

**Postcards saved by Paris Goad and his wife Vertie Mitchell.
These were shared with me in 2013 by their granddaughter
Joyce Goad Ward.**

Paris Goad was born in 1882, the son of James Anderson Goad (1859-1954) and Eunice Smith.

Vertie Mitchell was born in 1886, the daughter of Stephen E. Mitchell (1853-1915) and Caroline Phillips.

They were married on 4/2/1914. They lived in both western Floyd Co and eastern Carroll Co, VA, in the vicinity of Mitchell Chapel.

Words have been underlined when the writing is difficult to read.

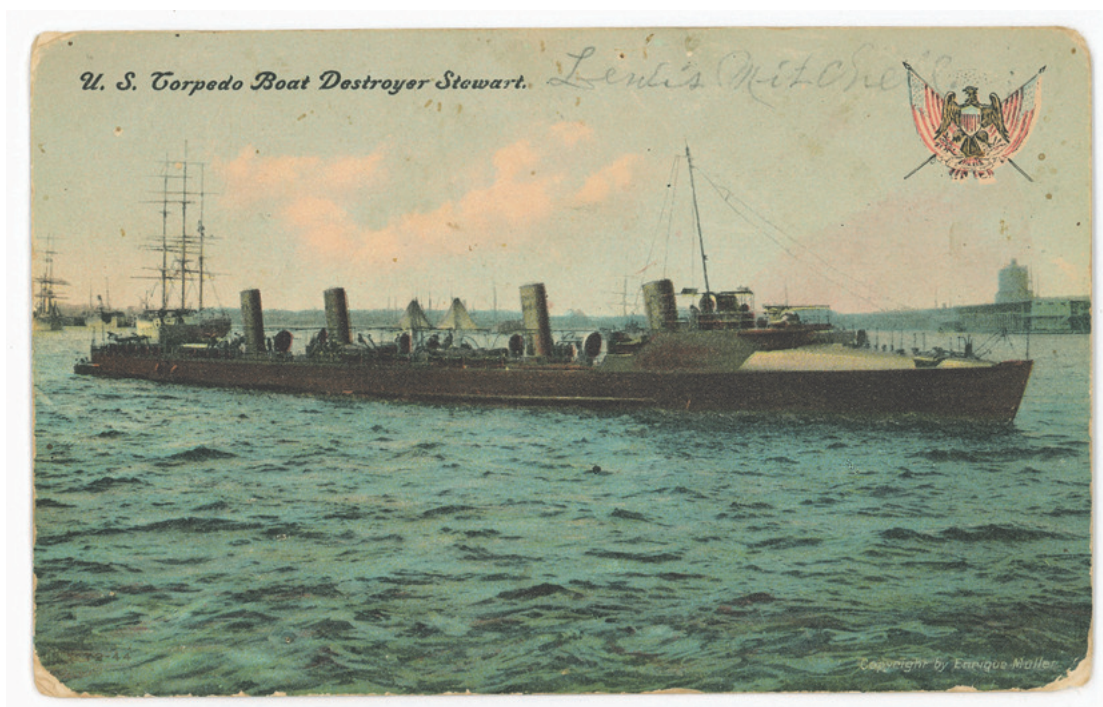
Pages 3, 14, 17, and 18 have numbers written at the end of the message. At first glance they appear to be dates, but the numbers don't correspond to the postmark. I believe they represent the letters of the alphabet: A=1, B=2, C=3, and so on. The idea that these are the initials of the person sending the card is supported by page 17 where "16 7" would represent Paris Goad.

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To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, Virginia, R2
 From: John Lewis Mitchell (1886-1981, son of Abbott Mitchell, first cousin of Vertie)
 Date: postmarked 4/29/1908, Willis, VA

Hello cousin. How are you standing the time. All OK. I hope I am standing the times all right. I like school all right. There are about sixty five scholars here now. From your cousin J. L. Mitchell, Willis, VA.



To: Miss Verta Mitchell, Box 18, Indian Valley, VA
 From: ?
 Date: 12/19/1908

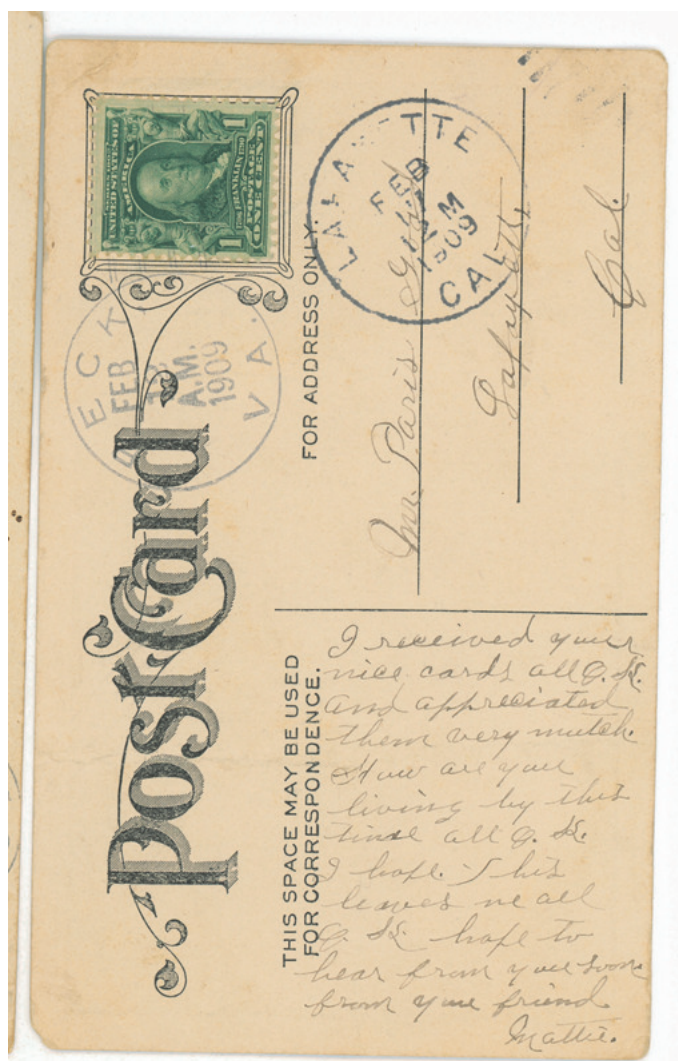
Hallo! Verta how are you living? I hope you may have a nice trip. It is impossible for me to go with you this time. Tell Tishia I would love to see her and her kids. I sure would I love to go with you but I can't. You go ahead. 1.22.17. (A. Q. P.)

Say you have a good time for me and yourself too. But don't talk to L. Q. too much ha! I guess you will come up to the school will you not? I think I shall go down if I ___ what day he ___s out.



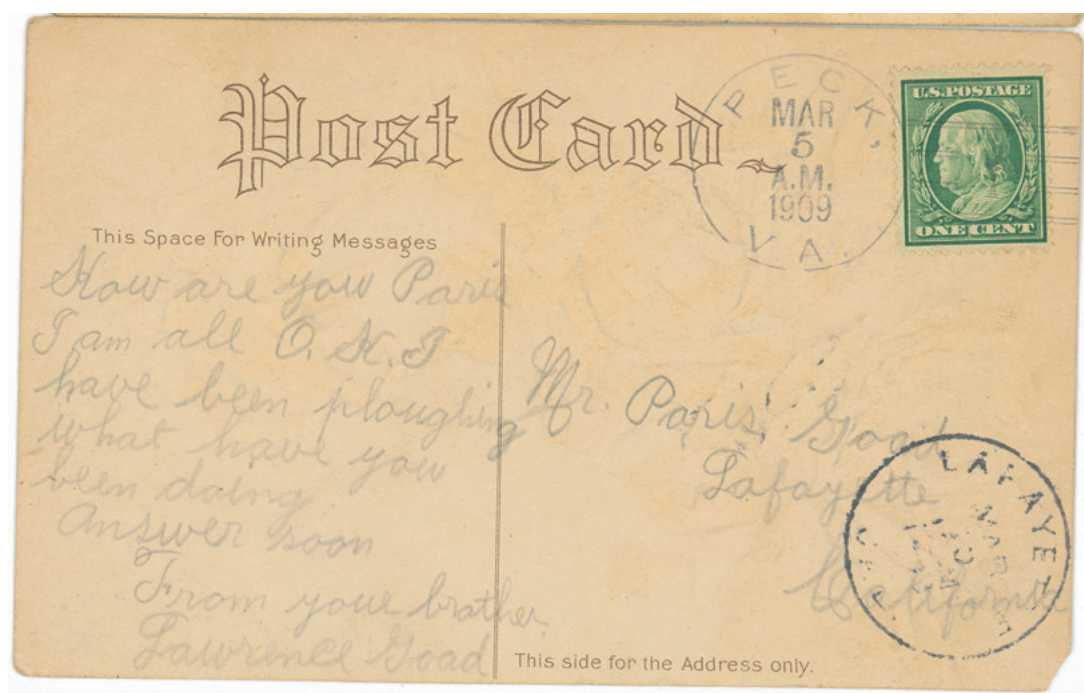
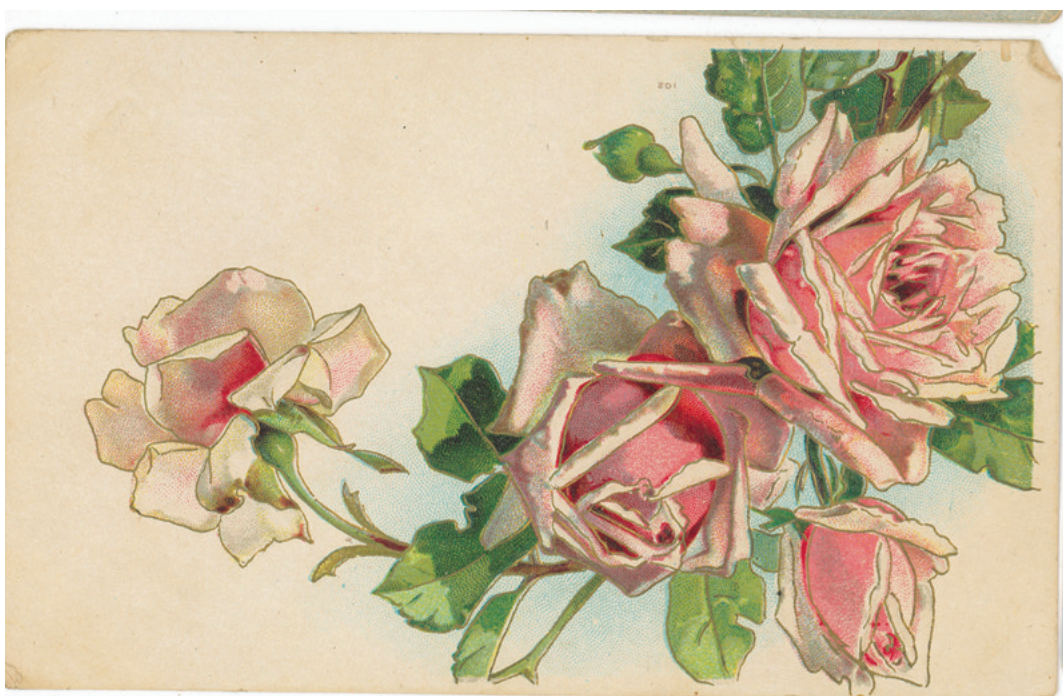
To: Mr. Paris Goad, Lafayette, California
 From: Mattie
 Date: postmarked 2/12/1909, Peck, VA

I received your nice cards all O.K. and appreciated them very much. How are you living by this time, all O.K. I hope. This leaves me all O.K. Hope to hear from you soon. From your friend Mattie.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Lafayette, California
 From: brother Lawrence Goad
 Date: postmarked 3/5/1909, Peck, VA

How are you Paris. I am all O.K. I have been ploughing. What have you been doing? Answer soon. From your brother Lawrence Goad.

