



1930

## Ambrose Ely Ring      Diary 1930

Aunt Ada visited us, August 31 – Rawley shut down June 26 plant sold. August, appendix removed by Dr. Pugh at St. Mary's Hospital. November 21 sailed for British Guiana. (Covered separately.)

## C. E. Ring,      Year by Year Diary 1930

Elizabeth graduated from University of Utah – started to teach – lived at home (Gilmer Drive – in Salt Lake.)

Douglas in Salt Lake during summer – was recent graduate of Stanford University & was going with Bell Labs at AT&T.

I started my senior year at East High School.

November, Dad sailed for British Guiana to inspect mining property. Much jungle & wild country. He made a diary of the trip.

### Rawley Repairs Tramway

Repairing of the cable tramway at the Rawley mine, near Bonanza, Colo., has been completed and production is now on a normal basis of 350 tons of lead-copper ore daily. Storms in the district caused the failure of one of the tramway towers in mid-January, and the mill had to be closed down for about two weeks.



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# Rawley Colorado.



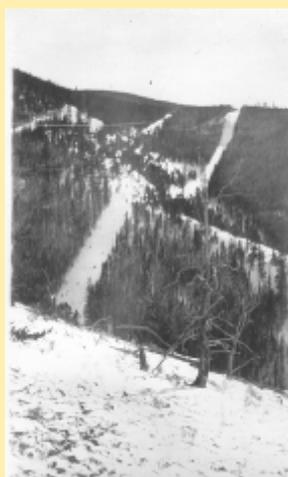
Along Rawley  
Tram.



January 1930.



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Tram – January  
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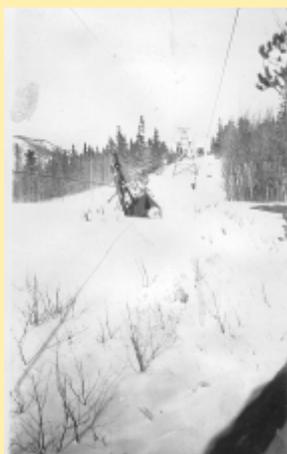


Along Rawley  
Tram – January  
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# Rawley Colorado.



Temp. – Zero to  
30 Below, Eleva-  
tion 13000 feet.



Tram – January  
1930.



Wrecked Tower  
on Rawley.



Wrecked Tower  
on Rawley.



January 1930 –  
Shirley.



Wreck below  
terminal.



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## Rawley Colorado & Skiing at Salt Lake City.



Tower on Tram.



Along t Tram –  
January 1930.



Shirley Terminal  
– January 1930.



Ecker Hill – Salt Lake – February 1930.

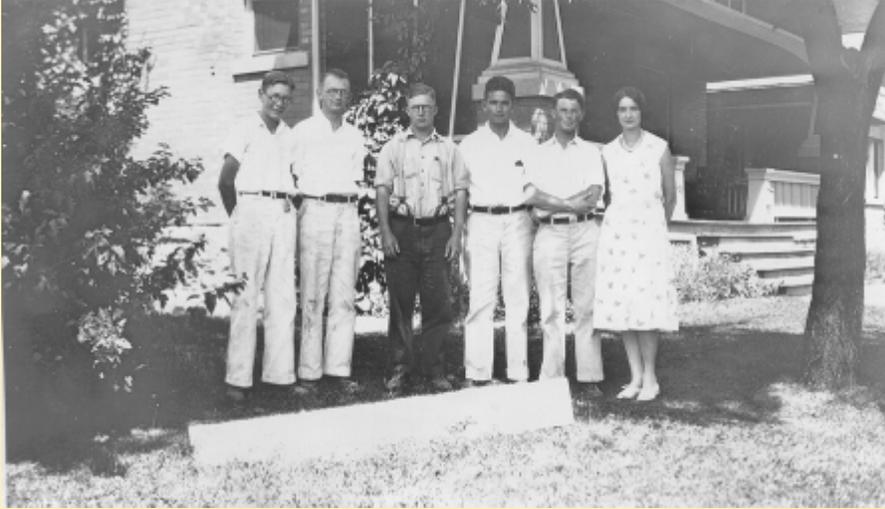
Salt Lake City was one of the first areas to promote skiing and ski jumping.





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# Salt Lake City.

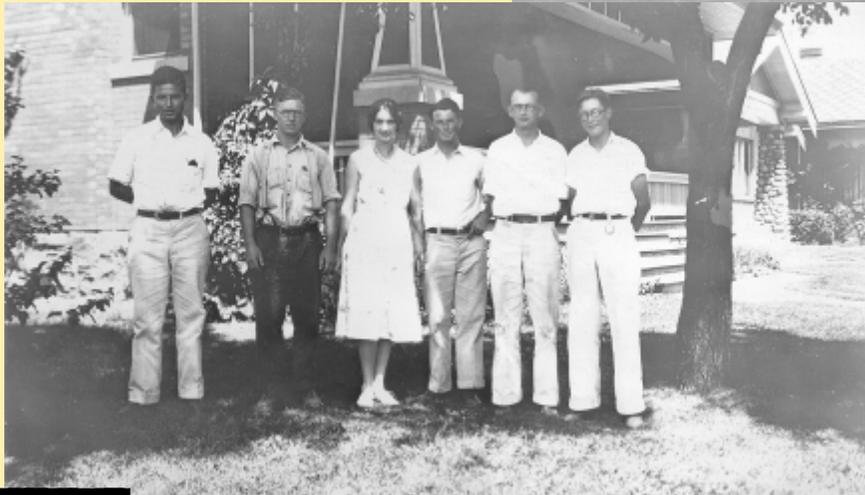


Salt Lake, August 1930.

C.E.R., Douglas, Harold Bogart, (visiting), ??????, Elizabeth.

August 1930.

Harold Bogart visiting from New York.



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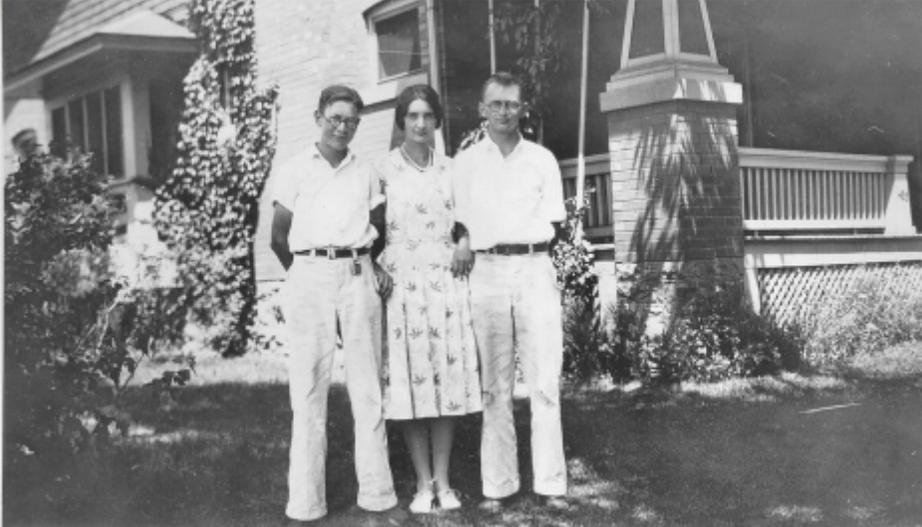
?????, Harold Bogart, Elizabeth, ??????, Douglas, C.E.R.





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# Salt Lake City.



Salt Lake, August 1930.

August 1930.



August 1930.





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# Rawley, Colorado.



Rawley 1930.



Rawley 1930.



Rawley – Colorado, 1930 Dam  
below Mill.



Rawley 1930. Below Mill.



Rawley 1930, Below Mill.



Rawley – 1930, Below Mill.





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# Rawley, Colorado.



Rawley 1930.



Rawley 1930.



Rawley – Colorado, 1930 Dam  
below Mill.



Rawley 1930. Below Mill.



Rawley 1930, Below Mill.



Rawley – 1930, Below Mill.





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# Rawley, Colorado.



Rawley Colorado – Below Mill – 1930.



Rawley – 1930 – Old #3 Dam.



Rawley – 1930 Old #4 Dam.



Rawley – 1930 – Old #4 Dam.





