shay.’” In this poem a carriage is built so that no part is stronger than the other, ensuring its durability. It was a marvel of dependability until exactly one hundred years had passed since its creation. The shay “. . . went to pieces all at once, -

All at once and nothing first, -

Just as bubbles do when they burst.”


This chapter break, like the one before was made because of a subject shift.
The author has just concluded a long section on ministers, church repairs, and the
organ replacement; what follows is a fairly rapid account of children graduating from
college, family vacations, and the eventual move to Holly Hill, FL.

Chapter Nine: New Berlin -- 1955-1963

431 U.S. Route 20 is still the nation’s longest highway, connecting Boston, MA
to Newport, OR. From 1925 to 1955, it was the main route for crossing upstate New
York (Houde). The New York State Thruway, begun in 1946 as the first cross-state
superhighway, was complete from Buffalo to Newburgh, NY by October 1954. By
June 1955, 8,700,000 vehicles had traveled the route (Wing). Revenue along Route
20 dropped 30% in the same year (Houde).

432 Mildred Brady (1920-Nov. 2, 2002), taught with Gladys in Walton, and then
went on to teach music at Johnson City High School for thirty-six years.

433 Avoca, NY is a small town much to the south of the author’s route out to
Fredonia and Buffalo. From Leicester, NY on Route 20, they would have traveled
sixty miles southeast to Avoca. The rest of the trip would wind through New York’s
Southern Tier to Binghamton and north to New Berlin.

434 Howard Warner (b.Feb. 8, 1927); Sally Warner (b.Nov. 3, 1928). Howard
taught instrumental music at New Berlin Central Schools between 1950 and 1953.
He started some of the Runion children on instruments and was instrumental in
directing Margaret toward Fredonia. He later took a position in Avoca, NY.

435 Sam Rosen -- Oct. 21, 1911-Feb. 3, 2000; Goldie Rosen -- Nov. 12, 1915-
May 1984.
Bridgewater, NY, is nineteen miles north of New Berlin on Route 8. South Brookfield is about eleven miles away. The two towns are twelve miles apart. Margaret taught vocal music there from 1955 to 1958.

Merton Kelty - b.1894.

The American Automobile Association was formed in 1902 to advocate for safer roads and vehicles, as well as uniform driving rules and rights. It quickly became known for the services it provided its members, one of which was the “Trip Tick,” a combination of maps and directions specially prepared to help the motorist navigate.

Steve Gregory - Sep. 12, 1917-May 1983. Steve was town supervisor for four terms: 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955. His father served in the same capacity between 1936 and 1951. The meetings were held in a room above the grocery story in Pittsfield town.

The couple moved to Dunn in August 1955, shortly after their marriage. They moved several times within the area until they moved to Smithfield, NC in 1957. Dunn, NC is thirty miles south of Raleigh, NC.

Merrick Fuller - b.1899.

Dakin’s Theater, neighbor to Dakin’s Funeral Home, was originally the Dakin Opera House, founded in 1893 and destroyed by fire in 1899. The rebuilt theater was in the center of New Berlin, nestled behind a storefront and apartments. The theater was later torn down despite the town’s efforts to preserve it.

This line, according to family members, was Herb Coman’s trademark line.
The word “motoo” was pronounced more like “moto.”

"Sarita taught music in Cairo, NY from 1957 to 1959. Cairo is just west of the Hudson River and just north of the Catskill Mountains. It is a ninety-mile drive from New Berlin. Sarita had attended Oneonta State from 1952 to 1955, and completed a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree at neighboring Hartwick College between 1955 to 1957.

According to Sarita, when she was young, youthful pronunciation of her own name resulted in “Tapeta,” later shortened to “Pete.”

Between the 1940’s and 1960’s, a string of hotels and resorts became popular in the Catskill Mountains because of the region’s proximity to New York City. Since many of the attendees were Jewish, the resorts became known as the “Borscht Belt.” In reaction, many clubs founded in the Adirondack Mountains to the north had strict policies against Jews as members.

The Riviera Hotel was a Victorian-era hotel in Holly Hill, FL.

Wortendyke, NJ is approximately thirteen miles west of Tenafly, NJ.


wife is Janet Harris (b. May 28, 1939).


452 Dr. S. Andral Kilmer became famous for his Swamp Root cure, the main product of a pharmaceutical company he founded in Binghamton, NY. All of his cures and remedies were bad medicine, but they were known across the country from the 1890's to the 1930's. His nephew, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, purchased the land near Windsor, NY as a game preserve. When he died in 1940 he willed it to the Methodist Church (Golley). It is currently a Methodist youth camp.

453 Robert F. Angell -- b. 1923.

454 Tully, NY is approximately fifty-two miles away from New Berlin, south of Syracuse, NY. Margaret taught here from Sep. 1958 to June 1960.


456 John Runion graduated from Hartwick in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Music degree.

457 Jamesport, NY is a town near the tip of Long Island on Gardiner’s Bay.

458 Baiting Hollow, NY is a small town on the north shore of Long Island, approximately eleven miles away from the Maguires in Jamesport.

459 Cornwall On Hudson, NY is a town only a few miles above Storm King State Park and West Point Military Academy. It is approximately 160 miles from New Berlin.

460 William Craig (possibly Apr. 7, 1891-Sep. 1980) worked as a New York
State forestry official in Stamford, NY. He attended the New Berlin Methodist Church, and several of the author's children remember him teaching Sunday School.

461 First discovered in 1930, this fungus attacks the American Elm under the bark, and is spread by the Elm Bark Beetle. The spread is downward and rapid, showing symptoms only after fatal damage is done.