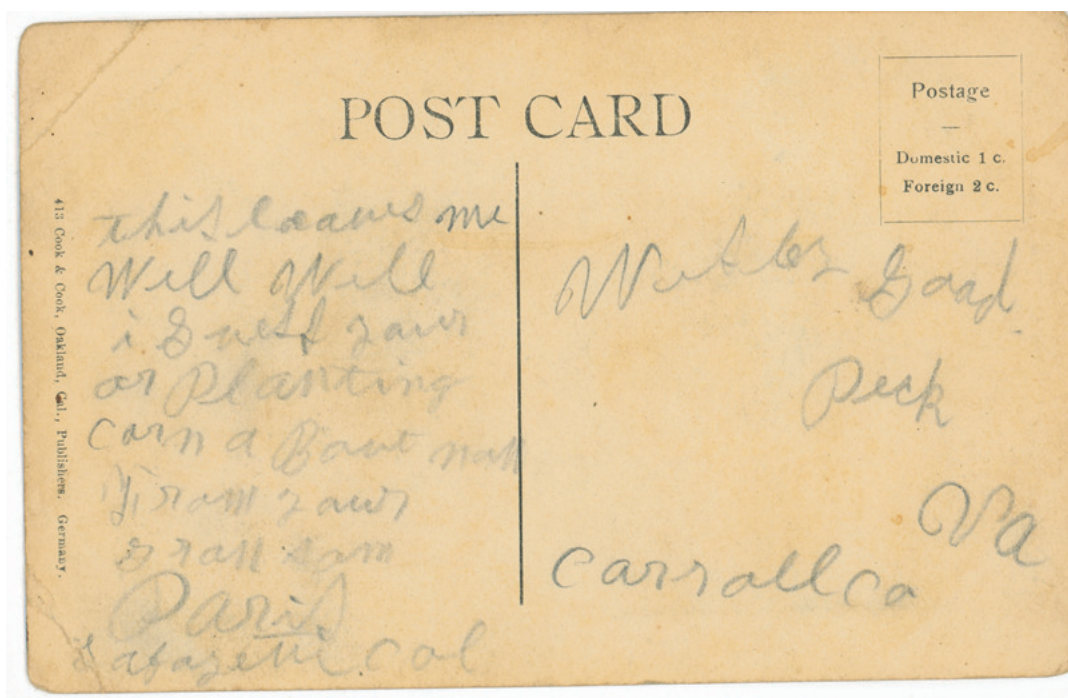


To: Wesley Goad, Peck, VA, Carroll Co (Paris' grandfather)

From: Paris Goad, Lafayette, CA

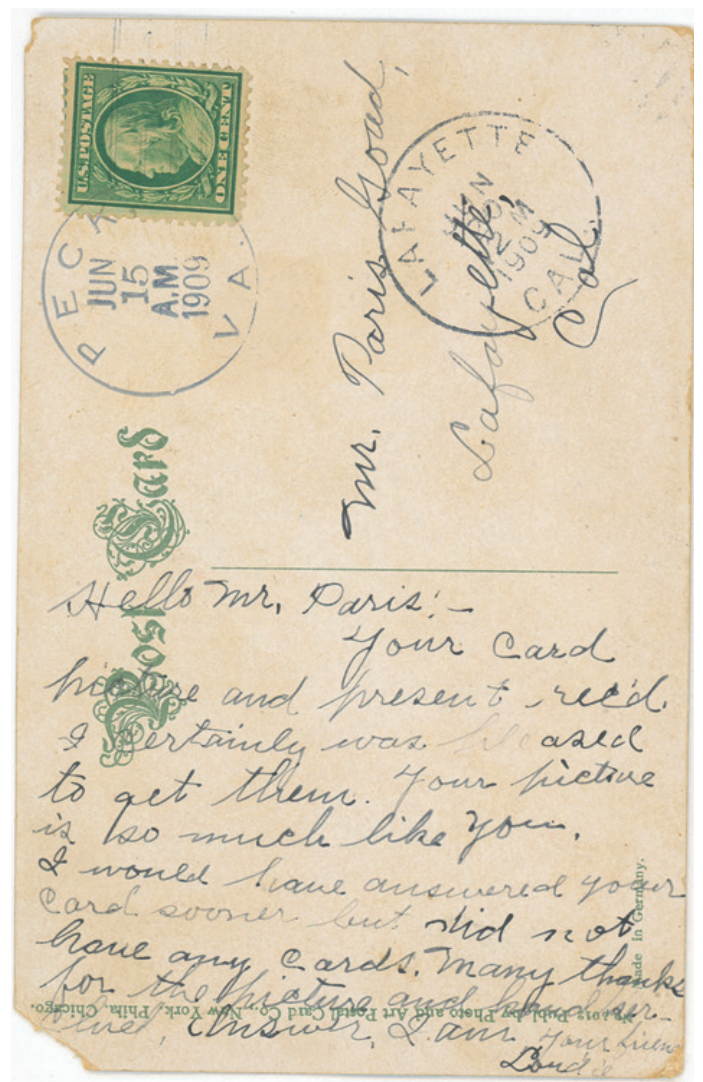
Date: (probably 1909, definitely before 1915 when Wesley died)

This leaves me well. Well I guess you are planting corn about now. From your grandson Paris. Lafayette, Cal.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Lafayette, CA
 From: Loudie (Chicago picture postcard)
 Date: postmarked 6/15/1909, Peck, VA

Hello Mr. Paris. Your card, picture, and present rec'd. I certainly was pleased to get them. Your picture is so much like you. I would have answered your card sooner but did not have any cards. Many thanks for the picture and handkerchief. Answer. I am your friend Loudie.

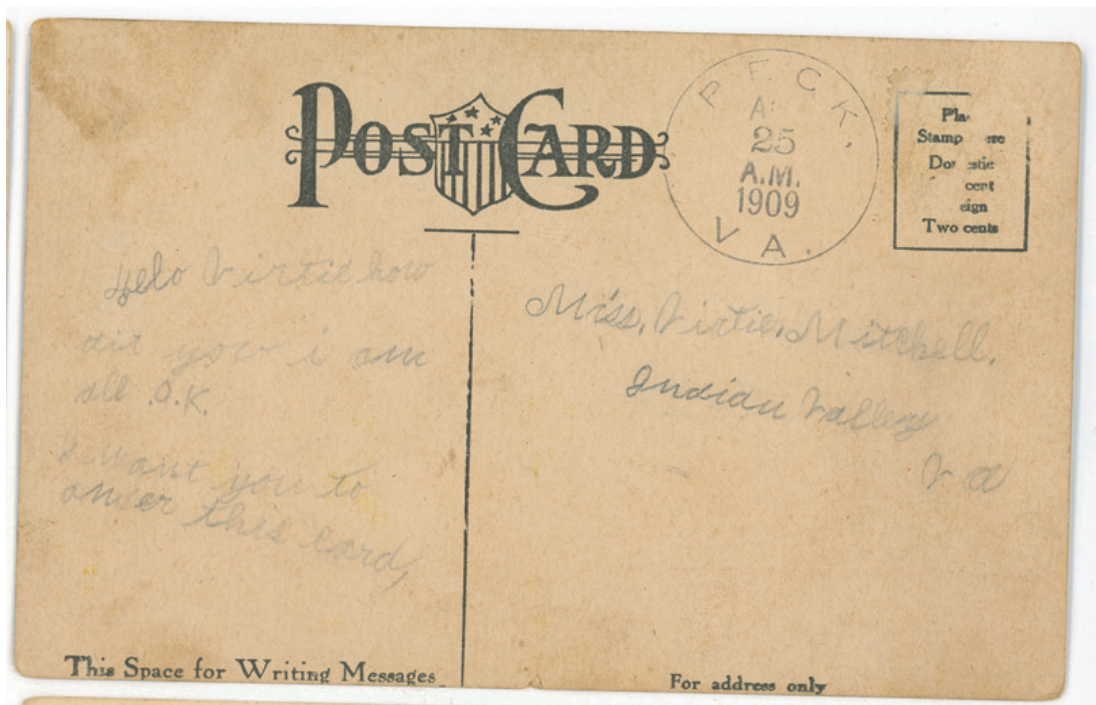


To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA

From: ?

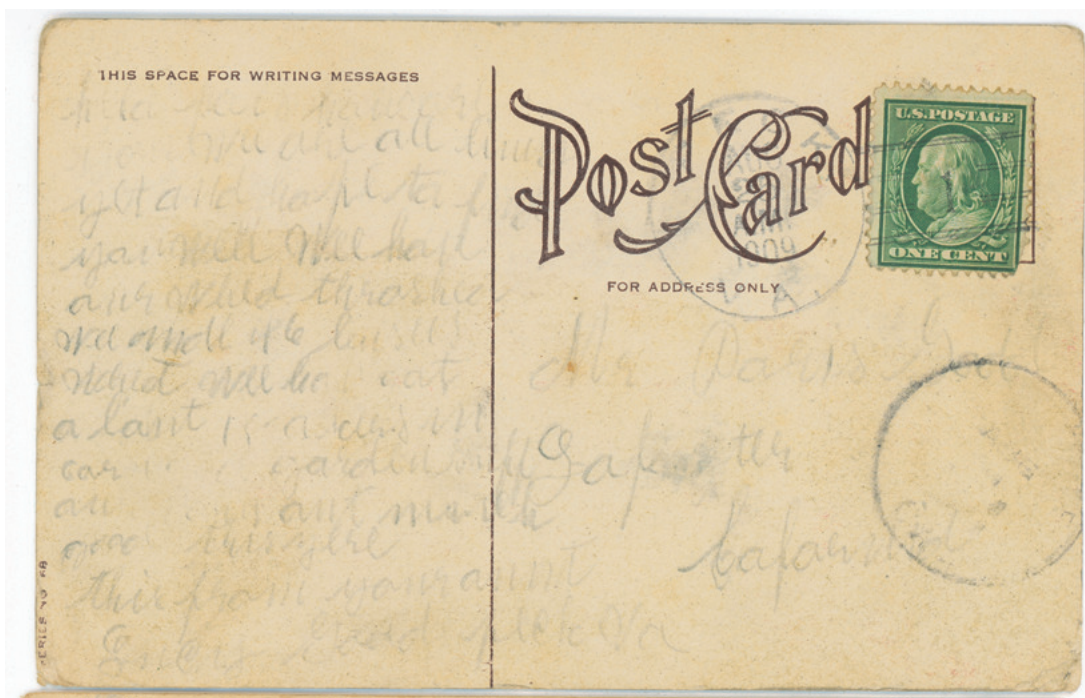
Date: postmarked 8/25/1909, Peck, VA

Helo, Virtie. How air you. I am all O.K. I want you to answer this card.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Lafayette, California
 From: your aunt Lucy Goad
 Date: postmarked 8/25/1909, Peck, VA

Helo Paris. how are you. we are all living yet and hope to find you well. Wee have our wheat thrashed. we ___ 46 bushels wheat. wee have got about 18 ___ in car ___ garden ___ and march good this yere. This from your aunt Lucy Goad, Peck, VA.