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1931

## **Ambrose Ely Ring                      Diary 1931**

January returned from British Guiana via Bermuda to New York.  
October 1, 10% salary cut at office. Grace & Elizabeth spent summer  
in East.

## **C. E. Ring,                      Year by Year Diary 1931**

Graduated from East High School.

Mother and Elizabeth went to Long Island & I was home with Dad.  
Memories of meals at University Club where Dad was a member.

Started at University of Utah – Walked 1 1/2 miles to school, cold  
winters.





Long Island – 1931.



Baileys Beach – Long Island – 1931.



Yankee Mine – August 1931.



Yankee Mine – American Fort – Utah – August 1931, Lower Tram Terminal.



Yankee Mine – August 1931.



Yankee Mine – August 1931.





Yankee Mine – August 1931.



Yankee Mine – August 1931.



Elizabeth at Bailey's Beach – Long Island, 1931.





1932

## **Ambrose Ely Ring                      Diary 1932**

**May 1, another 10% salary cut. Had flu and jaundice all march.**

## **C. E. Ring,                      Year by Year Diary 1932**

**I initiated into Beta Thirta Pi – University of Utah.**

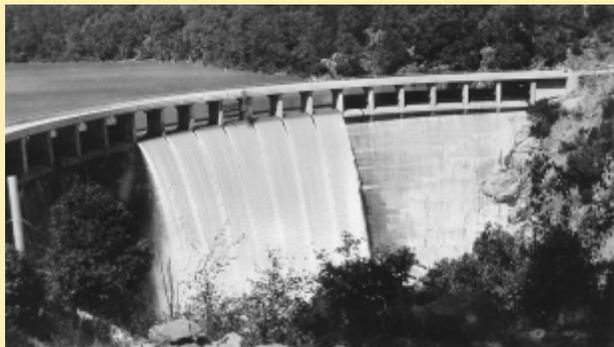
**Group of friends – four of us – Bob Loftis, Ray Landau + X (can't remember name). Ray was Jewish – X lived at times in Elks Lodge – Bob Loftis was "best friend" (church – played trumpet together – dated together – he drove his family's big Stutz.)**

**Trip through California in Model T with Philip Mallinkrodt, and Al (?) - Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tia Juana, San Francisco – slept "out", relatives, friends and YMCA – spent absolute minimum, but great time – my letters home in album of my early years.  
(shown in this section, ADR)**



1932

# 1932 Travels.



Dam at Bullards Bar – Yuba CO. – California – 1932.



Old Hydraulic Diggings – North of Nevada City – California – 1932.



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Placeritos – Nevada – 1932.



# 1932 Travels.



Placeritos – North of Lovelock – Nevada – 1932.



Red Cross Mine – Dobbins – California – 1932.



Placeritos – Nevada – 1932.



A. E. Ring – Calaveras Grove – California – 1932.



# 1932 Travels.



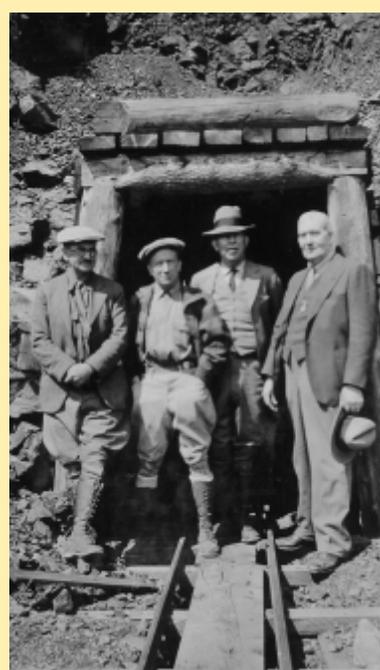
Redwoods – California Grove – 1932.



F. J. Kay – Redwoods in California.



A. E. Ring – A.H. Means – H. G. Washburn – Sen. I. E. Rockwell, Queen Portal – Bellevue – Ida – 1932.



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## Letters from Clinton Ring to family on his trip through California in 1932.

**Wednesday, morn. Dear Mother:** Well were still in Huntington Park with Jenkins. We sleep anywhere under a tree, in a car, and anywhere else we happen to be. Our meals are eaten anywhere along the road. They consist of a great deal of fruit nowadays.

We've driven all over L. A. now, and can find our way about great. Have been to the beach twice now, and it sure is lots of fun. One thin we do is to take a big inner tube out quite far and ride the waves. It's more fun than a picnic. Yesterday we got burned pretty bad. Philip is plenty bad. He looks as if some one had spilled red paint all over him. I burned the least of the bunch, and I don't feel so bad. We bought a watermelon and had a great time eating it on the beach. I ran into Bill Guthrie who goes down to church, on the beach yesterday. It was good to see someone from S.L. After we got thru eating & swimming we drove down through some beautiful estates in the Palo Verde's or something like that, and then right on up the coast bay all the beaches, up to Santa Monica. It was a beautiful drive just as the sun was setting.

Today were going over to El Monto again for our mail. I hope there's a letter for me. Then we are going down to san Pedro and try and go out on the fleet which is in. I sure hoe we get to go out. We still haven't made any further plans and probably won't until we get ready to leave. We're sure seeing this country down here though. Ill bet we've seen as much as anybody ever sees down here, and it hasn't cost as much either.

I still haven't got in touch with Cousin Eleanor yet but I will. Mrs. Jenkins & family says hello to everybody. Well I must be on my way.  
Lots of love, Clinton

**Friday afternoon, El Monte, Cal. Dear Mother, Dad, & Elizabeth:** Well, here we are in California not more than 25 miles from the heart of L.A. Here' a brief resume of our doings since the last letter. We had a great night in Las Vegas that night in the cabin, and slept royally even though the heat records were broken that day. We were up early the next morning and fixed the car for a couple of hours and finally got out to Boulder City, where we bought a new generator and put it on the car. We looked around the town a bit, and was very impressed with it. It has all been built in a year, and it is very neat, and quite large. We then started down to the dam site and looked it over. I'm sure glad we saw it. Boy that's some canyon and I don't mean perhaps. Not only that, but it is the hottest place, I believe that is on this planet. We got stuck at the bottom with a little trouble and had to fix it in the hot sun. I believe it was about 135° or 140. Some heat. Well we got back to Vegas after a terrifically hot drive, and packed our stuff. It was about 4 o'clock then, so we went around to the school grounds, and ate something and laid in the shade and talked until seven o'clock. We then bought some fruit and started driving. We did plenty good until our low gear got bad, and our lights went out. After the trouble was remedied we were sleepy, so we took a piece of canvas, stretched it on the lone prairie, over a few cactus, by the side of the road and slept for about an hour and a half. That refreshed us and we started again. Cooked our breakfast under an overgrown cactus tree about nine o'clock and drove into San Bernando, which is quite a place. Some town I calls it. Here we saw the palm trees and what not, and then left on Foothill Boulevard for E. Mont here. These roads are great stuff. We swing down onto Pamona Boul. and hit the town of Pomona. We were hot, dusty, grimy, sleepy, and everything else and were looking for a place to get a free shower. We ran around town and hit a big Y.M.C.A. building. We went in and convinced them that we were worthy. We then unpacked our car in the street, got fresh clothes, and went in and had a great shower, and got cleaned up. That made us feel great. Well, we packed up and came on into El Monto here. It is a small, nice little town, and we are staying at Phillip Uncles place. It is plenty nice, and they have treated us royally. Well, can't tell what well do now that we're here, but it is almost definite that we will head for Frisco. We're going to but the beaches around here, and from the looks of things we'll have a great time for quite a while. Our finances are holding out pretty well.

We figured about \$5.60 apiece for the trip down, and that included about \$1.25 cabin, \$1.00 tube, \$2.00 generator, food, gas, and refreshments, and we have most of the food left.

We're doing something tomorrow with Phil's Uncle. That's about all the news, and I hope you've written me here.

I'll write again soon, so, Lots of love, Clinton

P.S. It's plenty hot here.





## Letters from Clinton Ring to family on his trip through California in 1932.

**Friday noon, Florence, Cal. Dear Family:** Here we are again in a little town called Florence, in an auto camp. We have a cabin for four nights. This town is right next to Huntington Park.

