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May 1906
Ingles...

Dear Kit

I have thought about you incessantly since you left, especially since Papa told me about forgetting your ticket. I thought you were going to write by return mail to the bank, and was disappointed when Billy came home without a letter.

I guess you did not wear the white organdy to church yesterday if it was wet and cold there as here. If you did not take a long-sleeved shirt with you, get one, and wear it, if it is cold. We have a good fire and a cold rain today, Monday. Lewis Ingles was here yesterday, Uncle Ferd last night. I feel better today. I hope you will not be homesick – its such gloomy weather, and all strangers there, the first time in your life you have ever been with strangers, entirely. I have got a [string] to write. Bye, bye,

Mother [*Julia Harvey - Mrs. Andrew Ingles*]

Encl.

Hello Pols. How does your constitutionthese cool rainy days? You don't promenade under that white silk parasol to any great extent, do you? The chaps clean the dishes like little ladies and really seem to enjoy it. We miss you a lot and wonder every day what you are doing. Mamma is afraid you are going to freeze to death. Please don't. Hope you are having a fine old time, with lots of love from,

Mary (in a hurry as usual)

P.S. How do you like traveling without a ticket?

Dublin, Virginia
July 14, 1906

Dear Kittie:

Got your postal a while ago and also a letter from the parson to you – which I am going to forward as I am going to town this evening. Yes, next Friday (the 20th) or Saturday will suit us all right as far as we know. You can stay and bring them if you want to for there are all enough of us to do all that has to be done, and I don't think we need to make such large preparations do you? Didn't Dr. Keller come and if he is there you will bring him too, won't you? Mama has had a little spell until today and she has had a little neuralgia today, but I think she is grieving more because she broke her gold glasses than anything else.

Just think, Minnie was invited to little Miss Harris club yesterday evening but didn't go on account of not being able to get a horse. Minnie and I are invited to Mackie's for tonight and to stay all day tomorrow. I wrote Miss Mag to come down tonight and stay over Sunday with us but I don't expect much that she will come. Heard from Shack the other day.... She is real well and had a fellow to take her driving. Just think of it! Kittie, let me tell you something you must be sure and do. You must write Mag a nice letter and tell her to come and visit you with Hallie andfor she had meant to stay a while the last time she was here and I think she felt real hurt when you had to go away and leave her.

I am getting sleepy now so goodbye.

You stay and bring the gals but be sure and tell us which day and what time you all are coming.

Give my love to Hallie, Simmin [?] and yourself....

Big Jule [*sister*]

Richmond, Virginia
July 17, 1906

My dear "Miss Kitty":-

It is certainly a curious fact that when one thinks about another that they invariably see or hear from that person shortly afterwards. It was only last week that I was wondering what had become of you, when here comes along your nice letter. So you see we are both not forgotten, the seldom seen! I do not remember telling Margaret that I was coming out your way this summer tho' the attractions are great.

Unfortunately for me, it seems, early in the Spring Frank, my brother, asked me about going to Niagara Falls this summer, and as neither of us have ever been there we made all our arrangements to go the 1st of August.. Further, as you possibly know, we clerks have our vacation time scheduled out, and hence I have to take it then or not at all. I sincerely regret that I cannot accept your most kind invitation to attend your house party, as I know with the charming young ladies (yourself not excepted) I could not help from having the time of my life.

You would not have to try so very hard to please the "Old Richmond Hill," but 'tis very kind to offer me the pick of anyone of the three girls. How about "Kit" – is she included? If so, with due deference to them, I'd let the other boys pick from the friends and I'll pick "Kit."

I do hope you have had better weather lately than we have, as it has rained almost every day for ten days.

I heard from Margaret about a week ago and was surprised she was sick – but I hope the change, and possibly the young doctor, will do her lots of good.

Thanking you again for remembering "This Old Stick," and regretting that I cannot be with you, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Wm Palmer Hill [*future husband*]

Huntington, West Virginia
August 1906

Dear Kitty,

Suppose you are in the same box with me "keeping house" – I don't know that it is so much fun either – to plan three meals a day and have a variety is a hard task.

Honey my trip home was very comfortable, but rather warm. Since I have been home the heat has been intense, and soon I will be a grease spot.

"Kit," I never will get over the great time I had at your house and how great you were to me. Now I want you to be sure and come to see me the very first chance you have. Xmas if you are not nursing.

Everything is just as quiet here as can be, of course this is due to Flora's death. I have been out to see Mrs. McCullough several times. Poor woman she is just broken hearted. I asked her how your cousin Emma Harvey was, she said that she was real well and felt so much better.

Now honey, write to me real often and tell me all about the "preacher." Give your father, brother, girls and Billy my best – and with hugs and kisses for you, I am always your loving sister in [2 Greek letters].

Mary Sims

Obituary for Katharine McClanahan Ingles (Jones) *[Kit's grandmother]*

Mrs. Catherine C. Jones departed this life on Saturday morning, December 25th, 1887, at Mountain Home," her residence in Montgomery County. She was the daughter of the late Col. Elijah McClanahan, of Roanoke County. Her mother was the daughter of Col. Andrew Lewis. Col. McClanahan had a beautiful home on his splendid estate, "Oak Hill," not far from the present City of Roanoke. Here were born to him twelve children, nine of them were daughters. The parents were both pious and their home was the abode of Christian refinement and hospitality. Here the daughters all grew up and following in the footsteps of their parents they all became active Christians. All of them married and became heads of families, establishing homes modeled after their old home in Roanoke. Five of them now survive. Mrs. Jones was born January 27, 1817. On October 3, 1837 she was married to Thomas Ingles, Esq. of this county. Six children were the fruit of the marriage. Of these one died in childhood, another, John Thomas, laid down his life in defense of his native country during the War Between the States, and a lovely daughter Miss Fannie Ingles, died only a few years ago. Three sons survive. Mr. Ingles died May 13, 1859. In 1859 Mrs. Ingles was married to Mr. Richard P. Jones. By this marriage there were two children, one of whom a widowed daughter, Mrs. Mary Jones, survives. Mr. R.P. Jones died July 3rd, 1881. Mrs. Jones was a woman of remarkable fine character – a true and beautiful type of old time Virginia lady. To a womanly modesty she....

When was this written?

Notice that Catherine was living at "Mountain Home" – in Montgomery County

Katherine McClanahan b. January 27, 1817; d. December 25, 1887

Married (1st) – Thomas Ingles (b. – d. May 13, 1859)

Children: Elijah Ingles (married Ellen Brewster); William (Captain Billy; married Minnie Snow); Andrew Lewis (married Julia Harvey); John Thomas (died in Civil War), Fannie (died in 1870s); and an infant

2nd – Richard P. Jones (b. – died July 3, 1881)

Children: Mary Jones; Richard P. Jones (died July 3, 1881)