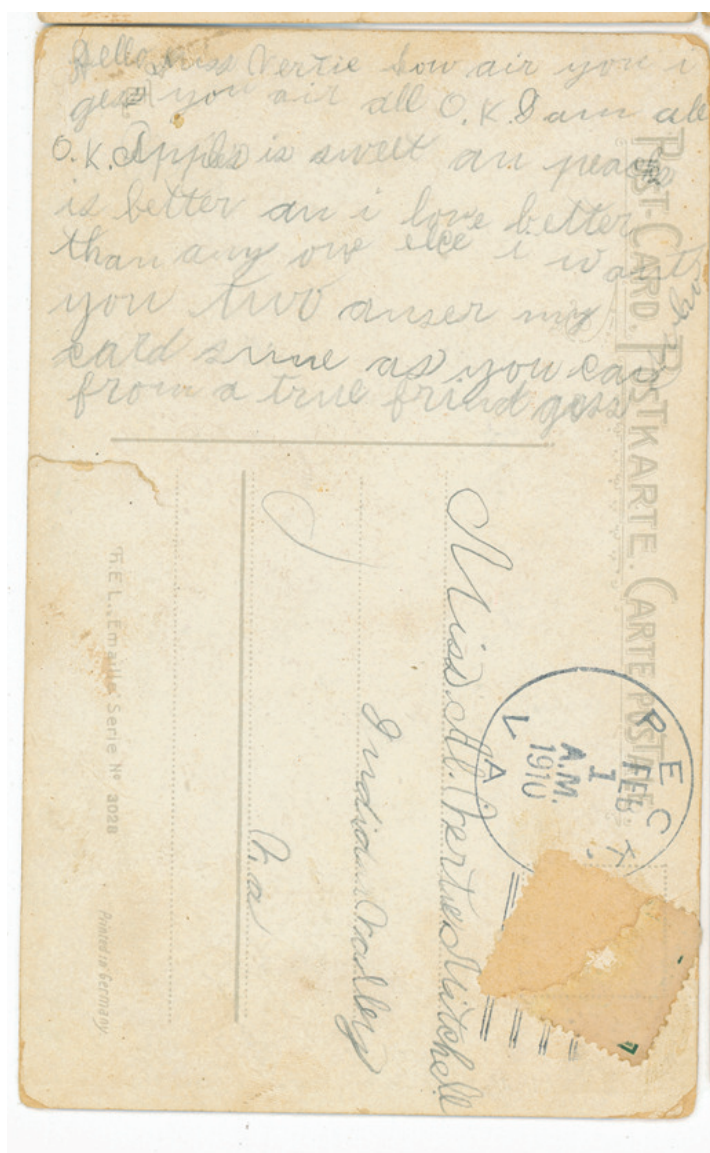
To: Mr. Paris Goad, Lafayette, California
 From: aunt Lucy Goad, Peck, VA
 Date: postmarked 1/18/1910 Peck, VA

Mr. Paris. I got your card all rite and was glad to hear from you. We are all living yet, but not very well. Hope this will find you well. You must rite and tell me what you are doing now. This from Lucy Goad, Peck, VA.



To: Miss Al. Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA
 From: ?
 Date: 2/1/1910, Peck, VA

Hello Miss Vertie. How air you. I gess you air all O.K. I am all O.K. Apples is sweet an peaches is better, an I love better than any one else. I want you two answer my card soon as you can. From a true friend, gess who.

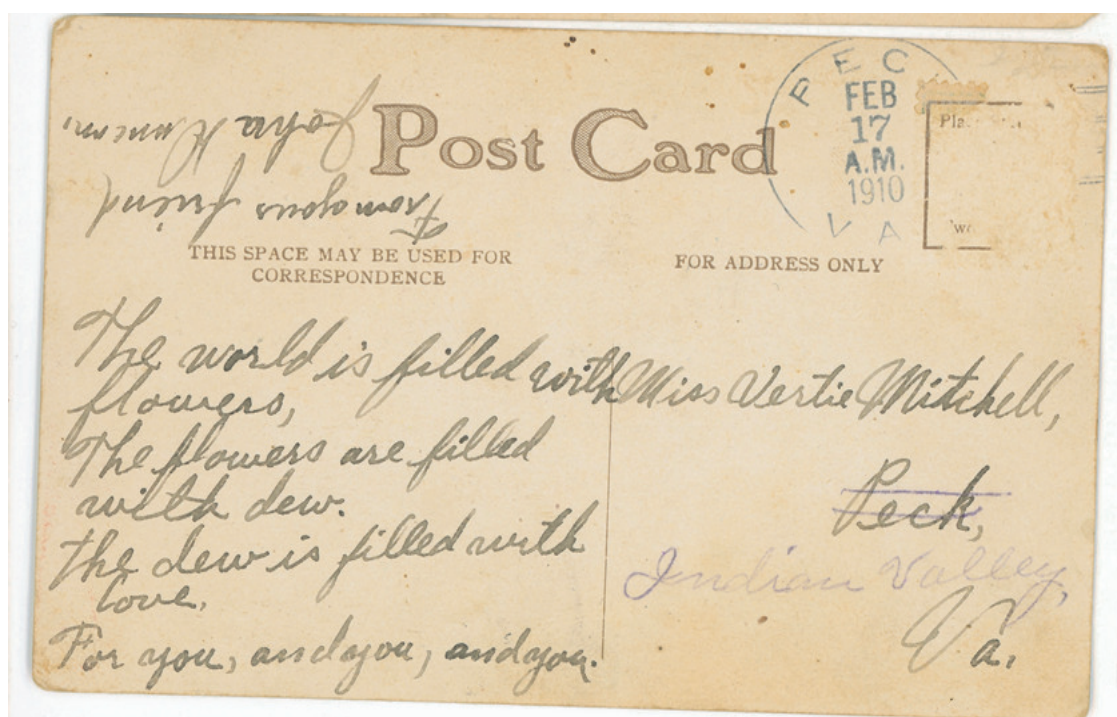


To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA

From: John Duncan signed it (cards dated 2/1/1910, 4/13/1910, and 5/19/1910 are unsigned)

Date: postmarked 2/17/1910, Peck, VA

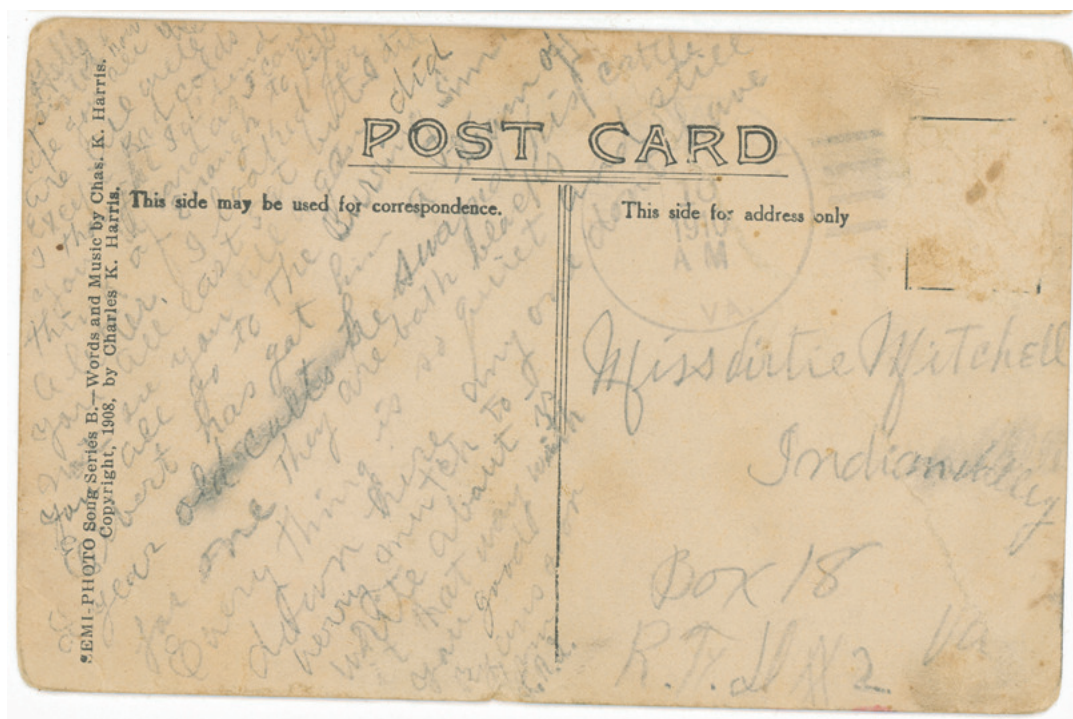
The world is filled with flowers. The flowers are filled with dew. The dew is filled with love for you and you and you.



To: Miss Virtie Mitchell, Indian Valley, Box 18
 From: Lutishia R. Q.
 Date: postmarked ____ 10, 1910

Hello sister. How are you all. Are all well except bad colds. I thought I'd send you a card as I can't think of enough to fill a letter. I looked for you all last Sat but I did not see you all again. Did you all go to the bur_ing Sun? Elbert has got him a team of 2 year old colts; he swapped his cattle for one. They are both blacks. Everything is so quiet and still down here. Any one don't have very mutch to write about. Is it that way with you? Good by. Ans. soon. L. R. Q.

From your sister Lutitia.

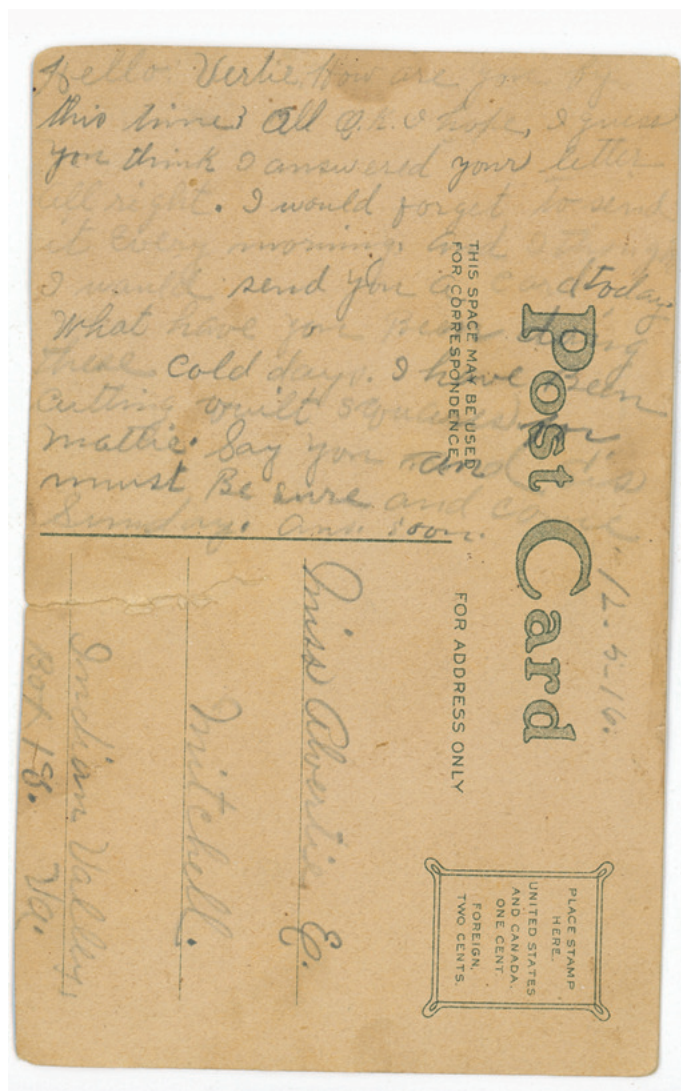


To: Miss Alvertie E. Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA, Box 18
 From: cousin Lina E. P.
 Date: probably 1909 or 1910

Hello Vertie. How are you by this time? All O.K. I hope, I guess you think I answered your letter all right. I would forget to send it every morning, and I thought I would send you a card today. What have you been doing these cold days. I have been cutting quilt squares for Mattie. Say you and Sis must be sure and come Sunday. Ans. soon. 12 . 5 - 16. (L. E. P.)