I guess I told you about going out on the battleship, New York. I really don't remember when I wrote you last.

Yesterday we went up to see cousin Eleanor. We met her husband, and he is very jolly and nice. They are living in quite a nice old fashioned apartment house. They invited us up to dinner Saturday night.

We haven't done much else since I wrote last. Today we are going to see some more people, and go out and see the place where the Olympic Games are being held.

Yesterday we drove up through the Flintudge District and down through Pasadena. It is very pretty up through there. We also saw the Rose Bowl.

It is pretty warm down here in the day time, but plenty cool at night. We don't mind any of the weather.

I got your letters o. k. and surely was glad to get them. You might write me again, and address it, general delivery, San Francisco. We will leave L. A. for Frisco around the 5th and will probably stay in Frisco a little while before starting home.

Everything is o.k. with all of us, and we are having a great time. Money holding out great. The trip is going to be longer than I figured on, but I'm not particularly sorry.

Well, that's about everything for now. I would like to hear from you.

Lots of love, Clinton

**4th of July, Florence Cal. Dear Family:** What a Fourth of July. This is our last day in our auto cabin. We have spent the day washing all our dirty clothes, ironing and washed clothes, packing, eating, sleeping and talking.

We leave tomorrow morning for san Diego and points south. We will get there Tuesday; spend Tuesday evening and all of Wednesday in San Diego, Tia Juana, Mexico and Agua Clienta Mexico. We are going to make a real trip out of it. It will be great to cross the border into Mexico. That will bring us back to L. A. Thursday, and we will for San Jose & Frisco on Friday. Can't tell how long we will spend there. This is going to be some trip.

Saturday night we were up at cousin Eleanor's for dinner. Boy, it was great, and we spent a very enjoyable evening there. They are both a lot of fun, and very jolly. They offered to let us throw some blankets on the floor, but we had our cabin rented, so we declined, but tonight we have no place to sleep and we have arranged to go up there about 8:30 p.m. and sleep. They really want us to come and we won't cause them much trouble. I like them both very much, and so do the boys.

I got your nice letter Elizabeth, and I want to thank you very much for the \$5 that was in it. That was sure great of you. We will probably use that to finance our trip south.

Ed Jenkins and her cousin fixed up a beach party last night, but it was lousy. We are all disgusted with California girls. (I'll describe more in detail later).

An our trip south we are going to leave all our suitcases here and wear all the clothes we'll use. That will make it easier, and then if they search us they won't have so much work. We are also leaving most of our money here.



Well, that's about all the news, and I have to leave. This letter was written in a hurry. Maybe you can't read it. If you can't you'll have to wait until I get home. Don't forget to write me General Delivery, San Francisco.

Love, Clinton



## Letters from Clinton Ring to family on his trip through California in 1932.

**Wed. night, San Francisco, Dear Mother:** We got here at Frisco Tuesday around noon, and we got your letters at the Post Office. Two of them. Were surely glad to get them. We all want to thank you so much for the five dollars it surely was fine. This is what we did with it. We got a room here at the Y.M.C.A. for two nights for \$3. It's a peach of a place with a big lobby, lounges, pool rooms, a big swimming pool & gym. We are members for two days and get all the privileges. We had a great swim today.

Then we went to the Merry-Go-Round Café & had lunch on Tuesday & also today. It is one of those cafes where the bread, deserts, salads, relishes etc to go around on a moving section. The lunch was 35¢ apiece and the food was very good, and did we eat. Well 3 x .35 is \$1.05 x 2 is \$2.10 + \$3.00 is \$51.0, and the five dollars of yours took care of it all.

This morning we got up and drove down to the piers. The "Pres Coolidge" of the Dollar Line was in, and we got a pass, and were allowed to go aboard. Say, did we see that ship? We climbed down & up every hole & ladder we could find. Nobody said anything to us and we saw all the engine room, steering apparatus, the hold where the cargo is, and everything, besides all the main part of the boat. They sure are places.

We then came home and took a sauna & ate lunch at this café. Al & I then went to a show. It was pretty good.

We found a fellow from Phil's fraternity and we started to walk around town. We went thru a lot of the swanky hotels on Knob Hill like the, Fairmont, Mark Hopkins, Sir Francis Drake & the St. Francis, Boy they sure are some places. We then walked all down thru China Town.

Tomorrow we may drive around a little more & then leave. The way we figure it we will probably be home Monday.

We spent quite a lot of time at Stanford and it is surely wonderful. That chapel is just about perfect. We drove thru the section where the people live & the Frat houses are. We saw the Beta House and it is very nice.

Well, I may write again from Tahoe, or Reno.

With lots of love, Clinton

**Wednesday Evening, Las Vegas, Dear Mother, Dad, & Elizabeth:** Did somebody say that it was hot in this country? Boy oh Boy! 112° in the shade. We spent six hours on the desert today between St. George and here, and those hot winds just about baked us. We couldn't find anyplace to pitch a tent here, and didn't feel like it anyhow, so we rented a cabin for the night with the use of a shower, and boy it sure felt good. We have a nice cabin with running water a sink and a gas stove and heater. There is also a bed. After walking around the town tonight we came back to our cabin and started writing letters. It is still plenty hot.

On our walk up town we went into (The pens sweating ink) It is quite a sight and quite interesting.

We plan to stay here tomorrow and see the dam and there, but the rest of the desert at night.

We hit those bum roads all right, and didn't enjoy them a bit. We spent 6 hours on the desert today and what I mean it was hot. People don't & can't realize what a desert is until they cross one in a model "T." I never knew so much barren land existed.

Well, we are just about ready to enjoy the comforts of a good, hot bed.



If you write a letter to me as soon as you get this Ill get it if you address it to: 641 Washington Ave, El Monte, California. % Mr. Taylor Addison.

Lots of love, Clinton



## Ambrose Ely Ring      Diary 1933

1933 Transferred to South West Mines Department, Tucson, Arizona under Mr. B. R. Hatcher, February 1, 1933, Salt Lake Mining Department closed. February 10th left via auto for Tucson arrived Tucson February 13th. February 17 – Had 2nd molar and upper right pulled.

September 2, Elizabeth married to J. Gordon Spendlove at Louisville, Kentucky. Moved Grace and Clinton to Tucson. Stored furniture in Redman Van Storage Company SLC. Clint came down by train to enter "U". We drove by auto.

## C. E. Ring,      Year by Year Diary 1933

Mining business bad & ASARCO closed S.L.C. office & moved Dad to Tucson under B. R. Hatcher – Family moved in September, but I took train (thru L.A.) in August to start school at University of Arizona – A Junior – In Mechanical Engineering.

First home in Tucson – bungalow at 1131 N 6th Avenue – not fancy but ok (no air conditioning). Tucson 25,000 people – U of A 2,500 students – introduction made easier by Dick Hatcher, (son of B.R.H.). He was in Mining engineering & we became close friends – shot pool, double dated "cruised", drank beer, etc.



1933

1131 N 6th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona  
1933 & 1934.





## Ambrose Ely Ring      Diary 1934

1934 March 12th. – Left for New York – mother very low. Gone two weeks – returned March 30. June – Elisabeth & Gordon moved to Seattle – Gordon starts as intern at Habrorview Hospital. July 28 – Grace left for New York, October 9 returned to Tucson. December 5 mother Emma L. Ring died at 5:15 p.m. Thrombosis in 83rd year. December 6th – left Tucson by plane at midnight. December 7, arrived at Newark, New Jersey about 11:30 p.m. – Doug met me and drove me to White Plains. December 8th. – mother buried at Hunt plot in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Funeral at Aunt Vevis. December 14, left New York by train arrived Tucson December 17, 5:30 p.m.

## C. E. Ring,      Year by Year Diary 1934

Grandmother Ring (age 83) died 12/5/1934 in White Plains, N.Y. – Dad went east to settle estate with his brother Charlie from N.J. She left me \$2,547.00 – and the same for Doug & Elizabeth.

Grandmother's husband & my Grandfather Eugene Ring (who I did not know) sailed around the Horn to California (1849 – Gold Rush time) - on return trip was abandoned on West Coast of Mexico & walked to East Coast. C.E.R. has detailed diary.