462 Watertown, NY is on the Eastern Shore of Lake Ontario, about 120 miles north of New Berlin.

463 Margaret attended Fredonia in the summer of 1959, 1960, and 1961. She gained twenty-four credit hours toward a Masters degree. Sarita attended Fredonia in either 1960 or 1961.


465 Bailey Island, ME is across Casco Bay from Portland.

466 The trip was approximately 390 miles through Albany, NY and Brattleboro, VT to Portland, ME. Most likely, the family stopped in Waterboro and not Waterford.

467 Canajoharie, NY is approximately sixty-five miles away from New Berlin, and was a short commute of only four miles to Fort Plain. Both towns are on the Erie Barge Canal.

468 Carol Christie Mancini (Oct. 30, 1938-Apr. 1976), English teacher, roomed with Sarita while they both taught at Fort Plain.

469 Stephen Runion graduated from State University College of Education at Cortland in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Cortland is a
member of the State University of New York system (SUNY) of higher education. Created in 1948, the SUNY system now contains over seventy schools and teaches over 400,000 students each year, the largest in the country. Fredonia and Oneonta are also member colleges.

Smithfield, NC is about thirty miles southeast of Raleigh, NC and twenty-two miles from their previous residence in Dunn, NC. They moved to Smithfield in 1957 and purchased a large house there in 1959. Ray died July 12, 1969, leaving behind a wife and four children. Gladys sold the house in 1972 when she became a Methodist minister.

Chuck (b.1962) was preferred over the beagle, Betty, because of age and character. Betty was old and rather temperamental, while Chuck, a black mutt, was young and easy going. He lived in Florida with the Runions into the 1970's.

Dr. James Hoyt (Mar.12, 1893-Jul. 1979) was a large animal veterinarian who, ironically, was scared of dogs.


Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Mrs. Peterson, the owner of the corner house next door to the Runions in Holly Hill, FL.

The author ends the manuscript with “FINIS.”
Appendices

A. Letters – 1928-1980

B. Spelling Errors

C. Word Combination Errors

D. Notes found with the Manuscript

E. Names Glossary
Appendix A: Letters – 1928-1980

Among the many saved pictures, receipts, and miscellany left behind by Ruth Runion when she died in 2002 were a bundle of old letters and cards. The bulk of this correspondence was from Alfred Runion to his wife when he was on business trips between 1928 and 1931. One letter was from his half sister, Daisy, congratulating them on the birth of their first child; another was from his half brother, John, just before the Runions moved to Florida in 1963. Also included are three letters written to The Blairstown Press at Christmas time in 1970, 1971, and 1973, as well as Alfred Runion’s obituary, printed by the same newspaper. The letters from Alfred to Ruth demonstrate a playful affection between the engaged and then married couple. They also detail business conditions on the road at a crucial time in American financial history. They complement Chapter five and Chapter six of the autobiography by corroborating details and supplementing new details.
Apr. 30, 1928

Dearest ‘Ol Timer Mine:

Oy what a Monday. It started wrong and has ended worse! First mail from Harry of a most sarcastic nature. He must have eaten something that disagreed. Then word from you that you’d not received any mail + since I’d written you on the train, mailed another train letter early Friday, and another Friday evening! I’ll bet that porter failed to mail the first letter. I at once was going to wire you, but on second tho’t you will from now on, baring an accident, be showered daily with manuscript. So I thought by this morning the long spell of silence will have been broken. But why is it that when you do your best it just is not at times adaquate? Oh well tomorrow’s another day.

Suppose tomorrow you’ll tell me that a bunch of letters have arrived upon the
scence. That's the way with life, things come in bunches, including happiness, sorrow, heat cold, rain, kids, pimples blackheads. (last but not least.)

Well I did go to the baptist service. It was indeed very impressive. The candidate to be baptised was a very pretty young lady. However, we did not see much of her for the immersion was a perfect one, and I presume she quickly retired home to dry her haid and dust her naza. The scene was perfect. Back of the altar the wall is circular with a river painted theron, lights were focused upon the scence. The minister and one to be baptized enter from a side door and appear to be wading in the river, so clever is the arrangement. As they enter the minister is repeating that portion of John “what hinderest me to be baptised.” Most touching, despite my poor description.

So poor Helen's man is going to sell me a house. After a while we will all be in the real estate business, looks like. I don't know, Honey. The more I think of it the more it seems wise to move slowly on buying a house. What most people, young ones – more often own is a good sized first and second mortgage. If we accumulate a bank roll a house is the next simple step. What I want to do is the wisest thing, and at the same time make you real awful happy. Nothing else matters to me for my girl seems about the only person on earth who cares a darn for me. Others seem to care what they can get out of me in the way of work or money. But we have lotsa time to make plans, don't we? It really is lots of fun don't you think, honey?

Guess sugar plum. I went down to the Y.M. and heard one of the most timely
lectures. "How much should you have to get married?" And according to the lecturer you’n I are sitting pretty!

But gosh it’s getting late and I must still do some more work. I wanted to go to Flint tomorrow but seem to be stuck here.

Nothing much new to tell you. Maybe now tomorrow I’ll get no letter. Unless your Pop mailed one Monday morning. You know I’d planned for you to receive a letter daily, and how Uncle Sam has betrayed me, hasn’t he? Or betrayed you I should say. After this I must telegraph my honeybunch.

Remember me to all. Lotsa love, and a trillion kisses

Your Runny
June 26, 1928

Dearest Ol’ Timer:

Glad to get your note girl dear. This will be brief (you understand.)

John and myself slept very little last night for it was very hot in the sleeper. Just nine now, and we will both turn in shortly.

Boston, by the way is no dearer to me than ever. I simply don’t like it.

Do hope we will have no difficulty getting away Saturday. If it continue so warm we will have a delightful time.