Vertie this is your picture you have been to milk. Ha! You must excuse me for sending such a card. I will try and do better next time. From a friend and cousin. Lina E. P.

Cousins Lina E. Phillips (born 1890) and Mattie Phillips (born 1895) were daughters of Reed Phillips. They lived two houses away from Vertie in 1910. There would be no need to mail a postcard, and perhaps that's the reason there's no stamp.



To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA
 From: ?
 Date: 4/13/1910, Peck, VA

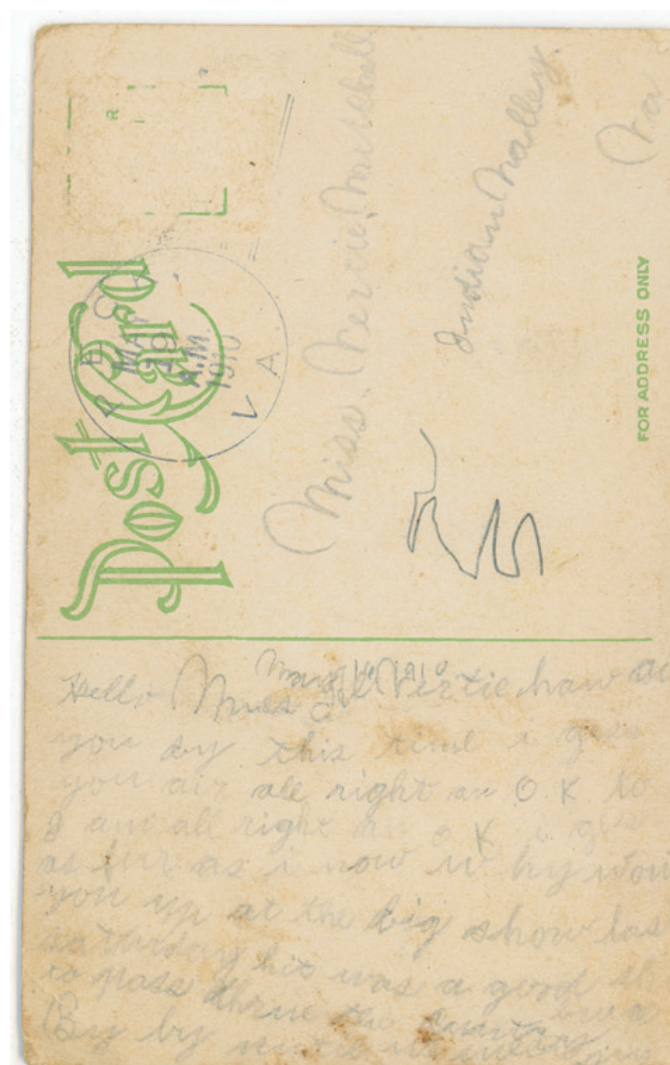
Hello Vertie. How air you. I gess you air all right. I am all O.K. Sum love ten an sum love twenty. I love you as well as every one. By by. Answer soon.



To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA
 From: ?
 Date: postmarked 5/19/1910, Peck, VA

May 16, 1910

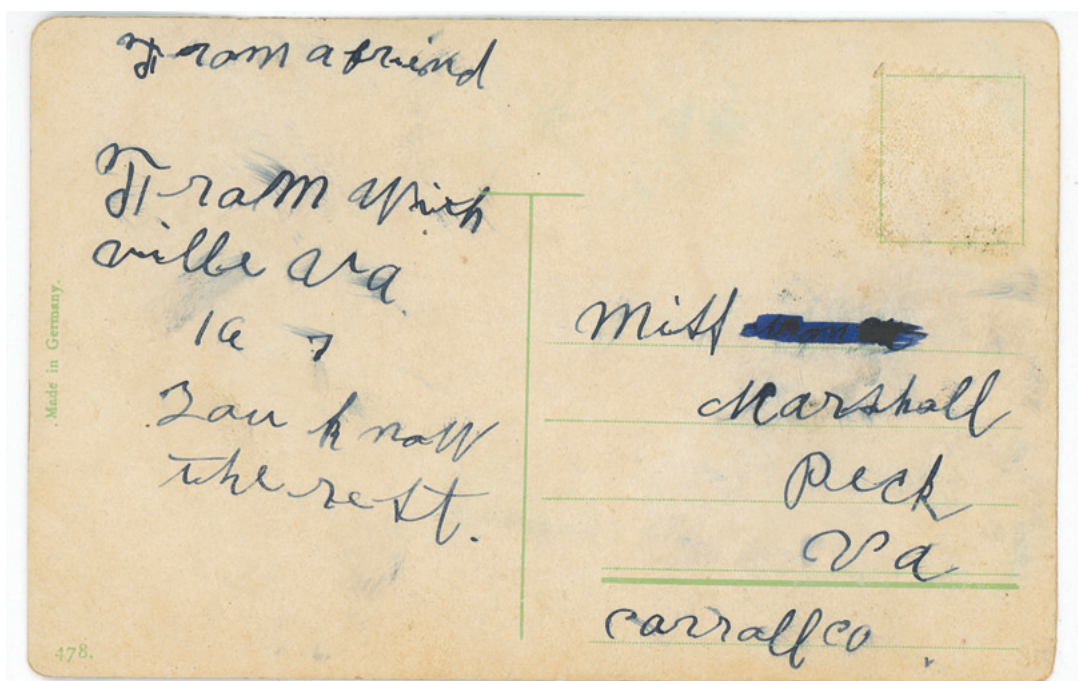
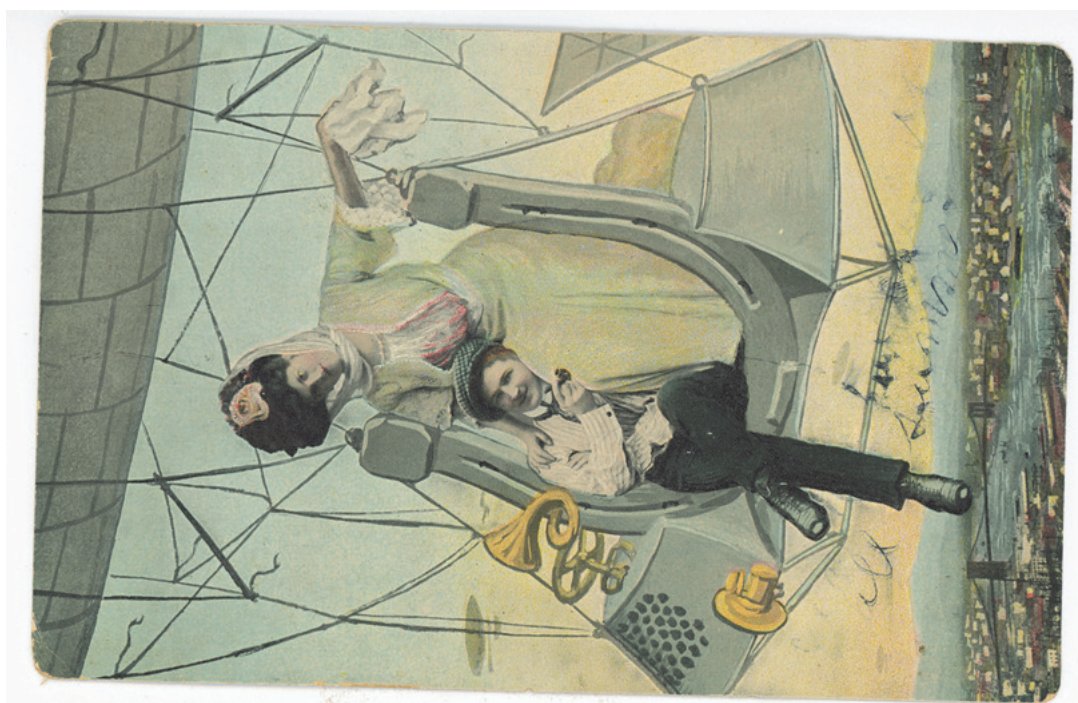
Hello Miss Alvertie. how air you. by this time I gess you air all right an O.K. to. I am all right an O.K. I gess as fur as I now. why wasn't you up at the big show last Saturday. hit was a good show to pass thru the country. By by until Wednesday. Ans.



To: Miss Marshall, Peck, VA, Carroll Co (Nannie or Nancy seems to be marked out)
 From: "a friend", Wytheville, VA (P. G., probably Paris Goad)
 Date: perhaps c1910 from Paris Goad

From a friend. From Withville, VA. You know the rest. 16 7. (P. G.)

I _____ keep _____ up all summer.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Wytheville, VA
 From: ? (L. P., perhaps Lina E. Phillips)
 Date: postmarked 11/24/1910, Peck, VA

Nov. 23, 1910. I received your card all O.K. Was indeed glad to get a card from you. I expect to start to school in a few days. Yes we are just about done shucking corn. Your friend. 12-16- (L. P.)



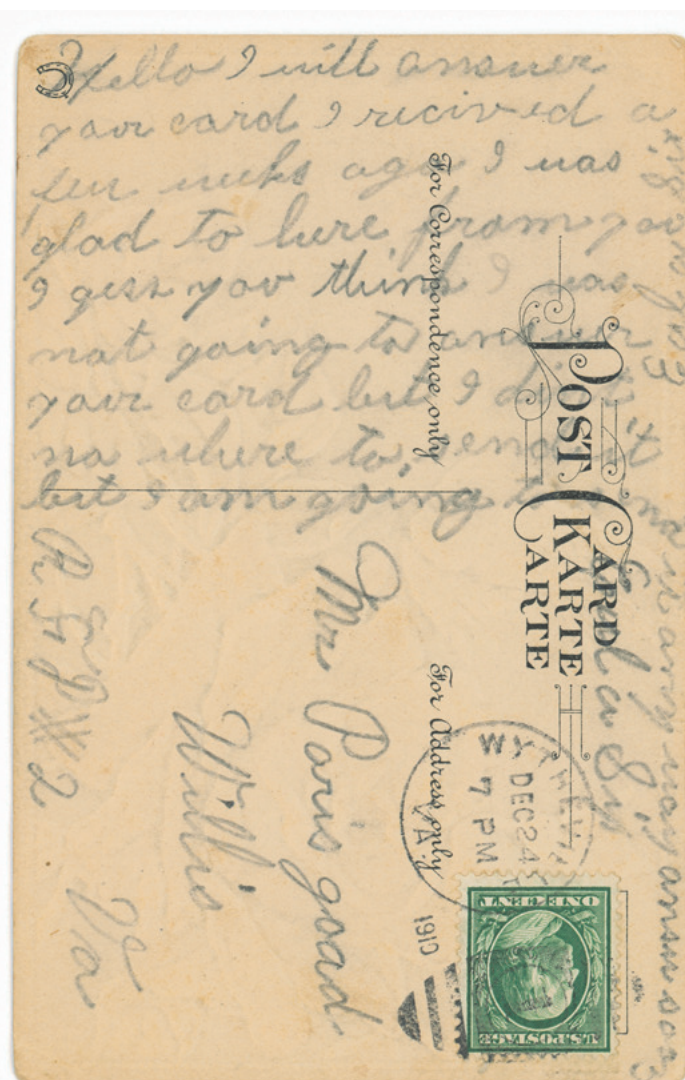
To: Mr. Paris Goad, Willis, VA, RFD 2

From: "Epal and Sis" (maybe Paris' sister Adeline Jones and her daughter Opal [b1906] who lived in Wytheville)

Date: postmarked 12/24/1910 Wytheville, VA

Hello I will answer your card I received a few weeks ago. I was glad to here from you. I gess you think I was not going to answer your card, but I didn't no where to send it, but I am going to send it any way answ. soon. Epal and Sis.