1934

2409 E. Speedway 1934.



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## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1935

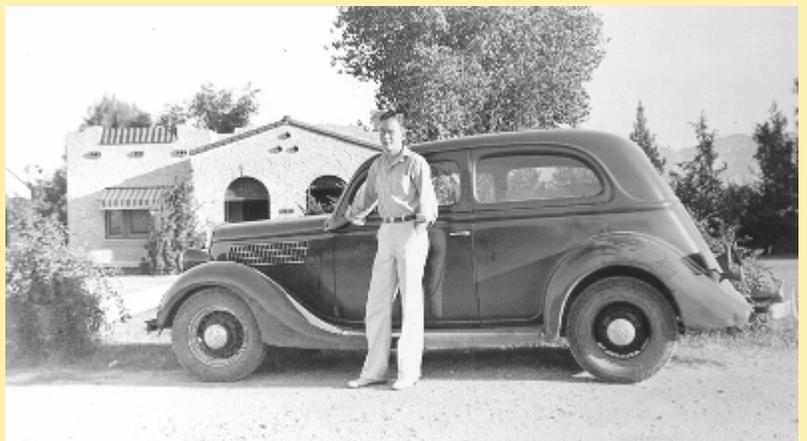
1935 June – Clinton graduated from University of Arizona BS – Tau Beta Pi – Several honors. September 20, Aunt Fannie died. October 3, Estelle Smith Potter died suddenly at Terrytown. October 13, left by auto for Seattle with Grace to visit Elizabeth. October 26 – returned from Seattle. November 8 – Douglas married Hanna Johnson at Red Bank, New Jersey. November 17 – Clinton left for Schenectady, New York to start with General Electric Company.

## C. E. Ring, Year by Year Diary 1935

Parents gave me a new Ford for Graduation – my first car – I was thrilled.

Just before I left for Schenectady we moved to nice house at 2409 East Speedway (just West of Tucson Blvd.) -Tucson Blvd was Eastern edge of City with open desert beyond.

Clinton and his graduation present.



1935

Paymaster Mine, Imperial, California  
Aug. 31, 1935.



Maitre D, Hotel, Ragador. "Hot Cake Sam."



Romero, Yaeger, Hatcher, Kohler, Jackson, Ring.



Romero, Yaeger, Hatcher, Lawhorn, Kohler, Ring.



2409 E. Speedway.



2409 E. Speedway – Tucson – 1935.



2409 E. Speedway – Tucson – 1935.

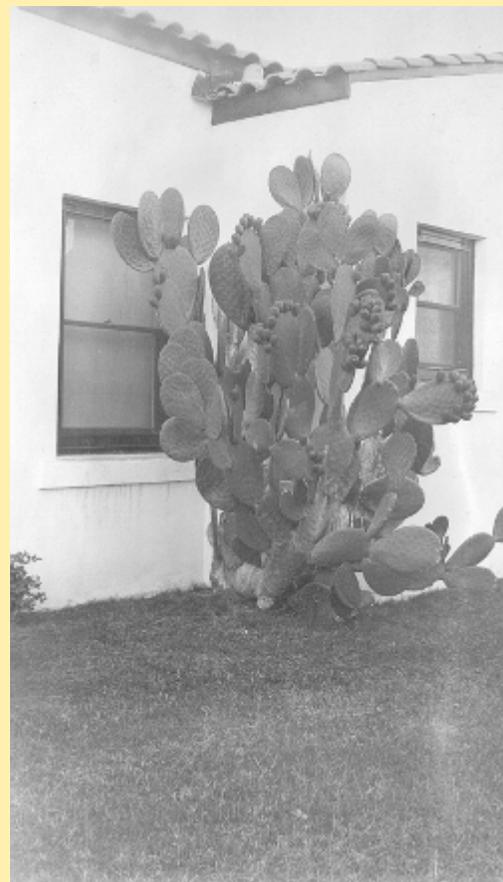


1935 Our Street – Looking east at “edge of town.”



1935

## 2409 E. Speedway.



September 1935 edition of  
Engineering & Mining Journal.



✦ Expanding his operations into the Wood River district of Idaho, W. J. Stratton has announced the purchase of the famous old Minnie Moore Mine Company, of which I. N. Rockwell is president. A lease and bond covered the deal, with payments on a royalty basis. The mine has a production record of more than \$9,000,000. Efforts during the past few years to locate the faulted orebody have proved unavailing, but it still remains the subject of intense study by some of the most capable geologists of the West, who believe, however, the continuation of the faulted orebody will be found.





1936

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1936

**1936 April 25 – Clinton transferred to Fort Wayne works for General Electric Company.**

**May 31st. Born to Douglas and Hanna, a girl – Margaret Johanna, at Red Bank, New Jersey at 6 to 7. Mother and baby have both come through ok.**

**July 15 – Grace left for New York. September 14 – Clinton transferred to Nela Park Works – East Cleveland.**

**September 29, 1:45 p.m. Richard O’Shea M.D. attending, born to Elizabeth and Gordon Spendlove a son, Gordon Spendlove at Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Washington.**

**October 15 left for Grand Canyon, Salt Lake to Seattle.**

**October 30 returned from Seattle – drove 4070 miles – Ambrose Ely Ring & Grace Harned Ring.**

**Note:**

**In future years you may see some letters from Ambrose to Clinton Ring, that may be addressed to “PETE.” This was just a name Ambrose called Clinton over the years, no real reason why, just did.**



**Also, some family members called Clinton “Gene” for no real reason.**



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1936

## Margaret Johanna Ring, 1936 —

May 31st. Born to Douglas and Hanna, a girl – Margaret Johanna, at Red Bank, New Jersey at 6 to 7. Mother and baby have both come through ok.

## J. Gordon Spendlove, Jr. 1936 —

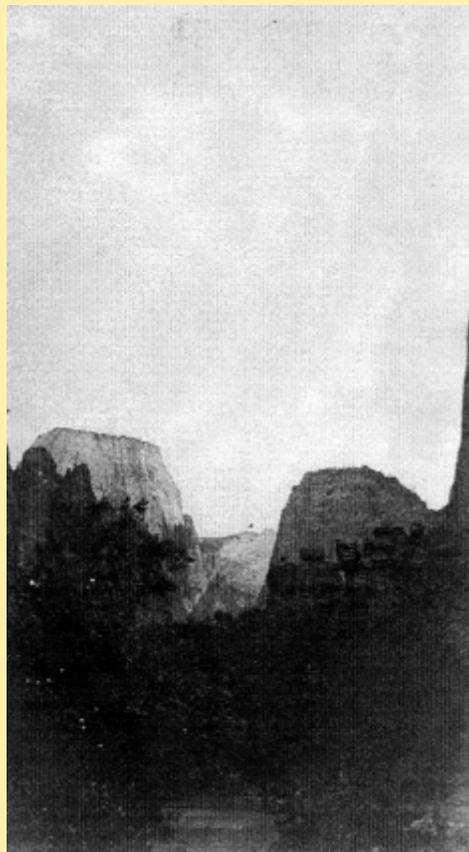
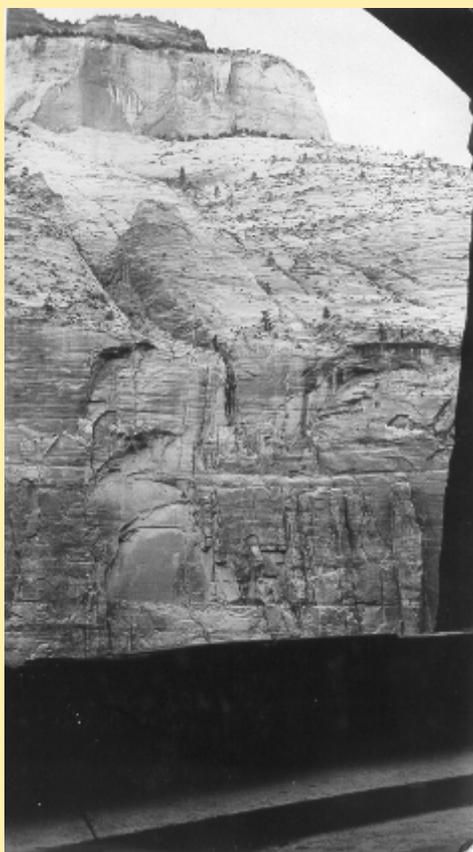
**J. Gordon Spendlove, Jr.** was born in Seattle, Washington, on September 29, 1936. He married Sharel Toers in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 3, 1965.