This is a very nice hotel on the main avenue. Nice quiet room on the eleventh floor. No evidence of “wetness.”

Everything is fine dear and you can understand the brief, officish tone of this letter. (Too much company [J.M.].

More tomorrow. Love and keep happy for your own

Runny
000'000'1 = X
Hello Baby!
S.W.A.K.A.A.H.

Musings on a train to Phila.

Well, for being up entirely too late I feel surprisingly well. The morning has been a singularly bad one, - rain, dark, and an ominous outlook to be sure – but now it appears to be clearing.

Really I should be thinking of work, but my mind reverts to a trim head of hair, a pair of brown eyes, and two hands ever so soft to me unlike any others.

Then as I gaze outside I wonder could I be happier with millions; could God be more generous to any person? For, like the birds that need mates, the blossoms that must be mated by the winds, the seeds that must be kis’d by dew to make live, I need you.

Like Job, I philopichize selfishly, and ask myself can either of us live without the other? I tell myself yes, after a fashion we must if God wills so. How lonely it
would be.

Now I think of the girls we saw last night – and ask, why? Could they but commune with God’s works: the flowers, birds, brooks, and great outdoors!

Then I think will I make my dear girl ever happy? Would her music be sweeter, her heart lighter for something I have done? I pray she shall always be happy, that her hands will never be hardened, her step made heavy, or her heart sore. Somehow I feel she has made me a better boy.

And in passing all I ask is she shall be proud of me as I am of her, that she shall love me as I love her. Amen.

[Now you say hooey!]

Yours very truly

Steve
Miss Ruth Esau

46 George St.

Tenafly, N.J.


Cancelled Stamp: Middle City Station – two one cent stamps

Stationary: The Robt. Morris Hotel, 17th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA]

10:30

Sweetheart:

They say there’s a collection at 11 o’clock so just a line.

It’s very warm here.

We parted at station quite formally, eh? But that doesn’t mean that Runny and his girlie don’t just love the very hairs of our heads it? You always do understand your hubby don’t you?

Artie has more to say when you are alone with him. He says that marriage is the greatest event in one’s life. I almost agree, but, having not been married, I still think being engaged was wonderful, and my opinion as to the greatest event must await the arrival of our first baby. What you think dear? The actual getting married seems a formality; we are about as close to each other as possible now.

Good night dear. Hope I get back tomorrow but you just wait!

Love and all my kisses. (Very hasty)
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion
26 George St.
Tenafly, New Jersey

[Postmark: Buffalo, N.Y. – Jul 23, 1929 – 12:00 PM
Cancelled Stamp: two cent stamp
Stationary and Envelope: Hotel Buffalo, Washington and Swan Sts., Buffalo, N.Y.]

July 23, 1929
Dearest Little Wife:

By now I guess you’ll be on your way home from the moonlight ride. It is 10:30 and I just came in from seeing Lon Chaney. I was so restless that thought it a good way to spend the evening. There was also excellent Kieth vaudeville, and it makes one forget the homesick feelin.

Have not heard from the office yet, so if you do not hear from me further I will be on the 10:10 train Friday. Mail seems to come here very slowly, as your letter didn’t arrive until 8 o’clock this morning.

Guess I’ve had a wee attack of Rodney’s ailment. I’ve been sneezing, and my nose runs incessantly. Rinsed out two hankys just now. Nothing serious, but it is extremely annoying.

Been cutting out the heavy meals. Today I had honey dew melon, + bran for breakfast; fruit salad whole wheat bread + iced coffee for lunch, and a Spanish
omelet, and ice cream for dinner.

How is my little wife getting along? We’ll soon be in each others arms again, won’t we?

Suppose, dear I should have stayed in and written you a big, big letter, but you know your hubby’s always thinking about you dear. And you don’t have to be told how he loves his little wife. Tomorrow I shall be traveling to Rochester, and unless I get time between trains I may have a job writing you for we don’t reach there till 12:05 at night! Don’t even know what hotel I stop at!

Honey, make the arrangements to go Saturday. If anything turns up to stop me getting home, I’ll be fit to tie.

Not much to say. This hotel is a most comfortable old place; everything is rather old fashioned. My bed is a high four poster rather like the old Victorian pictures.

Remember me to the family.

Don’t forget your hubby dear. Just because this letter is such a mess, doesn’t mean I love you less. (Some poet) You’ve been such a sweet wife, and our home is so cozy, and dear. But what would it mean if my little girl were not at the door to brighten my homecoming, and send me away smiling?

See you soon dearest.

Your loving husband

Alfred
Dearest Wife: Try + read this; it is being written aboard train going back to Buffalo from Erie, Penna. I am going to stop at Buffalo for supper, and proceed on to Rochester tonight. Going to stop over at the hotel to see if you wrote me again. Hope there is nothing from the office!

I am still being pestered with that hay fever or whatever you call it. But “never mind it doesn’t matter”! (Retrospect).

This is a most wonderful country. The farmers must all be in the bootlegging business judging from the number of vineyards. All along the tracks you see field after field of grape vines.

It has turned warm again. Guess I better take off my vest and try to be comfy.

Had my hair cut, and oh boy what a job he did. Before I could stop him he had put clippers both on side and back. I never let them clip the sides of my head.
Oh well it’s comfy, so.

Guess we’re all set for Saturday. Please ask Pop to get his fishing rod out; I want to take my wife fishing. Don’t forget now.

Must hasten, want to mail this in Buffalo.

Tomorrow will be a long day; I have a lot of traveling to do. I stop in Binghamton, but for love of me don’t know the name of the hotel.

Dear, you know I can write better than this, don’t you? But trains jerk so!

Only two more nights alone! Come down to the 10:10 Friday will you dear?