What are you doing these pretty days. I gess you will have a big time Christmas. I gess you will get lots of Christmas gifts. I don't now.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Peck, VA
 From: Kate Phillips?
 Date: postmarked 2/17/1911 Willis, VA

Hello Mr. Goad. How are you enjoying ____ day. Well Wesley Alderman came home and was married before I got to see him. Say when are you folks coming down this way with that moving picture show. I want to be at home if a show of any kind comes this way. I want to take it in. I'm indecided about going on my visit. Don't know what to do about it, want to go awfully bad but would like to take in some of the school closing. Every one is getting married down here. How about you folks up there. Hope to hear from you soon. again. A friend Kate Phillips.



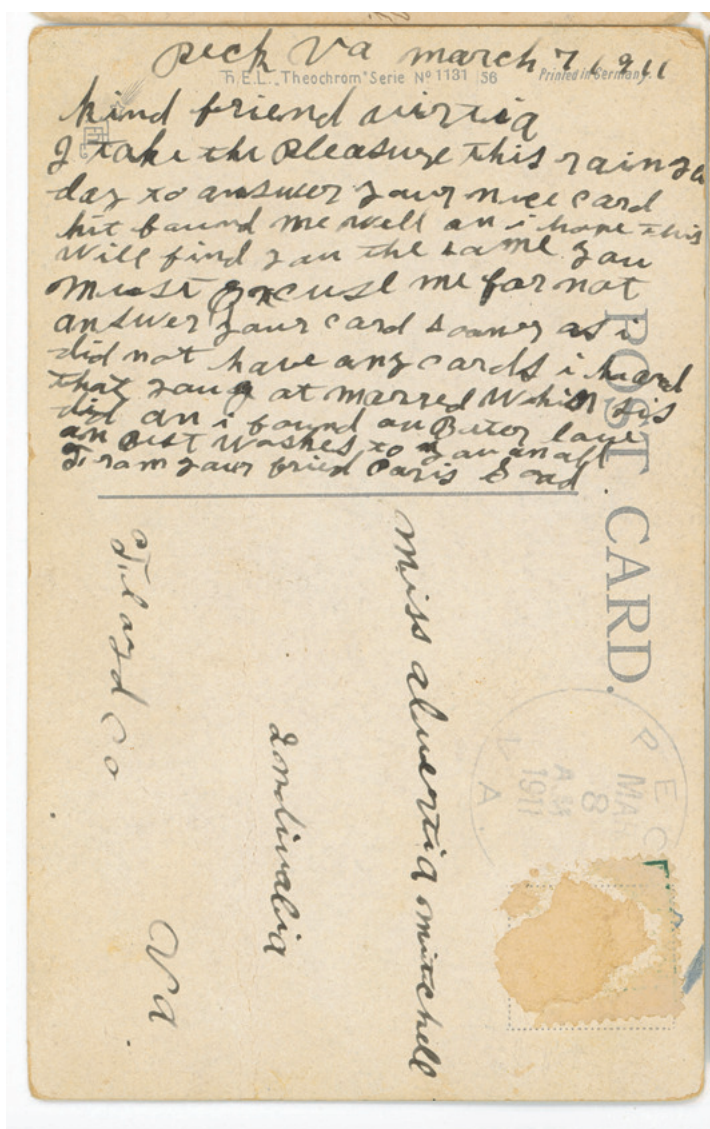
West Range - University of Virginia, Charlottesville.



To: Miss Alvertia Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA
 From: Paris Goad
 Date: postmarked 3/8/1911 Peck, VA

Peck, VA, March 7, 1911

Kind friend Virtia. I take the pleasure this rainy day to answer your nice card. Hit found me well an I hope this will find you the same. You must excuse me for not answer your card sooner as I did not have any cards. I heard that you got married whin Sis did an I found an better love. an best wishes to you an all.
 From your friend Paris Goad.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Peck, Carroll Co, VA
 From: Vertie Mitchell
 Date: postmarked 7/18/1911, Indian Valley, VA

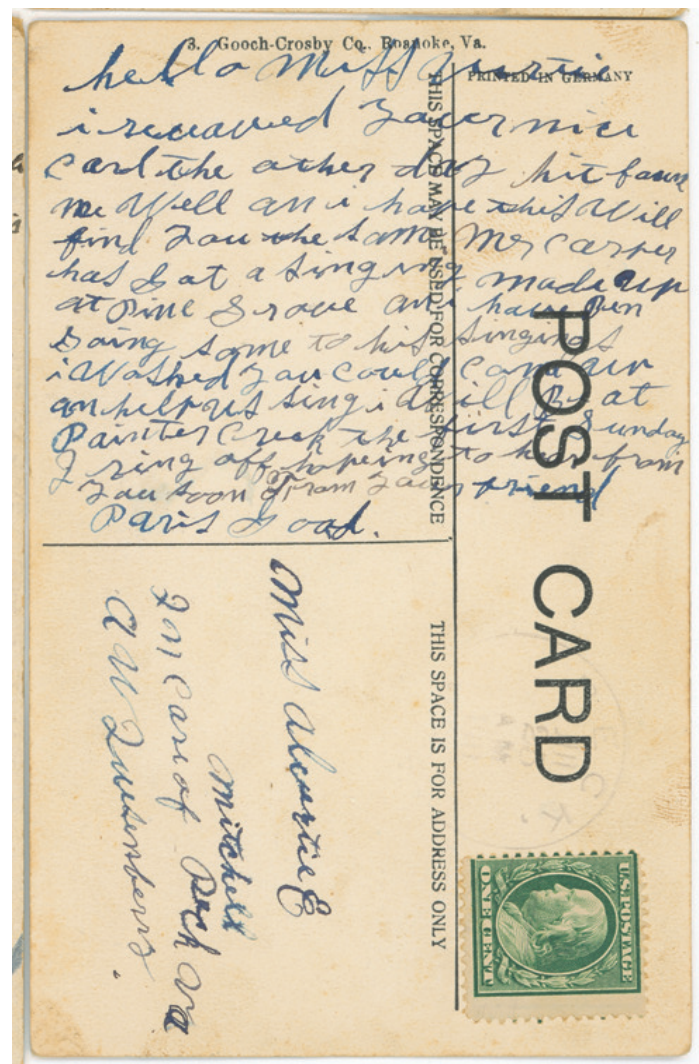
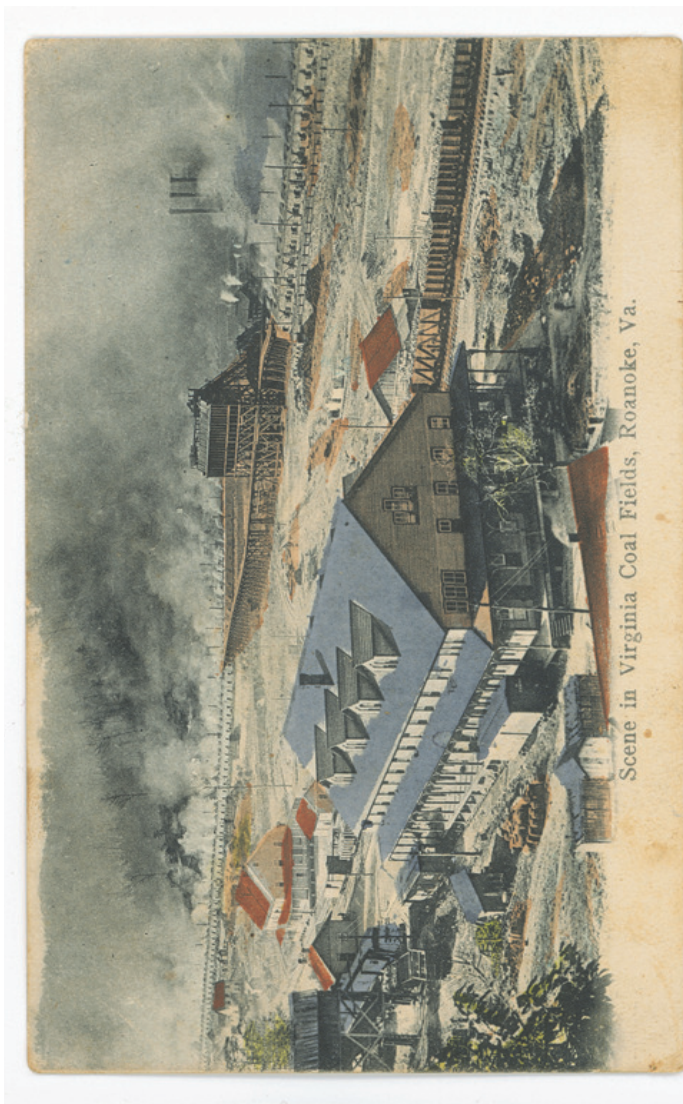
Hello Mr. Paris. How are you enjoying life these days. Fine I hope. I am all O.K. Received your card all right. Appreciated it very much. Yes I had a good time the fourth. I went out to Panther Creek that day. Say are you going to Preaching at Panther Creek the first Sunday? Well I'll ring off. Hoping to hear from you soon.

When you answ. address it to Peck, VA, in care of A. W. Quesenberry. From your friend Alvertie E. Mitchell.



