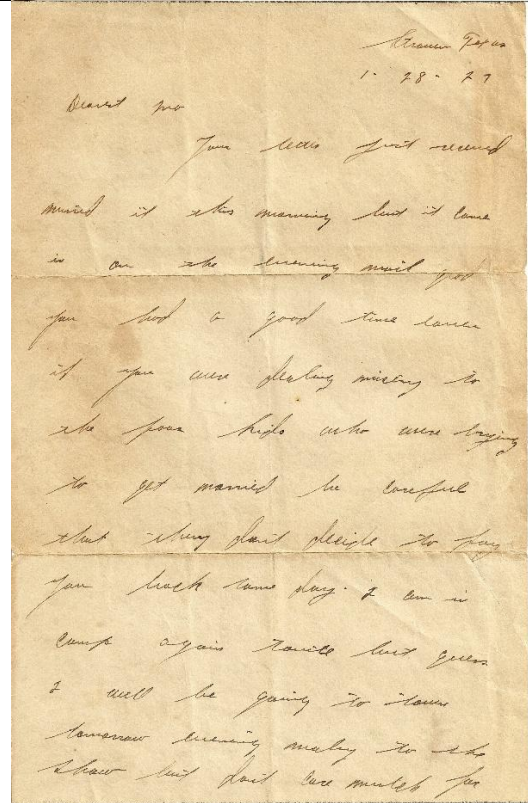
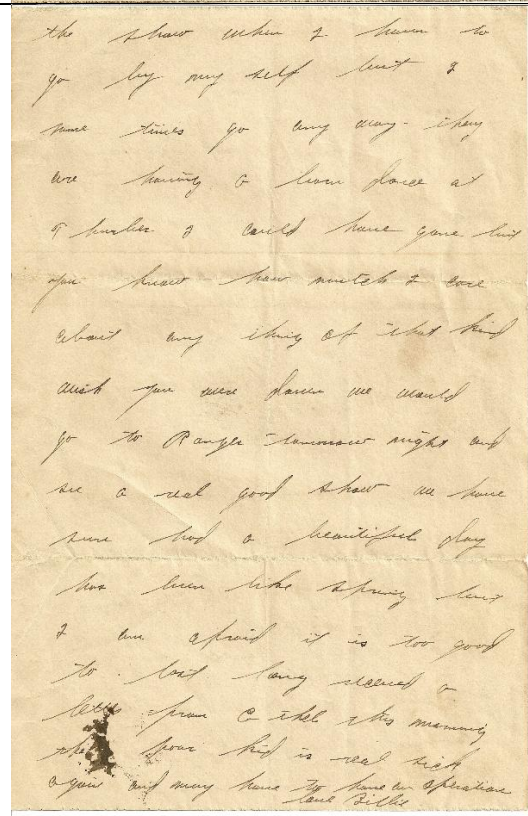


Letters between Bill Sinclair and Ina Mae Hammond in the months before their wedding. Bill had been transferred back to the Strawn area after spending a few years working in the Garvin County Oklahoma area, where he met Ina.

Letter #1: Bill to Ina

	<p>Strawn Texas</p> <p>1 - 28 - 27</p> <p>Dearest Ina Your letter just received Missed it this morning but it came in on the evening mail Glad (?) you had a good time cause if you were dealing (misery ?) to the poor kids who were trying to get married be careful that they don't decide to pay you back some day. I am in camp again tonite but guess I will be going to town tomorrow evening maybe to the show but don't care much for</p>
	<p>the show when I have to go by myself but I some times go any way they are having a barn dance at Thurber I could have gone but you know how much I care about any thing of that kind wish you were down we would go to Ranger tomorrow night and see a real good show we have sure had a beautiful play has been like spring but I am afraid it is too good to last long received a letter from Ethel this morning her poor kid is real sick again and may have to have an operation Love Billie</p>

Letter #2: Bill to Ina

Strawn Texas
3 - 21 - 23 or 28

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I wonder how you
are feeling today hope you
are feeling just fine I didn't
get my letter this morning and
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was a long one to me
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Letter # 3: Bill to Ina

Strawn Texas
4-4-27

Dearest Ina

How are you this pretty spring day. I am all OK but trying to stay in the shade as the sun is rather warm to be out in and I am just a bit lazy too I guess

Did you take these pictures yesterday hope you did I went over to Mineral Wells as I had planned and coming back I almost got mixed up in an auto wreck there was a wreck and I got by first by good luck I guess. but it sure looked bad for me for awhile and I had a man and his wife and two children with me there was one fellow hurt pretty bad they took him to the hospital. if they don't quit this wrecking I am