All my love to a dear wife,

From Hubby.
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion

26 George St.

Tenafly, N.J.


Stamp: Two cent stamp

Stationary and Envelope: The Powers Hotel, Rochester, N.Y.]

7/25/29

8A.M.

Dearest 'Ol Timer Wife:

Here I'm. Sh what a storm came up during the night; bet it was some rough on the lake. It's still raining like the devil; I may have to hire a cab as I don't wan't to go visiting all wet.

Well must blow out, and get busy. They are operating on standard time here! Seems funny.

Love

Hubby
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion
26 George St.
Tenafly, N.J.

[Postmark: Philadelphia, PA, 16 – Aug. 5, 1929 – 6:00 P.M.
Cancelled Stamp: Middle City Station – two cent stamp
Stationary: The Robt. Morris Hotel, 17th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA]

8/4/29
Dearest Ol Timer:

Just a wee line wife dear.

Yes, I seem to be feeling some better. Only ate a plate of chicken soup, and muffins for lunch, and that helped. Now I’m going up to automat sandwich shop for a bite of something light.

Now take care of oohself dear girlie.

Runny doesn’t feel like writing a lot; I have some office cards I want to look after, so guess I’ll just say,

Goodnight Sweetheart dear

Runny
Sept 17, 1929

Dearest Ol Timer wife:

Luckily I have a couple pieces of paper here with me, so I drop you a note. I am waiting for a train back to Phila from Wilmington.

Today has been generally unfair, that includes the weather business, and everything. Despite a goods night sleep, today I’m almost unable to keep by eyes open. Guess it’s the sleepy weather. Bet my little girl slept like a little ground hog hibernated for the winter!

Just started to pour rain again. I bought a better lumbershute this time, paid $1.50 for it, and it actually turns out rain! Paper says it’ll clear tomorrow, hope so.

Honey guess you’ll not have much time to get lonely will you with going to S.S. board meeting + Mildred’s meeting tonight? It may be rather late before I arrive home tomorrow, but don’t think it will be later than 8.14 and possibly much earlier.

Gosh business seems too slow for words. Let’s see what the morrow brings forth. It’s always feast or famine.

Here we are returning to Phila. We get there about 6.15. Then I’m gonna eat just a bite write to M +Co, read some, and retire early.

All my love to the wifey I love.

Alfred
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion

26 George St.

Tenafly, New Jersey

[Postmark: Boston, Mass – Sep 24, 1929 – 7:30 PM

Cancelled Stamp: two cent stamp

Stationary and Envelope: Elks Hotel, Boston]

9/24/29

Dearest Girlie:

Such a time. The Stattler was filled to brim, the clerk said “you can register, and we will assign you a room as soon as one is vacant.” Also stated it would be $4.50! So I toddled over here, and got a nice room for $3.50. The train was so crowded I couldn’t wash, and it was nice to undress again bathe and shave. Arrived about 7 o'clock.

Now it’s only little after five, but I’ve been so sleepy all afternoon that its best to write while the will was able to prevail.

I don’t like Boston any better. They are playing the “Black Crook,” also picture “Cock-eyed Ward.” Understand the Boston censor is going to close the former. You know he stopped “Strange Interlude” last week, why I don’t know.

One thing nice about the people here – even to street car conductors and police – they are polite and speak correctly.
How is my dear little wife? I just remembered that I forgot to send you my love by wire; I did it so hurriedly. Seems terribly empty and lonesome to come in after work and not have my dear girl to love. But soon your boy friend’ll be back.

That surely was a nice dinner you made last night dear. You know I liked it, don’t you sweetums?

Tonight I’m going over to Pieroni’s; they serve a real nice dinner, specialize in seafood.

That train sleeping doesn’t amount to much. I’m just tired to death. So now I’m gonna close wash up a bit and eat, write to Harry, bathe, and go “to bet.”

You’ll excuse this being short dear, - I’m so tired. It conveys all my love to my dear wife –

Lovingly

Alfredo
9/24/29

Dearest:

Later:

Look out my teeth don’t bitcha! Don’t laff at your poor toothless hubby!

I don’t think the President’s son or Governor’s daughter look near as nize as we did. [Referencing enclosed picture and caption from New York Herald Tribune, Sep. 24, 1929 – pictured President Coolidge, the new Mr. and Mrs. John Coolidge, and Governor and Mrs. John H. Trumbull.]

Got reckless, - I just one ticket in second balcony for $0.75 to see the Black Crook tomorrow P.M. (Hope we don’t all get pinched, if it’s still running.)

**We must go to Hoboken and see After Dark.**

Nitely dear

Alfredie
Sept. 25, 1929

Dearest Wife:

How are you? I wish you were here tonight what a thrill we’d get going to see the bad “Black Crook.” They’re raising Cain too because Roxbury, a suburb of Boston is going to have “Strange Interludes.” They mayor said O.K. but a delegation of minister protested, and the papers all are making big headline news out of it.

The evening papers say Miller Huggins is dead. That’s all our fate. Only I wish I could live always if I had my sweet little wife by my side.

From a business point my trip so far has been bum. I have been going at break neck speed too, as haven’t much time. Today went to Reading and Cambridge. Tomorrow I plan to go to Lynn to visit the General Electric.

Expect very much to get home Friday, but it may be late. If I’m not in when the party is over you leave the back door key where Mrs. L. used to for me. Then I
can come in, and snuggle up close to my wifey!

    Gosh it's getting late and must hurry to dress and eat in time for Black Crook.

    Hope you like my letters as much as you used to. Haven't heard from wifey yet but will soon (very) I trust. The poor little girl has so many social engagements this week.

    Gosh but I feel tired tonight.

    How's everybuddy at home? Tell Fritz I haven't had time to telephone Cathy yet but will try to do so. Also tell the rest of family I'm asking for them.