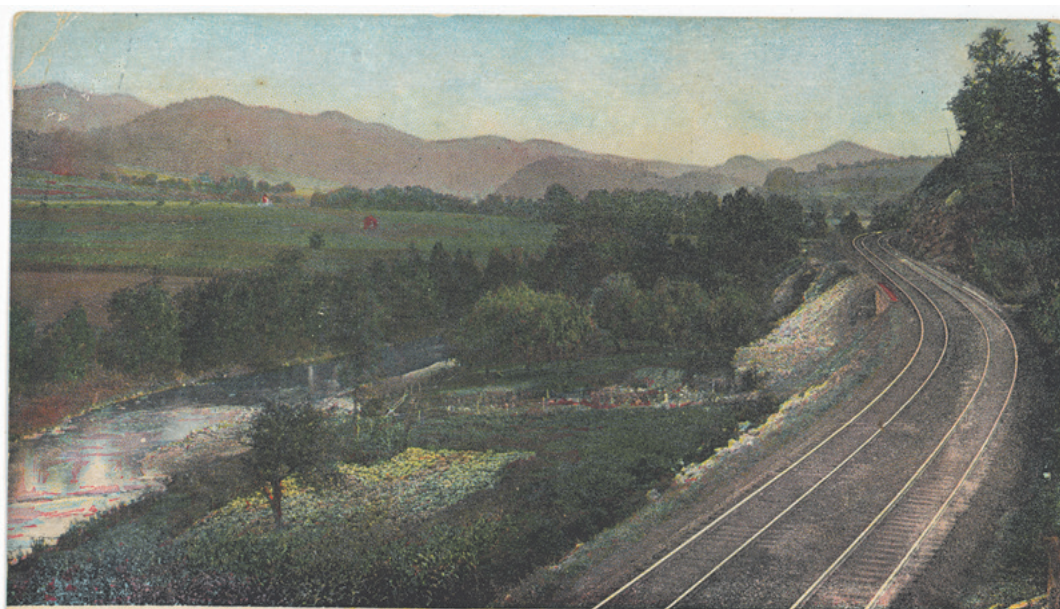
To: Miss Alvertie E. Mitchell, Peck, VA, in care of A. W. Quesenberry.
 From: Paris Goad
 Date: postmarked 7/25/1911, Peck, VA

Hello Miss Vertie. I received your nice card the other day. Hit found me well an I hope this will find you the same. Mr. Carver has got a singing made up at Pine Grove an I have ben going some to his singings. I wished you could come up an help us sing. I will be at Painter Creek the first Sunday. I ring off hoping to hear from you soon. From your friend Paris Goad.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Peck, VA
 From: K. P. (Kate Phillips?)
 Date: postmarked 9/28/1911, Willis, VA

Hello how are you enjoying life these warm days. We have to work so hard we don't enjoy life very good. Had a fine time at the association. We are planning to take in the Big meeting at Topeco the last of the week. Am expecting a fine time. We went to an apple butter boiling Sat night. Got home at two oclock. Answer soon. As ever, K. P.

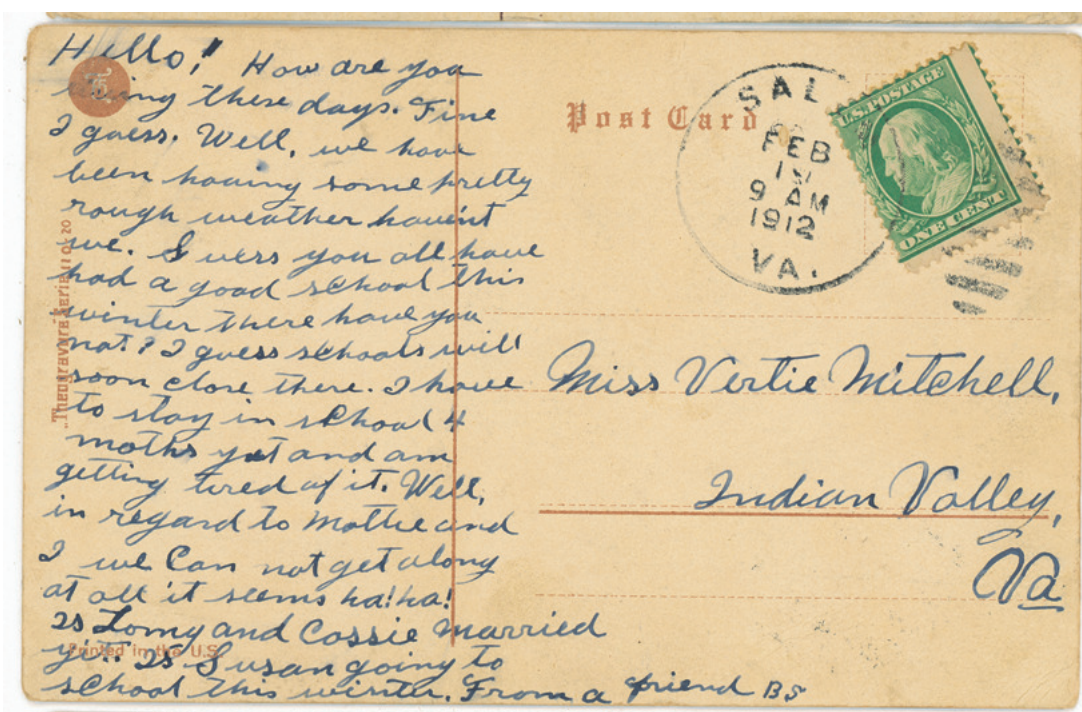


ROANOKE VALLEY, NEAR ELLISTON, VA.—(5)



To: Miss Vertie Mitchell, Indian Valley, VA
 From: a friend B. S.
 Date: postmarked 2/18/1912, Salem, VA

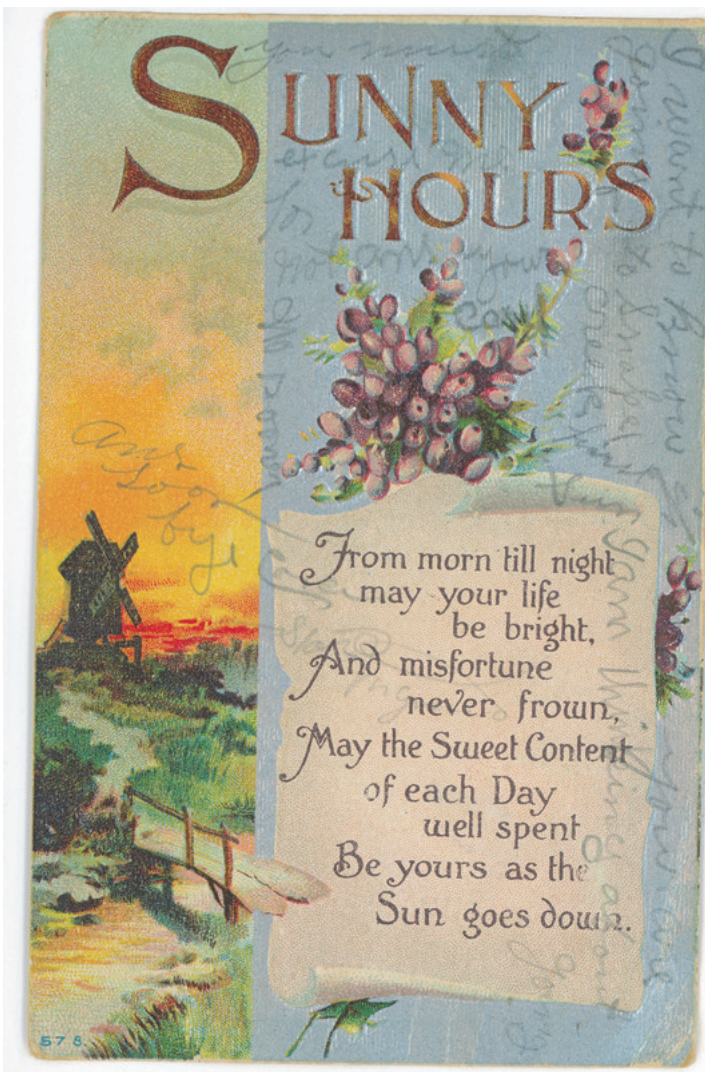
Hello! How are you living these days. Fine I guess. Well, we have been having some pretty rough weather haven't we. Guess you all have a good school this winter there have you not? I guess schools will soon close there. I have to stay in school 4 months yet and am getting tired of it. Well, in regard to Mattie and I, we can not get along at all it seems. Ha! Ha! Is Tomy and Cassie married yet. Susan going to school this winter. From a friend B. S.



To: Mr. Paris Goad, Peck, VA, c/o Walter Goad
 From: ?
 Date: postmarked 7/16/1913, Star, VA

Hello how are you. all O.K. I guess. Hope so any way. Well how did you hand the times. Sum time I guess. My time was pretty dull. Well I'll just quit for this time.

I want to know if you are going to Snake Creek first Sun. I am thinking about going. You must excuse me for not ans. your card no sooner. Ans. soon bye c____ s_____.