Strawn Texas

4 - 4 - 1927

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going to quit going anywhere for every time I go and I ran into a wreck but I am going to stay in camp this week and see if I can't get to feeling better I haven't been feeling as well as I should but guess that is because I am lonesome so much I have been going down and feeding my dog every day he sure is cute so fat he can hardly walk. I will bring him up to the station when he gets some larger These long warm days remind me of some of those long ones last summer Dear but we hope they won't be so long this summer Don't we Dear Would love to see you Lots of love Billie

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Letter #4: Bill to Ina

Strawn Texas

4- 21-27

Dearest Ina -

Your letter came right on the dot this morning. It was too bad about your having a flat tire but they won't kill you I have had too many but haven't had one lately I wonder if it is cold up there like it is here today I got up this morning looking for my winter clothes and I have had the heater going all day but the sun is shining pretty only hope it will continue to do so for a few weeks. My dog is sick today so I took him back to the lady who

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Dear I guess you are having lots of teasing to put up with but you won't have much longer. the days are getting few in number now. Are you going to work on Saturday afternoon the 30th It would be nice if you could get off from work at noon. Surely he wouldn't mind you leaving at noon on your last day.

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Letter #5: Ina to Bill

Wynnewood, Okla

4 - 23 - 27

Dearest Billie

I wonder how my
darling is so early
this cold Saturday
morning it is so
cold I just hated
to get up but I think
the sun is going
to shine out warm

Wynnewood Okla
4 - 23 - 27

Dearest Billie

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darling is so early
this cold Saturday
morning it is so
Cold & just hated
to get up but I think
the sun is going
to shine out warm!

Audrey came up last nite
and ironed my dress for
me she sure does like it.

Dear this is another
long Saturday but it is
the last one and I am
not sorry either. I guess
we will go to the preview
tonite for Pass time. wish

Billie was up here to go
with us.

I don't know what we
will do tomorrow if we
can get a bunch we
wanted to go to Turner
Falls and go fishing.

Well Dear I will stop
for this morning and see
you again tomorrow With love
Yours Ina

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Letter #6: Bill to Ina (Four days before the wedding)

Strawn Tx

4-26-27

Dearest Ina
How are you
feeling this morning so
early. I am feeling just fine
enjoying this
beautiful war weather
I am going over to
Thurber to see Mr & Mrs
E.K. as soon as I
finish my work and
that will be about
three oclock.

Dear E.K. is
going to move in to the
house next door to
where we will lease

I tried to find E.K. or EH in the 1930 census for the Hohhertz camp. There was an Eddie Kennon living a few doors away from Bill & Ina in the Hohhertz Camp in 1930. His wife was named Madie and not Bess. They were married in abt 1926 according to 1930 census. So they would have been Mr & Mrs E.K. when this letter was written. Eddie Kennon worked for TP his entire career and he was a member of the Strawn Lodge.
Could be EH. No one in the 1930 census in Hohhertz fits EH
The Kennons did live next door to the Sinclairs in the 1940 census.

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if he can rent the
house and I am
sure he can get the
house O.K. so you
and Bess will be close
together while the
"Old men" are working.
Dear you remember
last year I was at
home at the same
and I told you about
meeting a cute little
girl who was working
in a Drs office and
I had several dates
with her while I was
at home Well she was
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that struck Lufkin
this month I will
send you the piece
that came out in the
Lufkin paper that
my sister sent to me
but keep it close
for I wouldn't want
to lose it she was
a cute nice kid and
was to have been
married on Easter Sunday
but was hurt on
Thursday before Sunday
and lived a week
I am sure you are a
good lady and she
was making all of your

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Guess you've been a
____ busy kid these
days making all of your

plans I am not
doing any thing
but waiting and haven't
much longer to wait
and I am sure am glad
I haven't for I believe
we have waited
long enough
Hope this finds
you feeling just fine
Lots of love
Billie

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we have waited
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Hope this finds
you feeling just fine
Lost of Love
Billie

Letter #7: Bill to Ina (Three days before the wedding)

Strawn Texas

4 - 27 - 27

Dearest Ina
Guess it is
time I was writing to
you as it is almost
four o'clock but I
have been busy (?) today
I have been working
on my car some and
tomorrow - I am going
to wash it and give
it a good polish
so it will look good

I wonder if
Audrey is going to
take me for a ride
when I come up she

should seems to me
like having a new
car

Dear we have
only three more days
to wait so that
isn't very long _____
if it will seem long
I should get up
there early Saturday
evening but as you
are going to work
until six there is
no use in me being
in any great hurry
but I intend to drive
as far as Fort Worth
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Strawn Texas
4 - 27 - 27

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have such a long
drive to make Saturday
for we may want
to make a long
drive Saturday night
may we not Dear

I won't write any
more for I would
be there about the
time the letter would
get there as I will
be leaving Friday morning
so be sure to get
out many hours until
we will be together
Yours with love
Billie

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