Gordon attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon and DeVries Technical School in Chicago, Illinois. He also spent two years in the Army. He now works in the Long Lines Department of A.T. & T. in Denver, Colorado (CER 1992).



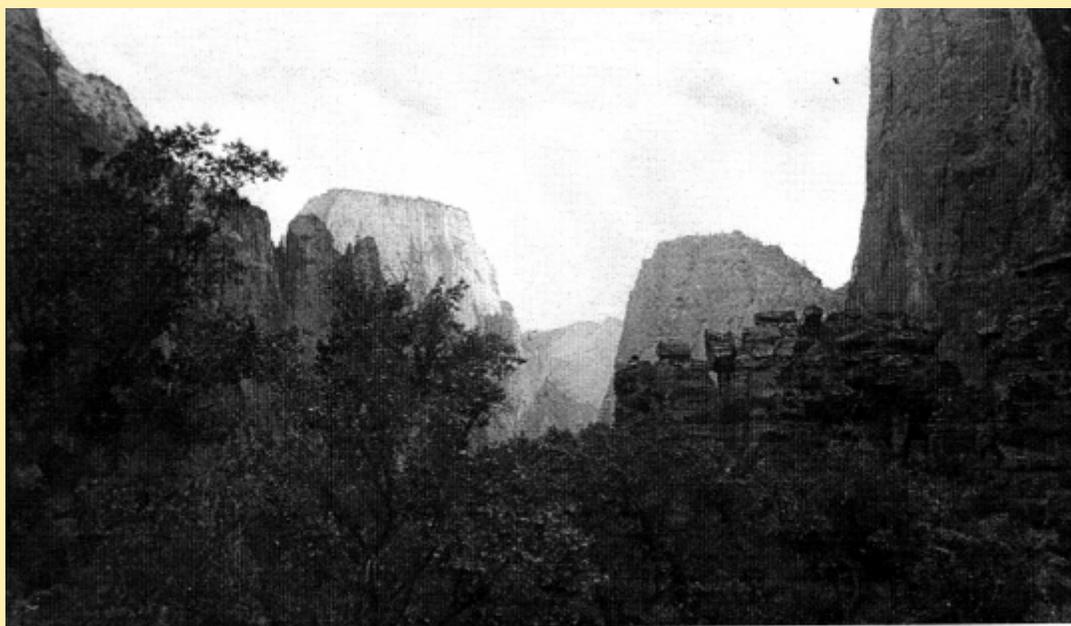
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Zion Park 1936.



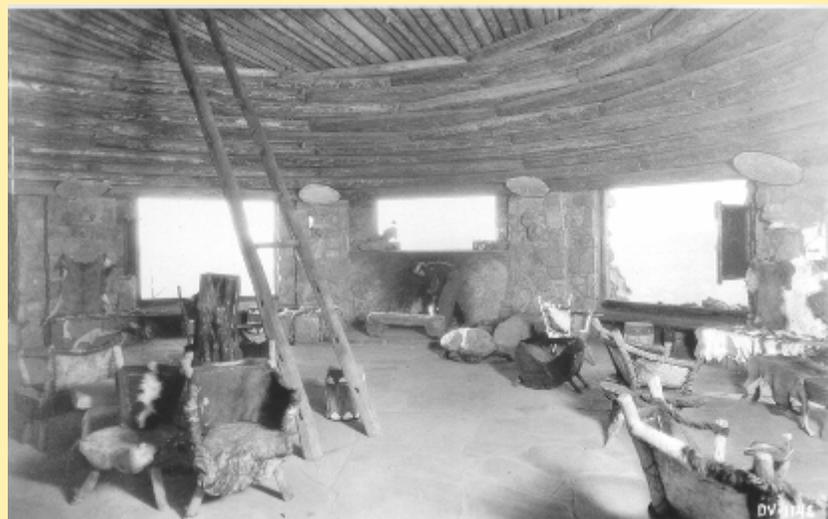
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# Zion Park 1936.



1936

# Grand Canyon 1936.



1936



## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson Jan 19/36

Dear Pete -

Sunday afternoon - cold and clear - while the Midwest is enjoying a blizzard. Saw Ruth White at Octave - she is coming here Wednesday. The 20 payment policy is a good one - hits your pocket book a little harder but it is always a good nest egg - ace in the hole to fall back on in emergency. Assuming you live beyond the 20 years, it is a good investment - you can then forget it and it will go right on increasing in value by letting the dividends accumulate. I took one out for \$1,000 when I was around 20 - paid it out and left it alone and it now represents some \$1,600 or \$1,700 paid up insurance, safe for all time until I die - keeps on increasing too - and I pay nothing any more on it.

As to investing the money Grandma left you - go slow. Right now financial conditions are in a state of flux and "paying the market" is dangerous unless you have sufficient capital to thoroughly protect yourself. I would hate to advise you right now to put the money into any particular stock even tho I'm playing the market myself to a limited extent. However, I am only playing with such stocks as I know something about, and in such amounts that I can clear up my account any time and have the actual stocks and they will be stocks that are worth what I pay as long as anything in the country is worth anything. In other words, while I am technically gambling, or speculating I'm keeping within certain limits. This is what I mean - using assumed figures - say I figure on playing with \$10,000 capital; I keep say \$2,000 to \$3,000 cash in the back for emergency in case of a big sudden drop in the market and decide not to sell out at a loss, but to keep the stocks. I deposit the \$10,000 with my broker and buy, say, 50 A.S. & R. @ 50, 100 Gen Elc. @ 40, 100 Alaska Juneau at 15 and 50 AT & T @ 150 giving

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 50 ASR @50 -      | 2500         |
| 100 GE @ 40-      | 4000         |
| 100 Al. Jun @ 15- | 1500         |
| 50 At & T @ 150 - | <u>7500</u>  |
|                   | 15500        |
| Cash deposited    | <u>10000</u> |
| Marginal a/c      | 5500         |

The grade A stocks, brokers will carry you for at least 50% of the value of the stocks; in other words if they were to sell out the account, they would receive \$15,500 less commissions, which with the \$10,000 cash, leaves them in the clear. Now, suppose the market drops way down and these stocks are quoted at

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| 50 ASR @ 30    | 1500        |
| 100 G. E. @ 20 | 2000        |
| 100 AJ @ 5     | 500         |
| 50 AT&T @ 100  | <u>5000</u> |
|                | 9000        |

50% of 9000 is only 4500, the amount they are willing to lend you - they (on paper) invested \$15,500 for you - less \$10,000 cash - leaving them a debit balance in your name of \$5,500. So, they would call on you for \$1,000, immediately, more margin & if you couldn't furnish it, would sell out enough for

your holdings to equalize this margin - might (lacking instructions from you) sell 75 AT&T @ 100. The total bookkeeping of your account on their books would be as follows -





## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

|                                | <u>Dr.</u>      | <u>Cr.</u>                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan 1 Rcd Cash                 |                 | 10000.--                    |
| Jan 2 BT 50 ASR @ 50           | 2500.--         |                             |
| BT 100 GE @ 40                 | 4000.--         |                             |
| BT 100 AJ @ 15                 | 1500.--         |                             |
| BT 50 AT&T @ 150               | 7500.--         |                             |
| (allow for big drop in market) |                 |                             |
| Jan. 25 Sold 25 AT&T @ 100     | <u>15500.--</u> | <u>2500.---</u><br>12500.-- |
| Jan 31 -- Debit Bal            |                 | <u>3000.--</u><br>15500.--  |
| <u>Long</u>                    |                 |                             |
| 50 ASR                         |                 |                             |
| 100 GE                         |                 |                             |
| 100 AJ                         |                 |                             |
| 25 AT&T                        |                 |                             |

31. They wont designate prices @ Jan 31st but they figure your situation as follows on Jan

|                 |             |                    |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 50 ASR @ 30 =   | 1500        |                    |
| 100 GE @ 20 =   | 2000        |                    |
| 100 AJ @ 5 =    | 500         | 50% of 6500 = 3250 |
| 25 AT&T @ 100 = | <u>2500</u> |                    |
|                 | 6500        |                    |