    Going to stop now. This letter seems another mess to me, but you understand you hubby sends all his love to his dear wifey.

    Lovingly

    Alfredo

    Smakaah
Boston, Mass, Nov. 18, 1929

Dearest Wife:

Another night without you, - how empty it would be to live without my dear wife.

Such a day; this morning it was just teeming and blowing a gale. I waited for a while, and it did quiet a bit, but at that the rain was decidedly wet. About two o'clock I decided it was about time to begin drying my clothes, but I finally decided to stick it out. The weighty question tonight is whether it’s over, and if it’s safe to have my complete wardrobe pressed. (They also say there were three distinct earthquake shocks here and throughout New England, but I didn’t notice [about 3:45 today]).

Ha, I just noticed the queer place I started this letter.

Was talking with John last evening before leaving N.Y. and he says he thinks he can get a radio like ours for about $125 or less. Also said there are two or three other good makes for about same price.

Sweetheart I wish you would have my winter coat dry cleaned and pressed. Don’t tackle it yourself, anyway it’s very dirty.

Hope and pray that I get some business between now and Xmas. Don’t care so much about myself all I want to do is make my dear wife comfortable and happy, and have her all dressed up pretty.

Guess sometimes you think your hubby is just an old fuss don’t you? But
honey, he doesn't mean to be. Your old boy friend had so many visions of his sweet little girl established in her little love nest, and everything trim as a doll house just out of the factory, that I suppose sometimes he does develope into a fusser. On the other hand it might be worse if he were the other way mightn't it? At any rate we do have the sweetest home in all the world, and Runny has the dearest little cook too. Guess there aren't many rooms cozier than ourn either.

Whew, my writing arm is going bad. Had an unusually big bunch of news to report to Harry.

I wrote you a note last P.M. but can't for the life of me remember posting it. So if you didn't get it what could I have done with it?

Now going to undress and give my clothes to the tailor. What a cat-as-trophe if they didn’t return!

Bye dearie.

Love from your only hubby

and a million kisses.
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion

26 George St.

Tenafly, New Jersey

[Postmark: Boston, Mass – Nov 20, 1929 – 12:00 PM

Cancelled Stamp: two cent stamp

Stationary: Elks Hotel, Tremont Street opposite Hollis, Boston, Massachusetts

Envelope: Maguire and Co., Inc., 366 Broadway, New York, N.Y.]

Nov. 20, 1929

Dearest Girlie:

Wasn’t that nice, they shoved your Monday letter under my door this morning? What a naughty girl to write me while teaching.

Gosh I’m tired tonight, so if this is brief and jumbled you’ll know why.

Had some day, ketched hell all over, and accomplished nothing. So to get over the glooms, went to see Harold Lloyd in “Welcome Danger.” It is a talkie and koo koo for fair. Don’t think you’d rave over it but I had a good laugh and that’s what Runny needed.

All you hear everywhere is the stock market crash, and calamity howling over business. From what Harry says they have been doing quite a good business. This continual howl over business being poor may have it’s aftermath due to the adverse phychological effect.
Gosh dearie I’m afraid I’ll fall asleep over this if we don’t hurry. From the way your hubby feel he’s in for a good nights sleep.

Tomorrow night I expect to be in Providence. The evening might be spent profitably mapping an auto route from west to east for our personal use. The four times we passed through there seems we were always lost.

Getting steadily cooler and I’ve been thinking of our Henry, but don’t think it will get cold enough to freeze.

Now that it’s cooler guess it’s time to plant my girlies tulips. (Wish her tulips were here now, - what I wouldn’t do to ‘em.)

Isn’t this some disjointed affair? But you know your boy friend tries to write nice letters even if they don’t always turn out so well.

Been thinking of Marie and Vernon. Suppose they’d like to see me but at that I’m rather glad they don’t know I’m here for after travelling around all day I wouldn’t relish visiting at night.

Guess your hubby’d better prepare for bed. It’s getting late, and again he’s tired. That’s about all the satisfaction, being a batchelor, that I have is to go to bed, and sleep quick. Gosh there’s no fun at all without a little lovin’, is there sweetheart? Oh well the week will soon be over dear.

Again take care of yourself and get lots of sleep.

Your hubby is lonesome and sends all his love.

Alfred

X many times
Nov 21, 1929

Dearest 'Ittle Wifey:

Gosh I almost tho't it'd be sleep outside tonight as the Biltmore hotel was full up, and this one pretty much so. However here we are, established in about the same fashion as we were at the Windsor in Montreal.

Your typewritten letter reached me O.K. and 'twas very welcome to be sure. I was wondering if you were trying to reach me beyond Boston. Shall inquire at the Biltmore tomorrow as I told you I'd probably stop there.

Gee I'm awfully tired tonight; this traveling is no easy task.

Turned out to be quite a snow storm up here. There is no evidence left in the city, but the fields and countryside are white. It really is very pretty and one must excuse the inconvenience for not to have seen a snow storm would be missing one of
natures rare adventures. Was just thinking how lovely it would be to have my little
girl at my side, both dressed for it, and be trudging throu’ the snow. You know I
can’t ever imagine you getting old. It seems that you must just always be my little
playmate. And I often wonder if you feel that way about me but I suppose that will
be impossible if my obesity continue!

    Don’t know when you will get this; I suppose some time tomorrow Friday.

    Of course this will be my last epistle: The epistle to Ruth written from Providence.
    (The characters sure sound Biblical!)

    Been wondering how many of the leagues answered – and if I am going to get
    my missionary for this month.

    All your hubby’s love and kisses.

    Alfredie

    Maybe I’m sorry to be coming home!
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion
26 George St.
Tenafly, N.J.