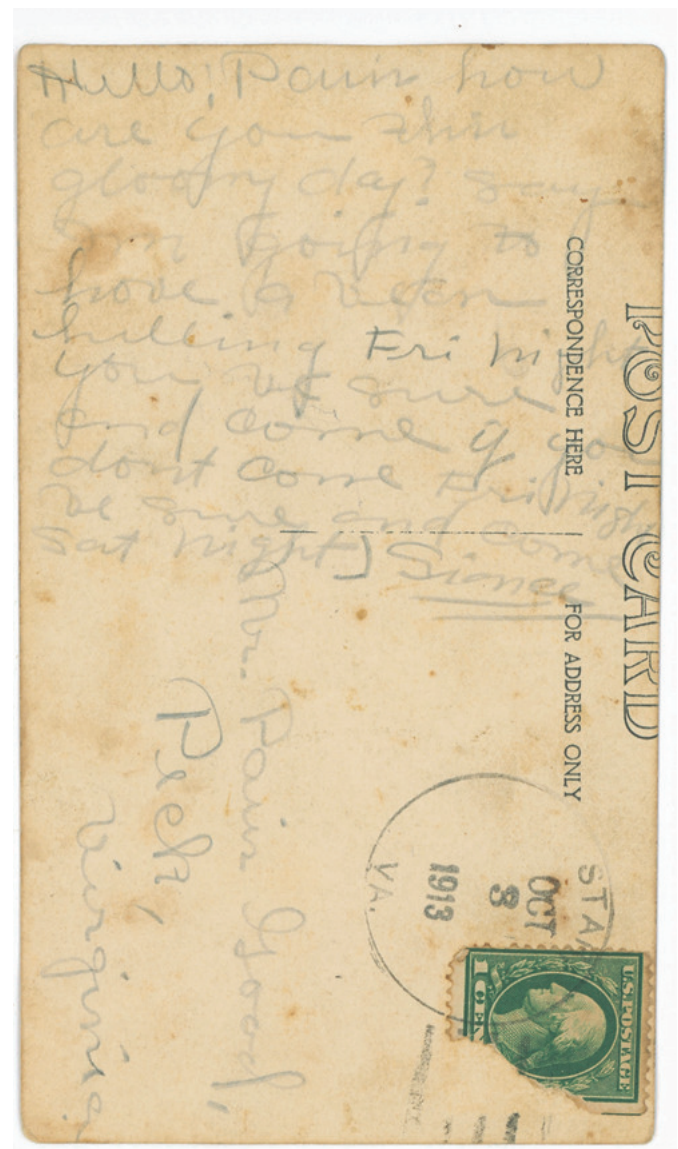


To: Mr. Paris Goad, Peck, VA

From: Si__ee

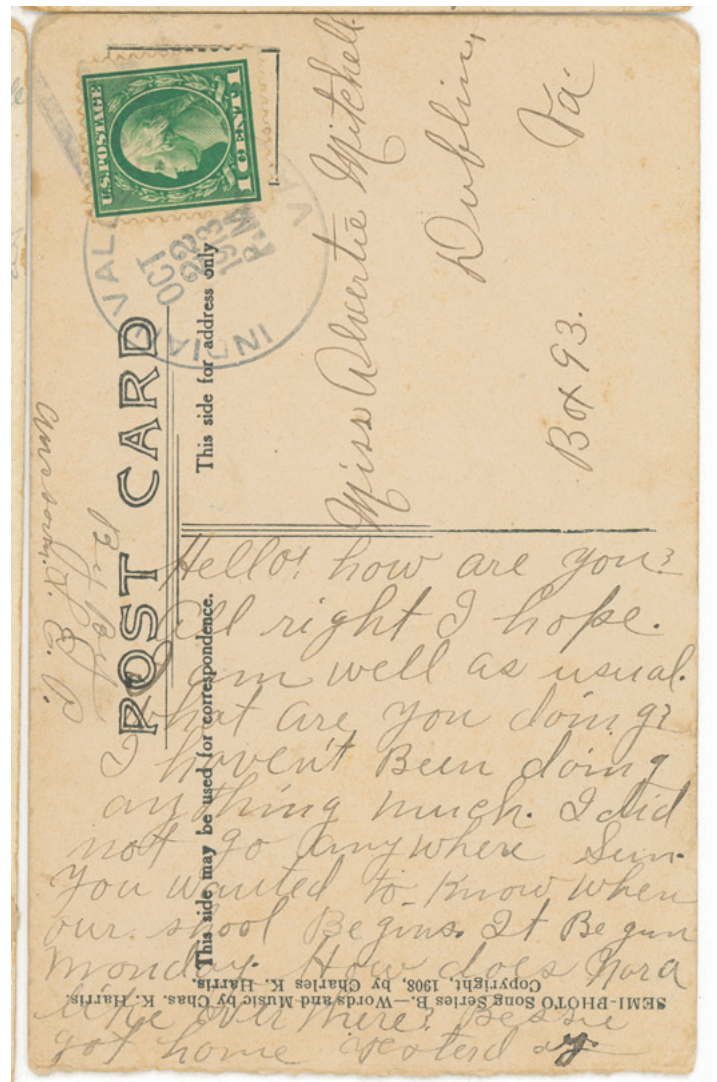
Date: postmarked 10/3/1913, Star, VA (located north of Hillsville on Hwy 100)

Hello, Paris. How are you this gloomy day? say I'm going to have a bean hulling Fri night. you be sure and come. if you don't come Fri night be sure and come Sat night. Si__ee.



To: Miss Alvertie Mitchell, Dublin, VA, Box 93
 From: L. E. P. ("Lina E. P." in undated card c1910)
 Date: postmarked 10/22/1913, Indian Valley

Hello! How are you? All right I hope. I am well as usual. What are you doing? I haven't been doing anything much. I did not go anywhere Sun. You wanted to know when our school begins. It began Monday. How does Nora like over there? Bessie got home yesterday. By by. Ans. soon L. E. P.



To: Miss Alvertie E. Mitchell, South Boston, VA, c/o Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bruce, Berry Hill
From: (probably Paris Goad)
Date: postmarked 11/17/1913 Indian Valley

The typed envelope has a postmark of 11/17/1913. The letter that was inside is dated 2/9/1914, so the letter must be from a separate mailing.



To: Miss Virtie Mitchell
 From: Paris
 Date: 2/9/1914

Well I am forgive me for not answering your letter sooner. I was over in Pulaski Co buying some corn. Oh say I am just simply crazy to see you an have a long talk with you. Whin are you coming back up hear? If you do not want to go to Illinois with me and be friends forever, I think we can do better out there than we can hear. I think you suit me all rite. We can talk hit over whin I see you. If you come home in three weeks an don't want to stay, I will pay your way back there. I will close. Hoping to hear from you soon. A true friend, Paris Goad.

On 4/2/1914 Paris and Vertie were married.

Rich Goad
 Feb 9/1914
 Miss Virtie Mitchell
 Kind friend
 Will I am far from me
 far not answering your letter
 sooner. I was over in
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 corn. Oh say I am just
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 A true friend Paris Goad

To: Mrs. A. P. Goad, Prophetstown, Illinois
 From: Lutishia
 Date: postmarked 7/15/1914, Simpkins, VA

7/14/1914, Simpkins, VA.

Hello sister. I'll ans. your much appreciated letter with a card this evening. How are you getting along. We are all well, but lonesome. Elbert has started with the machine again. The children has gone to pick berries. Have you all black berries in Ill? We had a nice rain this morning and yesterday eve. I went to preaching last Sun. down at the school house. Grant Simpkins preached. We had a nice meeting.

Say have you heard from sis lately ____? She wrote me some time in June. She was coming the last of June or the 1st of July and that's the last I have heard of her. She hasn't written no more nor come out here. I have something new to tell you. I have had my teeth pulled. Ha! Ha! I'll get my new teeth this fall if nothing happens. Vick has done got her new teeth. News is scarce. I'll ring off for this time. Hoping to here from you soon and to see you some day. I'm ever your sister Lutishia.



To: Mrs. Paris Goad, Indian Valley, VA, RFD 2
 From: W. A. King
 Date: postmarked 12/25/1928, Columbus

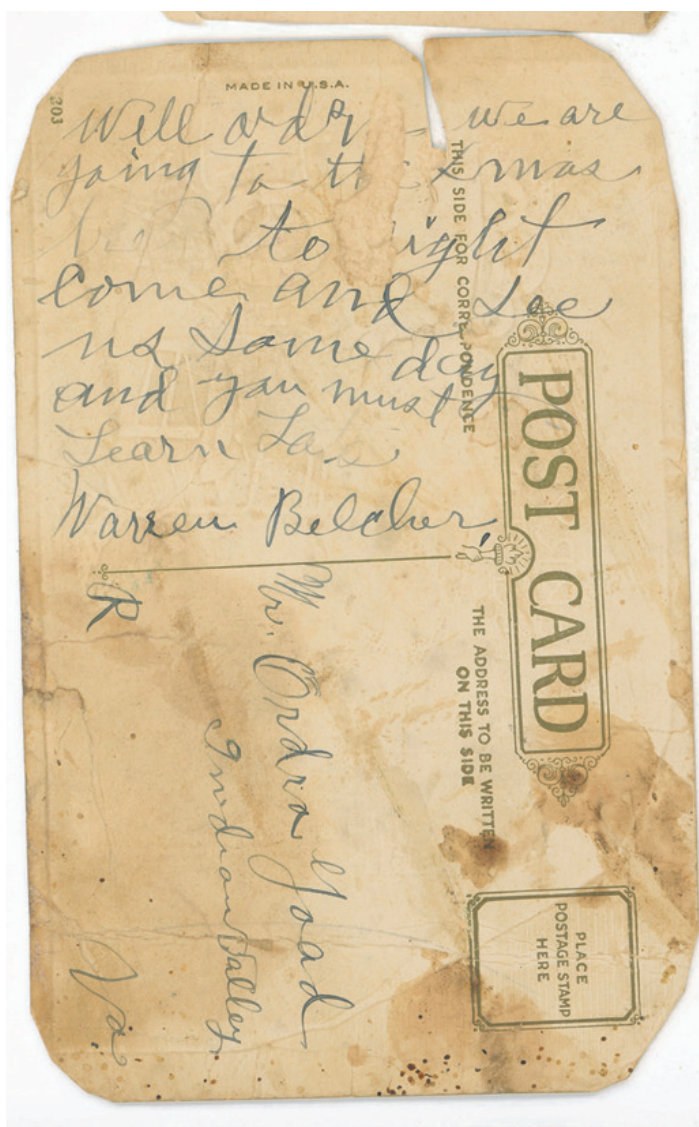
I hear from Willie & Everett. They are both well and doing well in Philadelphia. Everett is studying hard. We go south about Jan 1st. W. A. King.



To: Mr. Ordra Goad, Indian Valley, VA
 From: Warren Belcher
 Date: ? (maybe 1930s)

Well Ordra, we are going to the Xmas tree to night. Come and see us some day and you must learn lots.
 Warren Belcher.

Warren Belcher (b1922) was the son of Wertie Goad. Perhaps he is writing to his first cousin Audry K. Goad (b1921), son of Paris Goad.



Date: 1925

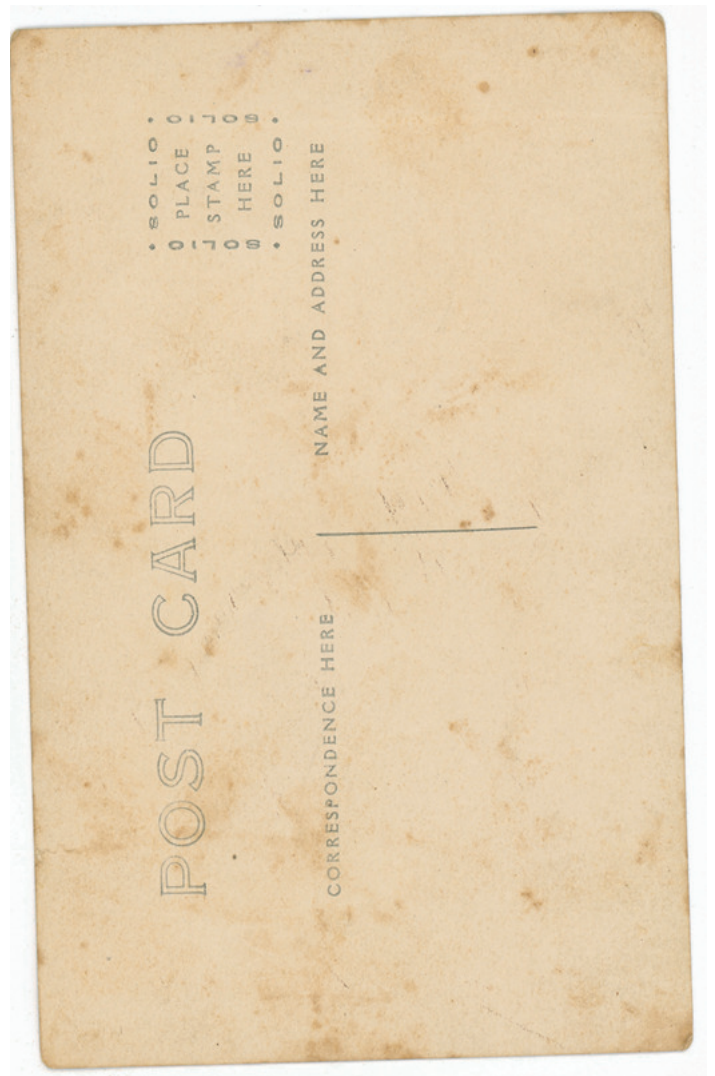
Sample of corn grown by Fred C. Jones, Darlington, MD, during season 1925. Official yield 98 bushelled corn to acre.