They are willing to have your debit balance \$3,250 and no more. If this last calculation at market price shows a value of \$5,500 instead of \$6,500, the limit of your credit balance is \$2,750 and they will call on you for \$250 or \$300 more cash to protect your stocks - more margin. That is how it works. Of course, carrying stocks on margin this way, or even at practically full value with a brokerage house has one ever present danger - if the brokerage house fails, you lose everything. Therefore, never carry any brokerage account with any but the most sound and reliable houses. The safest way, of course is to buy outright and get the certificates. Personally, I am using some of the money from the Estate on market accounts, if I make a \$1,000, I pull our some stock - get the certificate and keep the gross amount of the account down to a certain figure; in other words, keep putting any profits made into actual certificates. By only playing with grade A stocks, I don't figure I can lose anything of any account, especially if I don't get ambitious and let my debit balance run away from me. In other words, in my own case, the market could drop 50%; I could pay up my present debit balance with cash without having to borrow and just take my stocks and put them away. Their face value on the 50% drop might be, say 10% less than actual cash I would have paid for them, but I have the actual stock and, altho, on paper, a trial balance of my condition might show a loss, if I don't have to sacrifice some of the stocks for living expenses, and they come back a year or so later, I am in the clear. That is the conservative way of gambling - my way. Of course it is not a "get rich quick" way. Neither is it a "go broke" quick way. You better not try either way at present.





## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

By keeping, say \$2,000 in the savings account, you are keeping it safe (U. S. insures up to \$5,000) and are getting 2% or \$40 a year interest. Suppose you bought 5 shares of AT&T, which is about as safe as anything, at \$150 and they continue to pay the \$9 dividend. You would take out \$750 and get \$45.00 in dividends a year from that 2% of \$1,250.00 or \$25 from the balance in the savings account - a total of \$70 a year against \$40 if you have it all in the savings account. This gives you a total return of 3 1/2% against 2%. The 2% is safe; the 3 1/2% is reasonably safe so far as one can see - for a year, say. However, Washington may raise H - with the utilities and AT&T may drop to 7% or 8% and the price per share drop - not so good. Right now AT&T is from \$150 to \$160 and return 5 1/2 to 6% on any investment. If they should cut the dividend to, say \$8, which is what they are actually almost earning, your investment at say \$150 today, would only be returning 5.4% and if they cut to \$7, it would be 4.7%; but, if they did cut to \$7 or \$8, the price (market) would also probably drop and you would have to figure in this loss on the capital so that your return might drop to, say 4%. However, if you do want to take the chance and put some of that money out, stick to only the highest grade of stocks. Even at \$160, I don't believe you can lose by getting 5 or 6 shares - but, get the actual shares - your bank will get them for you. Personally, I think Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. also a safe bet - at \$15 to \$16. They are paying \$1.20 a share - due to \$40 gold price. I have 300 shares of this myself. They are not like most mines which are quite speculative - their reserves are unquestionably good for 30 to 50 years. They are actually mining for 60 to 70 cents a ton and even when they have to increase these costs to 90¢ to \$1, they can make good profits on their immense reserves of low grade ore. They have no loaded indebtedness and only 1,500,000 shares of stock out. I think these two are the safest buys - so use your own judgment. Don't take any tips on stocks from chaps who have inside information or sure things - I got my fingers burned, in a small way, many years ago & so, take heed.

Enough for the financial lesson. Re auto insurance. Probably G. E. may have some arrangement - ask around. If not, it would probably be hard for you to take out a policy similar to the one you have in a first class company with agents in Schenectady - simpler to deal with a local agency than thru one 2000 miles away in case you should have to use it. Watch out for the "double indemnity" clauses - especially on the "public liability" phase (injury to other persons). You might look into the matter of the A. A. A. (not Roosevelt's AAA) - see what the dues are and what they would get insurance for - They do that for members and get a certain discount for you on the premiums if you are a member. Membership in it sometimes comes in handy - more so back east than out here. I don't think N.Y. has compulsory insurance - but, find out. I believe Massachusetts does have. Anyhow, don't fail to get some insurance, especially the public liability.

I don't recall just what you have in the St. Louis bank. I think it was around \$170 the last time I looked but no interest has been written up in several years and it may be \$15 or \$20 more than that now. Anytime you want to get it transferred to your own name, let me know.

I'm glad you made your "paper" more or less original - proper thing to do. Don't be afraid of using your head. I think you are right in taking the business course and side tracking the research lines. Your superiors won't think any the less of you for being original or putting on papers any ideas you may have - They may not agree or you may refer to something that has already been considered, but the initiative will be a credit mark for you, anyhow.

So good luck and all our love to you.

Your loving *Dad*



I had your watch cleaned - it runs a little fast but you can get some good out of it. When you are 21, I'll give you a good one - so you can look forward a bit. Don't pay to carry a good one around electrical work - especially D. C. current - you will find that out.



## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1937

1937 Salary raised to \$370.00 – 4% bonus in 1936. Elizabeth moved to Broadmore Apartments. Clinton to Schenectady for a Mo. Then to Fort Wayne & Cleveland – Visited us at Tucson, May 28 – June 12. Became engaged to Charlotte Brehm. June Grace left for Seattle – back 7/26. Gordon made Medical Resident at harbor View July 1st. Gertrude Stewart visited us 1 st. week in August. August 19 – Grace left for New York stopped at Cleveland – Clinton head expert of General Electric sealed refrigerators. Grace returned to Tucson October 27. December 22 bonus 5% - @22.00 AS&R Company.





Grace.



Grace Ring, Charlotte Brehm, Grace Eaton,  
Al Shroder, Clinton Ring.



Al Shroder, Grace Eaton, Charlotte Brehm & Clinton Ring.



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1937



## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson, Ariz. Jan 30, 1937

Dear Son -

I found your letter at the office when I got back from a rush trip to Octave. January has been a tough month in this country - pipe lines at Octave froze up & the weather caused Hell generally - This country doesn't build for that kind of climate however, it is warming up a bit now tho there is still a lot of snow on the Rincons to the East. The Ohio - Mississippi mess is terrible & I'm sure thankful Elizabeth & Gordon didn't stay in Louisville. You will probably get your share in N.Y. in February - worst month of the year in the East.

Am not taking your letter home. You are in the same position that lots of young chaps are starting out. No one but themselves can make the final decision. Of course we suspected things in regard to you and Charlotte. I sure hope things will work out so that you do get sent out around the country some so that you can work in a vacation in Arizona - if the Company doesn't send you out this way, then you will have to try & work one in on your own hook. I believe you will be entitled to a couple of weeks vacation this year - don't expect more than that which is the recognized allowance. In a couple of months you will probably know more about what is in store for you and can figure some tentative plans. Then go to your boss and lay your cards on the table. He is human and you appear to stand well with him from what you write.

As to your chances with G. E. - they have been a bit backward in the accessory appliance field - I believe Westinghouse has rather dominated that field. However, they are expanding more and more and are a very large corporation. I do not believe you can do better than to stick to them for a matter of years yet. There are far more chances of advancement in a big manufacturing concern like G. E. than there are in - a company like A.S. & R. or in a small closely held stock company identified with some family or small group. The objection is, of course, that you can not figure on being established in one place for a while. Don't figure that you are going to jump into a \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year salary in a few years. You are getting now the practical experience that one must have to hold the bigger jobs later. Gordon, (Son-in-law a doctor) for instance, is probably not getting any more if as much cash salary right now as your are. He has had chances to go to mining camps and other places where he might get much more salary - for the time being - then the camp might blow up or the job be gone or he might get in a rut - for instance he had a chance to go into the Health Dept. at Salt Lake - that would probably have put him in a rut and more or less in politics - always precarious. At Harborview, (Hospital in Seattle) he is getting wonderful experience and training - not only in anyone line but in all lines. Later he will probably specialize more or less in surgery and the training he is now getting will be invaluable. Of course he and E. have had to budget every cent, and couldn't have all the comforts & pleasures they would like. But - they have had each other and are closer to each other than ever - in every way when he does start out - on his own - even, if it takes another year at Harborview, he will be in a position to really make good and they will appreciate all the more the present years.