[Postmark: Philadelphia, PA, 16 – Jun 19, 1930 – 11:00 PM
Cancelled Stamp: Middle City Station – two cent stamp
Stationary: The Robt. Morris Hotel, 17th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA]

6/19/30
Dearest Girlie:

Just a line to my sweetheart girl. Runny tired to death + going zu bet quick yah.

Queer thing, I ran into little Harry down here + he is at same hotel. Bern
talking my ear off + cant lose him. Gabler has been trying to pull another “fast” one
on me.

See you soon after you get this dearie.

Love + kizzes

Alfred
9/16/30

Dearest Wifey:

Just got about 10 minutes before mail goes.

Got your letter and some happy to hear from my own wifey.

Had first puncture today. Picked up a huge spike which tore inner tube to pieces. No harm otherwise + tubes are cheap.

Tired again from traveling and driving.

Going to Louraine Boston tomorrow – I think.

Must rush down now.

All my love to dearest wife.

Alfred
Mrs. Alfred M. Runion
26 George St.
Tenafly, N.J.

[Postmark: New Bedford, Mass – Nov. 1, 1930 – 9:00 PM
Cancelled Stamp: two cent stamp
Enclosed: Telegram receipt for message to Mr. Esau, 26 George St., Tenafly, N.J.; care of Samuel Goldfeder, 152 Magnolia Avenue, Tenafly, N.J., Oct. 31, 1930, Evening, 95 cents.]

Nov. 11, 1930
Dearest Ol' Timer:

Well honey I did want to drop you a line last night but just seems I was unnerved. But I know my little girlie didn’t worry, did she, since I guess you got my telegram O.K. before going to sleepy.

Well so far things have been “gafloey.” Today we figured on doing some work and everywhere we went it was Armistice day, and they are all closing up.

You must excuse pencil as John is monopolizing the writing table + he surely is as fussy as an old hen with a brood of chicks.

We arrived in Prov. Last P.M. at the unpsychological time of 5 o’clock + believe me the cars were coming from every direction towards me at once. Luckily
no casualties.

Today about 2.30 P.M. when we finally were convinced that Armistice Day is a holiday I wanted to go for a ride to Horseneck but John didn’t want to go. We drove over to Fort Phoenix when we went for the clambake, and looked over the bay and fortress.

Don’t know just what is in store for tomorrow but expect to see the Nat’l Spun Silk here + go on to Boston. Do not know just where I’ll stop over, but do not think you will be able to reach me, as it will only be for tomorrow night. John may take the train home, and I will call you on the telephone after the evening rates are in effect – I think that’s after 8 oclock. It’s worrying to say the least to be away from home just now, but I’m quite sure my little girl is OK for the time being, - nine? So take good care of yourself until your hubby returns.

Guess the program for tonight is movies. John says the “Silver Horde,” Rex Beach, is good + guess that’s our bet. They have “Check and Double Check” in Providence already.

New Beford isn’t quite so nice this season of the year. Looks too cold.

Now isn’t that mean. I should’ve thanked you long ago for the nize letter.

Yep I got it, + thank’s honey dear.

Don’t know just when I’ll roll home but it probably will be Friday or Saturday now that I’m away up here.

Keep yourself happy and be Runny’s own little wifey dear.

Heaps of love + kisses
Mrs. Alfred Runion,
c/o Englewood Hospital,
Englewood, N.J.

[Postmark: Utica, N.Y. – Dec 28, 1930 – 11:30 PM
Cancelled Stamp: two cent stamp
Stationary and Envelope: Hotel Martin, Utica, N.Y.]

27 Dec. 1930
My dear folks:-

You don’t know how pleased we are over the arrival of the new baby, and just at Christmas, now what more could one want? My children have been a great comfort to me, and that makes me hope for the same for you.

We will be down to see you as soon as possible, but in the meantime, get good and strong.

It is a good thing for you, Ruth, that Alfred belongs to us, or you would have to watch him. My girls are just crazy about him.

The younger ones up here had a wonderful Christmas. Billie has improved some, has gained seven pounds since October the twelfth when we saw her so poorly. She is still thin. I brought them about a pound of the chocolates which you gave us, and they were pleased.

Take good care of yourselves, and we’ll see you soon.
Lovingly,

Daisy

P.S. We were so excited on Christmas that we forgot to show you the tree. We always have it on the porch as it is cooler out there and keeps the livingroom neater.
4/23/31

Dearest Wifey:

Hope you and Gladys slept soundly. Found it neccessary to stay over but didn’t think you’d worry.

Gosh but it’s chilly and windy down here. Think that old man winter is coming back again and hope it doesn’t freeze wifey’s little “batchelors.”

Bet little girlie is just eating, - or yelling about now. (5:50 oclock.)

Wolstenholme wanted me to call him this evening; and I presume I’ll have to eat and probably take in a movie with him.

So be a good ittle girl and take care of ohself + ittle Gadys.

Lovingly

Alfred.
Mr. + Mrs. Alfred M. Runion

New Berlin, New York

RFD

[Postmark: Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., Aug. 6, 1963, 4 PM

Stamp: five cents

Address label on letter:

John M. Maguire

2102 Bayshore Drive

Belleair Beach, Florida

Indian Rocks P.O.]

Aug. 6 -- 63

Dear Ruth + Alfred

Time sure does fly, just noticed your letter was dated July 1st. Thought when I retired would sort of take it easy, well I seem to never complete my work now.

I hope you have succeeded in selling your property however I know the trouble involved, as I have tow pieces of property and it sure is a load, vacant, and all I get is tax bills etc, it is my first and last venture in tax speculation. I much rather play the stock market.