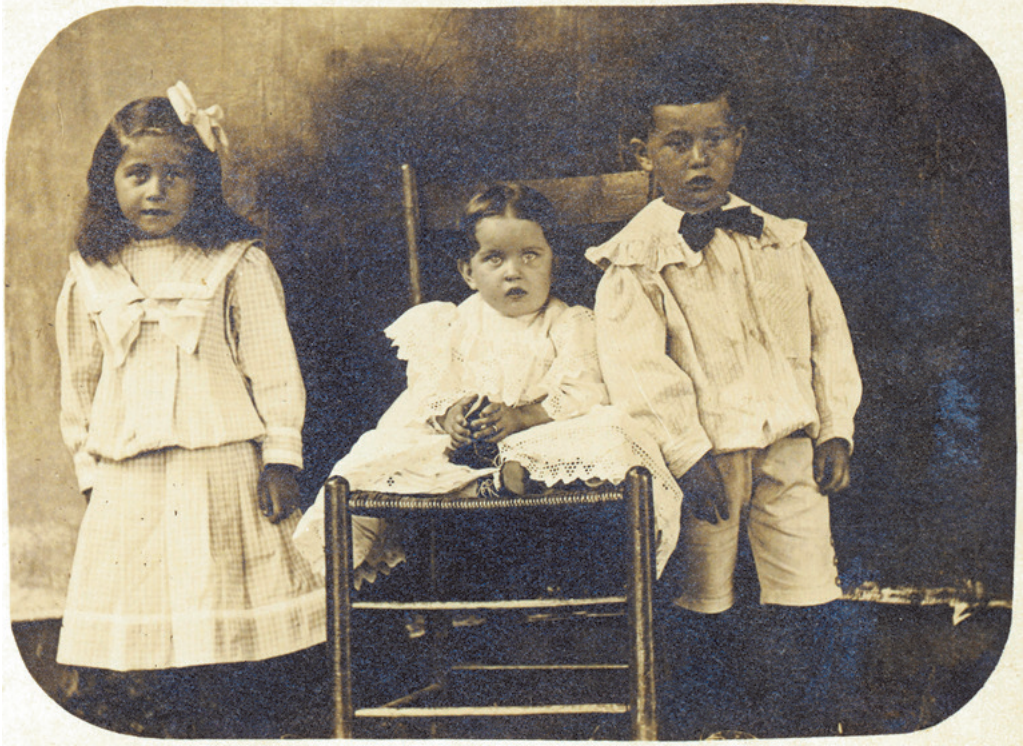
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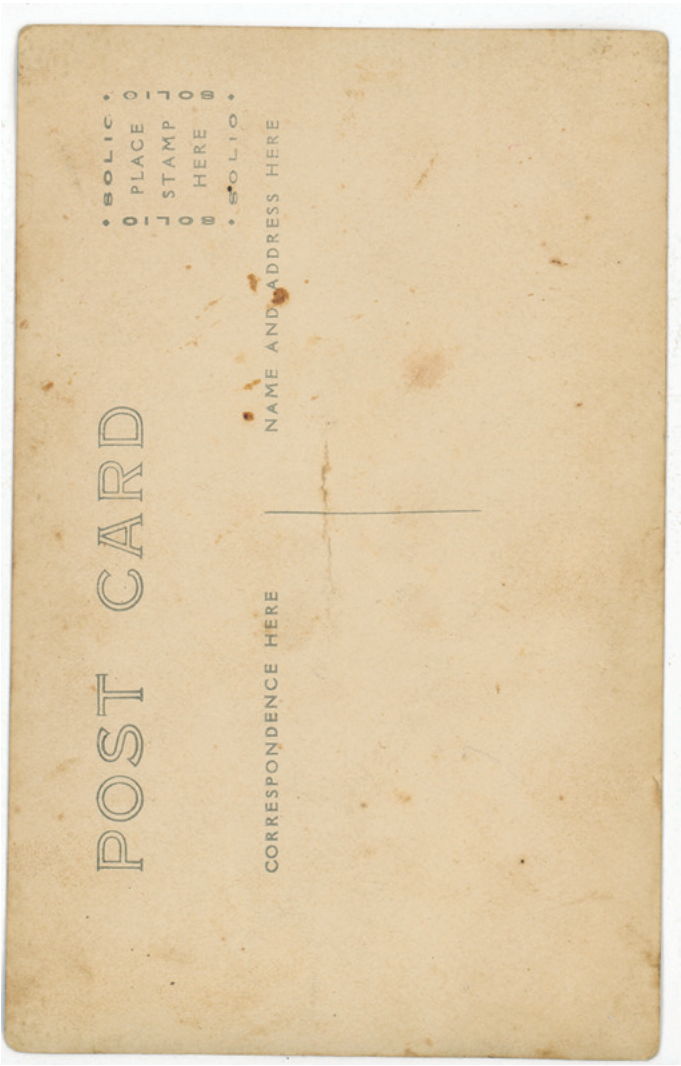
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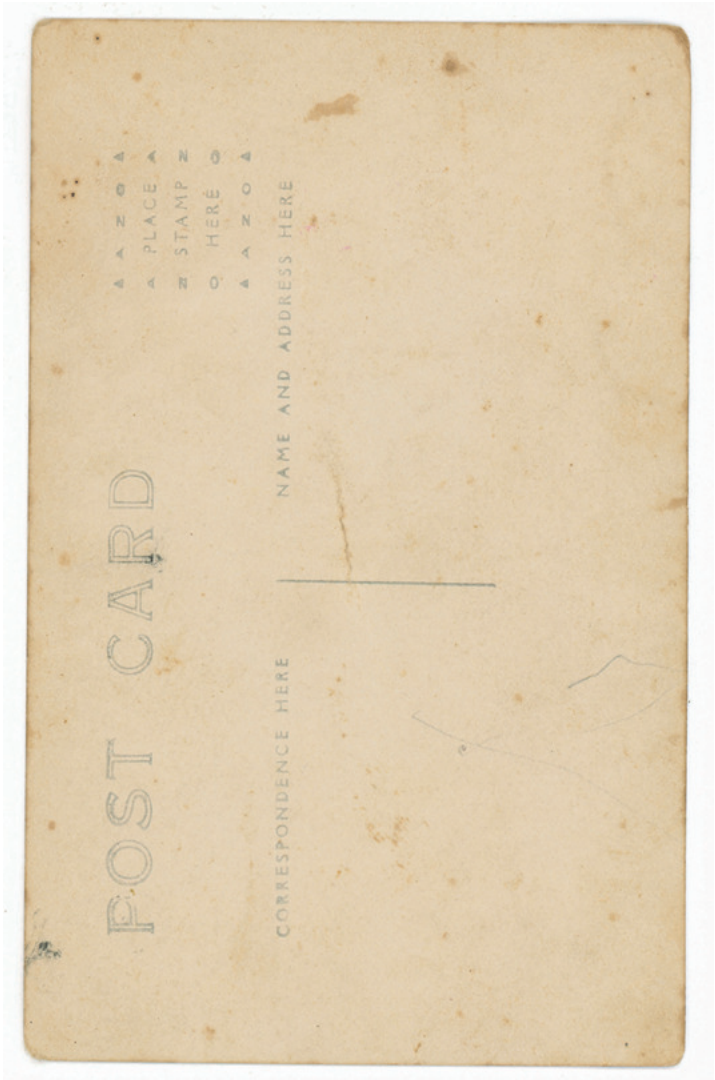
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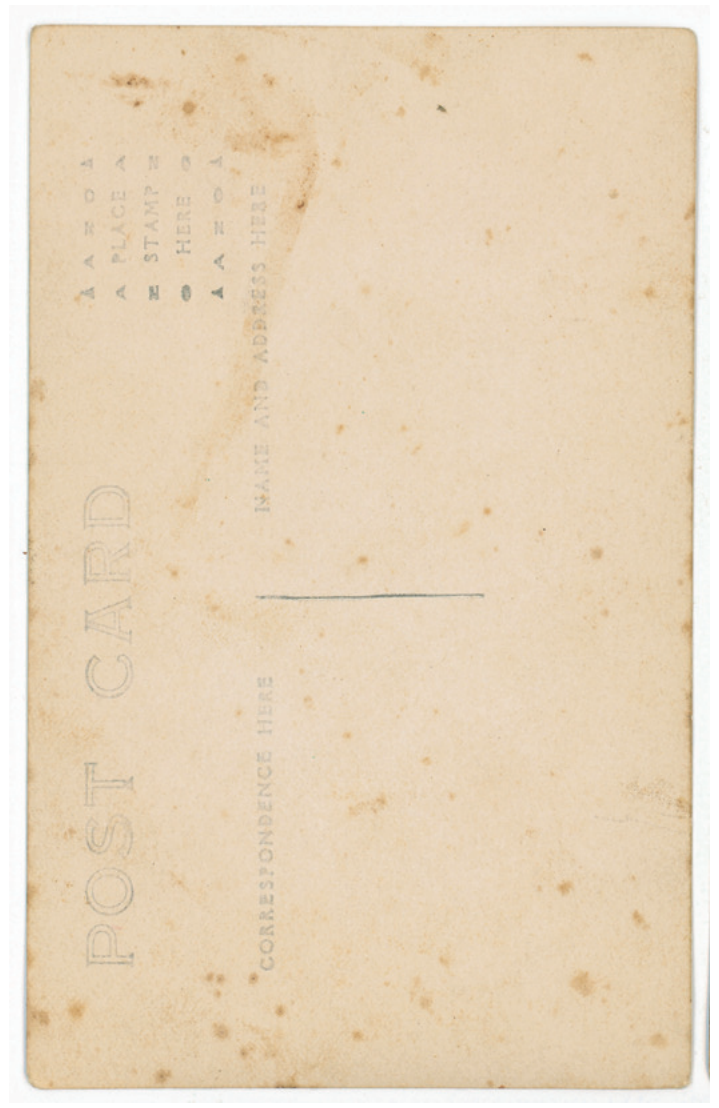
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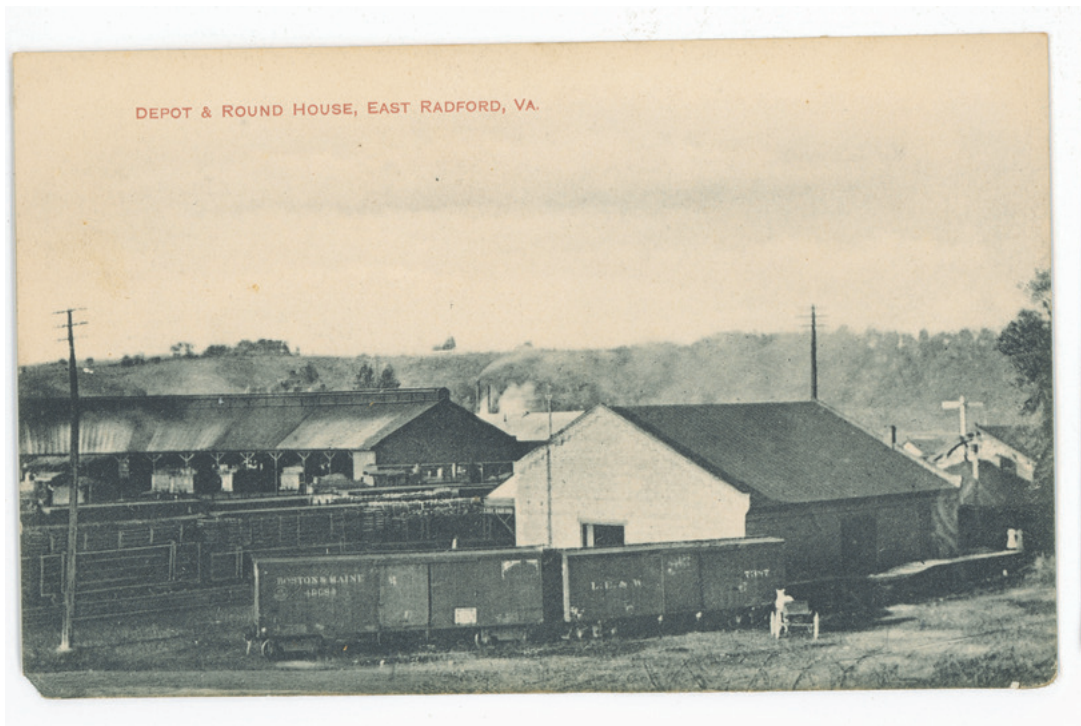
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