You are fairly well established now with G. E. In another year or so you will have a good back ground of experience - altho even 4 or 5 years is none to much. Then, if you have the stuff in you, the big chiefs will know it (and don't fool yourself thinking that they won't). If they figure you are "ready" - it won't make any difference about there being a lot of comparatively young men in the higher jobs. If they figure you, are just "ordinary," - competent, able, loyal, trustworthy and all that but lacking that indefinable something, then you will probably go along and maybe advance slowly but - you will have a job that you can depend on. If you start switching companies



1937



## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

while in subordinate jobs - possibly because of a slightly higher salary offered - you may better yourself, especially if you are exceptionally able, but in many, many cases it doesn't work out - you get to thinking your employees don't appreciate you and pretty soon you switch again - and that continues - one out of a thousand may win out - the rest never get anywhere.

Following the "sticking" plan involves some sacrifices - especially for one figuring on marrying. If you come back and see Charlotte a few days - and you both are sure it is the "real thing," then you will have to decide certain practical matters - 50 years ago such things just weren't mentioned in polite society but that day is gone, thank goodness. You won't be able to establish a home right away. You will have to live in new places - make new friends, you will both be away from the parental roof and "on your own." You will have to budget your income and live within it - not so many picture shows and dances, etc. And, most important of all, you will have to figure on the possibility of children. By control and restriction of union to certain periods, it is possible to cut down the chances of impregnation very greatly but Mother Nature is fickle and you can never be positive. The female organs were endowed by Nature primarily for reproduction - they don't always follow the "rules and regulations." Total abstinence is, of course, sure but ridiculous and simply a human impossibility for young people who really love each other - There are other methods of "birth control" - it won't hurt you to read up a bit on the subject - then it's for each individual to make his own decision about them.

These matters must all be considered and balanced against your desires. As I said before, I can not help you much on the final decision, all I can say is "be sure," talk the matter over freely between you so that you both know just what to figure on - the "yes or no" is then up to you two and no one else.

So good luck to you and love from us both -  
Your loving *Dad*

Am sending this to the Mohawk (Hotel in Schenectady, N.Y.) even though your letter was on Van Curler stationary. Let me know if you get it all right. Have the flu licked. *Dad*

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 Had raised question of getting married. I was 21 years old and had been working for G. E. one year in Schenectady, N.Y. ----- Gordon is my older sister's (Elizabeth) husband and was a Doctor.





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1938

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1938

1938 Clinton arrived from Cleveland. June 11 – Clinton Eugene Ring married Charlotte Brehm at church in Bisbee, Arizona 8:30 a.m.

## C. E. Ring, Year by Year Diary 1938

June 11, 1938 Charlotte & Clinton married – Community Church – Rev. Roberts – Dick Hatcher was best man – Reception at Bisbee Country Club – Charlotte's Sister Eunice was Maid of Honor.





## Charlotte Addie Ring, 1915 —1997.

**Charlotte Brehm**, the second daughter of LeRay and Minnie Brehm, was born in Kansas, May 25, 1915.

Her family moved to Los Angeles in 1920, when she was five years old. In Los Angeles Charlotte attended Kindergarten. In an autobiographical essay in 1980, Charlotte wrote, "I did not like Kindergarten. The children were already making paper hats when I joined the class. I was shy, frightened, and I didn't want a paper hat. And I can't remember ever finishing one!"

A short time later, Charlotte's family moved to Bisbee, Arizona. "After one year," Charlotte remembered, we moved to a small house in Warren, a residential area near Bisbee. My father did well in his business and a few years later we bought a larger house in 3rd addition. The streets were built in terraces and our house was on the 16th terrace. There was a mine shaft on the hill above our house.

I walked from there to school every day until I went to High School. Originally there had been a Streetcar which wound its way around mountains, but by the time I went to High School I rode to school with my Dad when he went to work.

In 1926 my father bought a Buick which we considered the most beautiful car in Bisbee. (He kept that same car until it was a great cause of embarrassment to a young lady). The car was put to good use. It took us to northern Arizona on Camping Trips every year and also to the beaches in California where we went every year. While we were in California we bought our clothes for the coming year. My mother sewed many of my clothes also.

The depression came in 1929 and my father's business fell off...My sister was ready for college in 1931. My father tried to borrow money to send her to the University of Arizona but the bank refused him a loan. Education was not considered necessary for girls. My father had always saved his money and apparently had enough so that he was able to send her himself. I don't remember being poor or going without anything. I am sure we were very fortunate compared to many people at that time.

I had wanted to be an Interior Decorator but the University of Arizona did not offer that course. I wanted to go to "Mills College" in Oakland, but settled for the University where I earned a degree in education. I enjoyed school, made good grades, lived in a sorority house for four years and met my future husband in my sophomore year, during the 1937/8 school year. I earned \$110 a month. That was sufficient as I could live at home, paid no board and room and saved my money to get married. I bought many things for my Cedar chest. I was very lucky. When I was married in June of 1938 I had a closet full of clothes. That was a good thing as it was a long time before my husband and I could buy any clothes.

Clinton and I moved to Cleveland, Ohio when we were married. He had a job with the General Electric Co. The second month after we were married his salary was cut from \$135 a month to \$125 a month. But we were fortunate – he still had a job. We had a very nice apartment which we rented for \$43 a month. Our grocery bill was \$25 a month. We met many nice people, some of whom became our best friends. Any social life that we had was built around "BYL" parties-bring your own liquor. That went the same for food at parties too. Since I didn't drink the parties didn't cost us very much.

1940 we moved to Bridgeport along with our same G.E. friends. Clinton and I rented the bottom story of a two story house. Our first son, Robert, was born in March of 1940. I believe the doctors fee was \$100.

1942 found us moving to a pretty house which we rented in Ft Trumbull, Conn.. That house had a nice finished basement and our group had many parties there with each family bringing part of the food. We didn't have much money, but I don't think we realized that.



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1938



## Charlotte Addie Ring, 1915 —1997.

Bob and I had a flying trip to Arizona from New York City in 1941 in a DC3. That plane scheduled 18 stops. Fortunately we were grounded by a storms in El Paso as neither of our stomachs appreciated the stops. The Airline paid our train fare into Bisbee.

Alan was born in 1943. The war was on. Bob and Alan and I made several trips by train from New York to Bisbee on the Southern Pacific. Those trains were crowded with soldiers and we waited in line for meals. That was a bad time to travel but Grampa Brehm insisted....

1947 found us buying a house (\$17,000) in Trumbull, Con. The house was attractive and quite a special one for us. We were some of the more fortunate G.E. people. Clinton had a good job and we had more money than many of our friends. I can't remember that we went without anything. We had a nice Chevrolet, enough to eat, nice clothes, belonged to the Trumbull Congregational Church, and were very busy with our boys. We stayed there until 1951 when General Electric again moved us and all of our friends, (CAR).

From there they moved to Louisville, Kentucky in 1951. Raised both Bob and Al and then Clinton retired at the end of 1976 and they moved to Tucson, Arizona. They lead a very active life with lots of trips and fun until Charlotte died January 21, 1997. (ADR)

Steven Charles Ring



1938

**June 11, 1938 Clinton & Charlotte  
Wedding.**



Ambrose.



Charlotte & Clinton.



Grace & Clinton.



1938

## June 11, 1938 Clinton & Charlotte Wedding.



Bisbee  
Country Club.

Minnie Brehm Ambrose, Charlotte, Clinton, Grace  
(Charlotte's Mother).



Eunice Brehm, Grace, Minnie Brehm, Charlotte, Clinton, Ray Brehm, Ambrose  
(Charlotte's Sister) (Charlotte's Dad).

1938

# June 11, 1938 Clinton & Charlotte Wedding.



Ambrose  
Grace  
Clinton.



Ambrose, Ray Brehm, Clinton, Charlotte, Minnie Brehm, Grace, Eunice.



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1939

## **Ambrose Ely Ring                      Diary 1939**

1939 May 30 – Katherine Grace Ring born to Douglas & Hanna Ring. April & May – Ella visited us. August 17 – Grace left for New York, Charlotte spent August at Bisbee. September 20 – Clinton moved to 451 Gurdon Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. October 15 left for New York by train. October 31 returned to Tucson with Grace. June – Gordon started office for himself, July moved to 2409 E. Speedway – Tucson.