I would have like to visit Blairstown again and I usually stop off to see Jessie however no chance this year, we take short trips around Florida, perhaps next year. We might migrate some.
Weather has been hot the past several days altho the mornings are pleasant and in mid-day one tries to be sensible and stay in the shade. However the Gulf is only about four blocks away and we can always go for a dip.

We are looking forward to your visit so we can show you around this country, and I don't have any sweet peas but I do have nice blooming jasmine which you can smell blocks away.

Note you might visit with Daisy don't give her your address in Daytona as she will sure show up and stay awhile, however you can always point out a motel to her, if she would take the hint!

Hope the children are all resigned to your leaving New Berlin, well you have been there a long time, and it well be something of shock to you both, but when the snow flies again and the roads ice up, you will appreciate Florida, at least you can always figure on going some place tomorrow with out following a snow plough.

Pink was the party that worked on the newspaper, am I correct, he also sparked Ellen Belet, so Tommy reported – to bad he was a decent sort of chap.

We both seem to be in fairly good health altho I seem to develope a new ache about every day, but it leaves later on. If I can whip the arthritis it will cure about all of my troubles and I will accomplish what no MD ever done.

Well Folks we are waiting to hear just when you will arrive in Daytona. Of course we also realize your position and head aches etc, packing and moving is no cinch, and I can appreciate the work involved.

Please say hello to one and all and write when you can.
Dear Homefolks in Blairstown,

Greetings:

Memories are sweet: time has a way of erasing the unpleasant; mostly the happy ones have endured. What a wonderful place, the Paulinskill Valley, to have spent one’s childhood. This was my privilege.

During the early part of this century around the Blairstown area we and nature were buddies. Springs bubbled up clear sweet water; our streams had never tasted pollution. Springtime brought forth wild strawberries on sunny hillsides – along stone and rail fence we found raspberries (blackcaps) and, later on, big juicy blackberries – all free for the picking. Then the big cherry trees gave us all of their bounty: the little red cherries (we called them honeydews); the sweet little black ones, and big blacks (called oxhearts): the big white ones which were much in demand by town housewives.

The fall season brought apples, the like of which can not be found today – varieties like Red Astrakhan, Fall Pippin, Sheepshad, and the incomparable Russets. None of these would be good “shippers” and would not fare well in transit which meant they were mostly enjoyed by Home Folks. And, interesting to note, most of the fruit pests and diseases and not, as yet, appeared on the scene.

After a good frosty night one could go forth confidently to gather sweet little chestnuts under those great tress. It took a “right hard frost” to open the burrs which had hosted the nuts. These little fellows had a ready market in New York City and
often were the financial means for procuring our Christmas presents. Sad to say, those majestic chestnut trees succumbed to a deadly Blight, and have not been with us for a long time. Also there were the tasty hazelnuts found on bushes along old stone rows (fences) and the black walnuts and butternuts. The two latter varieties we would gather, put them in a sack which was hung away in the attic, to use as wanted during the winter, provided the squirrels did not find our cache and make off with it some night, while we happily contemplated nut cake in dreamland.

About apples, last week Ruth and I sort of worked up to Apple Fervor. So we went out and bought a bushel of them, and what fun we have had. They are York variety, firm and of spicy flavor. We've just about submerged ourselves in apples these last few days. Ruth has come up with Apple Crisp, Dutch Apple Cake, cut them up in salads, and what not. And, wonder of wonders, this morning our "Miss Prim" daughter Valerie started out for college, an armload of books cradled one side, and eating a big red apple from her right hand.

So yes, we are fine down here. The weather man says that it will be near 80 degrees today but someone must have opened a door up in Blairstown way as That Man predicts about freezing temperatures tomorrow morning.

Outside we have some beautiful roses blooming and our poinsettias are unusually pretty this year. So we shall not appreciate a frost. The two orange and two grapefruit trees are loaded with fruit which has colored nicely. Citrus men say frost improves the flavor of the fruit, so no problem there.

Mae West-wise, you should come down and see us some time. But that better
be soon, before the shopping plaza boys manage to blacktop everything underfoot.

Today, for instance, KMART is opening a big sprawling store. Grant’s and Woolco have built this year also: all three in separate shopping centers. Big deal! The building procedure with these “things” is to knock down 12 to 15 acres of trees, pave the area for parking and build.

On the happy side there could never be a nicer, cleaner beach than ours at Daytona. Drive along the ocean for over twenty miles on the hard sand, or just pause and enjoy it all – for free. You will not see a run down motel; one is more handsome than the next.

NOW “WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Ruth & Alfred Runion

100 Peterson Ct.

Holly Hill, Florida
Greetings to Good Friends in Blairstown:

Today our temperature is 70 degrees in the shade, and a delight for sure. Yesterday we took all nine of our Christmas packages for Up-North to the United Parcel station, Ormond Beach. It was our own fault, of course, not coming a week or so before, that we had to stand in line for about two hours. But the wait soon turned into a father pleasant social event peeking at one another’s shipping labels, etc, -like the lady standing next to us who remarked “oh, you have folks up in that part of New York State; I came from Holland Patent.” So the Christmas presents are off; six “kids” and fourteen grandchildren Up There have all been remembered.

Well, why don’t you all come down some time, before Florida gets all black topped and highrised? That, probably commercially coined designation, “The world’s Most Famous Beach”, just might be more the truth than you could imagine: It’s a free beach; spacious and clean, warm enough sure to enjoy most of the year. Anyway it’s the visitors who enjoy Florida most. Our permanent dwellers, pretty much as a whole might as well live in Al Capp’s Lower Slovoa with air conditioning: it’s something like this. At the first hint of warm weather, quickly shut up the place and turn on the air conditioning. About this time all hands catch the sniffles. Then it turns cool, anywhere below 60 degrees, keep the “joint” shut up tight and turn up the thermostat. So, come along you visitors and enjoy almost perfect climate!

You ask me which are my fondest memories of Paulinskill Country: First -the
happy home and loving parents. Going fishing, then shedding clothes and jumping into the kill. Being greeted by Mom with "what nice fish you've brought me." (We didn't have too much fresh meat those days, and fish was a welcome protein addition to our meals). Waiting for the R. D. mailman to drive up with his horse and rig, and maybe a letter or *The Saturday Evening Post*; Roy's Movie House: A time of life when anything Mom fixed to eat tasted great.

Between terms at the University of South Florida, Tampa, our youngest daughter, Valerie, is at home with us. This Christmas she is visiting with her sisters and brothers who live in upstate New York.

So Ruth and I are planning to the fullest this win-Symphony Orchestra, The Beach.

What else can one ask for? And we love you all!

Sincerely

Alfred and Ruth Runion

100 Peterson Court

Holly Hill, Fla.
Dear Friends of *The Press* Christmas Reunion:

Things to Remember: Growing up near Paulina, one was certain to form a memory of *The Press*. The Editor I first remembered was D. C. Carter, I think that Amzi Linnaberry worked on the paper. It has been a sort of honorable institution about Blairstown, informing upon vital events, as well as just plain news. In 1932 we established a home on 107 acres of farm land where our rather large family more or less were ready to leave the family nest when we moved here in 1963. Getting back to town papers, we had decided that we could get along without our weekly, the *New Berlin Gazette* (NY), but you get close to the old home paper and we missed it. About that time our Margaret, who lives in Newburgh, subscribed to the paper for us. So that’s the way about town papers.

We fondly remember our old churches; mine was The Methodist Church, where we attended regularly. How badly I felt when I heard that the church had burned down some years ago. Those days congregations did not seem to take too much interest in the welfare of their ministers and sometimes these men had to resort to rather extreme measures to get their salaries. One pastor, a Rev. King, gave me, a little boy at the time, great fun when he announced that in place of the sermon that day he would be selling bricks until his salary, in arrears, was caught up. And, by golly, that squirming congregation paid up without too much urging. Another Minister, a Rev. Knox, was being annoyed by petty grievances on all sides. The organ, which operated by a water pump, was making a squealing noise — that Sunday
I happened to be the substitute organist (although at the time I wasn’t at all qualified, but was doing fairly well on the manuals). The Rev. held up his hand for silence, then began: “Friends, it is reported that the preacher’s dog makes these noises in protest at being tied to the table leg in the parsonage. I just want you to know that the noise is coming from the laboring of the pump on the organ. I trust that one of the board will take notice and have it repaired.” About that time I confess I felt like shouting, “three cheers for Brother Knox”. It’s nice to know that ministers are appreciated more these days.

Then there was Roy’s Theater, the town’s pride and joy. First you went to Clark Jones Ice Cream Parlor and bought a quart of unshelled peanuts, then on to the movies. After the show there were the numerous piles of peanut shells; then you went back to Jones’ and had one of his fine 5c sodas. The peanuts, by the way, also cost a nickle.

Remember the old foot bridge from the railroad station to town? (How often I’d pushed the mail cart back and for P.O. to trainside. I was helper at the depot, meanwhile learning railroad telegraphy and other duties pertaining to rail transportation). Somehow your writer feels that somewhere along the line we really have upset efficient transportation by letting the railroads ‘go to pot’. This year (1973) especially how well we could use them. But certainly, an unwieldy I.C.C. and too demanding railroad unions haven’t helped matters for the U.S. railroads.

Blair Academy then, as now, one supposes, would be Blairstown’s Pride and Joy. My acceptance as a piano student at Blair was a very happy occasion, although
I’m quite sure my rosy expectations of imminent Virtuosity were shared alone by myself. But one thing certain, all young men students of Blanche Wagner were ‘stuck on’ their teacher.

Who remembers Dr. Johnson? He made house calls anywhere anytime and when he died the whole countryside closed down whatever they were doing during the time of the funeral.

Who remembers a wonderful teacher, Alice McConachy? She brought poetry to life and showed young people the beauties of nature.

Then there was my first piano teacher, Emma Pettingill. She really sat you down for an hour, 35c, three lessons for a buck. Her mother, Mrs. Strickland, was delightful lady to visit with. One day the ladies asked me to prepare a spot in the garden for planting. After a while Mrs. Strickland came out to see how things were coming and started to laugh at the piles of small stones or gravel. She said, I’d better put them back or there would be no garden left. Then she went on to tell me about how Blairstown had once been known as Gravel Hill. That was something like my birthplace, Tranquility, which most often was called Kennedytown, after a prominent family by that name living there.

Well, why don’t you all come down for a spell? Even if we should run out of heating fuel you wouldn’t freeze as fast as you would up there, and boy it’s really lovely down here now!

Ruth joins me in sending Holiday Greetings. She grew up in Tenafly, N.J.; we were married there 44 years ago this past June. There are now seven grown up
Runion Kids in this family. They are Our Pride & Joy.

Sincerely,

Alfred & Ruth Runion
Alfred Runion

Alfred M. Runion, born August 6, 1897, son of John Robert and Louise
Runion, Tranquility, passed away at his home in Holly Hill, Florida, on April 21,
1980. He had attended Blair Academy, later living in Tenafly, for some time. In
1932 he and his wife, Ruth, and small daughter, Gladys, moved upstate in New York
to New Berlin, where they lived for 31 years, before moving to Florida, in order to
care for Mrs. Runion's mother. He had been in touch with local people, though had
not visited here in some years.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth, and five daughters and two sons and 18
grandchildren.
## Appendix B – Spelling Errors

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