Grace, Ambrose, Margaret Johanna, Hanna and Katherine Grace Ring.



Aunt Ella – Mother's sister from Mineola, Long Island – and Grace, at 2409 E. Speedway – Tucson – Arizona 1939.



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1940

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1940

**1940 March 29 – Robert Clinton Ring born 6:00 a.m. to Clinton & Charlotte Ring – Bridgeport, Connecticut.**

**August 28 – Grace left for Seattle.**

**Got photo of birth certificate. Note it is given as Ambrose Shook Ring – August 5, 1883 at 622 East 135th Street, New York City – birth-place of father (Eugene Ring) Kingston, New York.**

**September 14 I left for Seattle 10:15 a.m. arrived Seattle September 17 noon.**

**October 1 Grace & I returned to Tucson – noon.**

**Note:**

**Ambrose mentions the name on his birth certificate was Ambrose Shook Ring. We think he at that time had it “changed/fixed” to Ambrose Ely Ring, which is the name he used all his life. He felt very “strongly” that the Ely name was the correct one and the one he wanted.**





1940

## Letter from Gene to Grace & Ambrose.

New York City, October 15, 1940

Dear Ambrose and Grace:

This is a beautiful Sunday morning, on the banks of the Hudson. I believe you will be interested in the story of a sail I took recently and a day spent on it's picturesque banks at Cornwall - which joins West Point on the North on the slopes of Storm King.

From the town square, I walked north on Hudson Ave., nearly a mile to the "Old Ring Homestead": fine old time building. A sign informed me that it was built in 1752 and was now being cared for by the lady's town and homestead committee. It is sometimes referred to as the Sands - Ring homestead. The Sands were Quakers. Squire Ring and Catherine Sands were the first couple married in the new Quaker meeting house - their first meetings were held at the homestead.

Before the Revolution, Robert B. Ring's grandfather kept a store here and during the war, it was a guardhouse. In later years, Robert E. Ring was proprietor of the Lawrence House, a summer resort.

I went from the homestead to a heavily timbered lot of about two acres on the same roadway. In one corner, hidden by the trees, was the Ring-Sands cemetery - about 70 ft. square, enclosed by a fine iron picket fence. The lot is cared for by the town of Cornwall.

Capt. Nathaniel Ring built the docks at Cornwall and ran a sloop to New York. Some of these dates I got from the "History of Orange County".

I cannot imagine what enticed the little colony to land on the rocky and heavily wooded slopes of Storm King. I've read that the first two years, they found it so hard going that some left Cornwall, and found a better outlook at Rhinebeck.

Christopher and Marie Ring, who owned the old Bible, were among these (who went to Rhinebeck) and the record of births begins with Koonrath, 1746.

When you come on next springtime, perhaps you will enjoy a sail to Cornwall.

Love to you both,                      Gene

Note by Ambrose E. Ring, Oct. 21, 1940

The above letter was written by Eugene Ring, son of Eugene Ring Sr.. The branch of the family that moved to Rhinebeck is the one I am familiar with and the graves of some are in the old cemetery at Rhinebeck. They intermarried with the Stickle, Fellows & Shook families.

*Ambrose Ring*





1940

# Story of the Old Homestead.

Cornwall, New York  
1732 - - 1932

Published by the Two Hundredth Anniversary Committee



## The Old Homestead

Old houses are very appealing; family history often full of interest. As the question – what is the story of the Old Homestead had been often asked, here is a short answer, compiled from letters and papers of the Sands-Ring family and extracts from David Sands' Journal; to celebrate the Two Hundredth anniversary of the House.

The Sands-Ring Homestead in the Town of Cornwall, New York, was built in the year 1732, by Nathaniel Sands. It is considered by many to be one of the best examples of Old Dutch Colonial houses. Indeed it is one of the oldest houses still standing in the Hudson River Valley. The house was built on part of the property granted to the Sands family by Queen Anne. This grant was for thousands of acres and extended as far as what is now known as Firthecliffe. Here the family kept their cattle and this part was known as "The Little Farm."

Nathaniel Sands built the house for a cousin, Comfort Sands; but Comfort's wife refused to live in the country according to letters and other data); so Nathaniel lived in the house himself, until his son David married a few years later, when he gave the property to him, for his home; and there he lived until he died. At his death, it went to his daughter, Catharine, who married Elias Ring, son of Benjamin ring, of Brandywine, whose house was the headquarters of Washington, Lafayette and others, during the Revolution and on whose grounds the battle of Brandywine was fought.





## Story of the Old Homestead.

The Rings lived in the sands home until the children of Catharine Ring were grandmothers. By this time, the family had become much scattered.

Nathaniel Sands came to Cornwall from Sands Point, Long Island; where the old Sands home two hundred and fifty years old, still stands. Nathaniel lived first in a house that stood in the vicinity of Willow Avenue. David Sands was about fifteen years old when he came here with his parents. David was rather delicate and it was largely on his account his father returned to Cornwall. Where he still had interests in the old grants.

While David was quite a young man, he became interested in the Quakers. He was told that a friend from Long Island, with a large family of children, had moved to New Marlborough, twelve miles distant. David visited them and became more and more interested in the "faith." He made many friends in New Marlborough, among them the Heights, Lancasters, Vails and Osbornes. In his twenty-first year, he requested to be admitted to the Society of Friends as a preacher. Several years later, he was married to Clementine Hallock, daughter of Edward and Phebe Hallock, of New Marlborough, and came to the Homestead to live.

The Society of Friends prospered in their neighborhood, so they opened their house for the Quakers to hold meetings on First and Fourth Days. This continued for eleven years, until a meeting house was built. During the Revolution, soldiers in passing would stack their arms and go in and attend these meetings.

As a preacher, David Sands traveled a great deal. He made two trips to England and through other parts of Europe. While in England, he was received by King George III, at the royal palace, in a gracious manner. The King told him the Quakers were among his most valuable and loyal subjects. He kept a diary of his travels, which was published by his wife, a few years after he had passed away.

During the Revolution, for the convenience of passing soldiers, David Sands opened one of the rooms on the lower floor of the house, as a store; for the sale of ammunition, cloth and other supplies. On one occasion, he was robbed of about five hundred dollars worth of supplies, mostly material for making clothes. With the help of the soldiers, he was able to catch the thieves. After he had identified them, they confessed to the theft, and he was able to get back most of the lost materials.

That Washington was a welcome guest in the Sands home, is very evident; for on one occasion he planned to spend the night there. He occupied the parlor bedroom, which was always the guest chamber, on the first floor. The story as it has come down to us, tells how the British were planning to capture Washington, hoping to take him that night; but Washington's men, hearing of this, came to warn him, tapped on the window, awoke their chief and took him back to his camp at Newburgh; thus foiling his enemies.

David sands had three daughters and one son. Nathaniel Sands, (named after his grandfather) married and lived in Moodna, and owned much property there. A large tract of woodland, now known as the estate of Idlewild, he sold to N. P. Willis, the poet, who lived there for some years.





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Nathaniel Sands was also the donor of the “Sands Medals.” He set aside a sum of money for five years for medals to be given the schools of Moodna, New Windsor and Cornwall, but before the first ones were presented, he died. His son, Abraham Sands, continued the appropriation and at his death, left a sum of money in trust, in memory of his father, for these medals. Which are presented on Nathaniel Sands’ birthday, the third of April.

Hope Sands, one of the daughters of David Sands, who as a little girl carried the mails from the old forge in Moodna, that were used in building the Friends’ Meeting House, married George Newbold. They made their home in Cornwall. It was George Newbold who said, those many years ago, that some day a “City Beautiful would be built on Storm King; that steam would encircle the mountain and that man would travel through the air and under water.” In the history of Orange County, he is quoted as a prophet. He was also the inventor of one of the early plows.

In the long ago, the Sands house was called “Rose Cottage” and it kept that name for many years. The arbor of roses that gave it this name extended from the front gate, in a white picket fence, to the porch. Wonderful old willow trees that stood either side of the house gave the place a very picturesque look. A lovely painting was made of the house at about this time, which is still in the family. The front of the house as it now stands, with its fine roof lines, is the same as when it was built. A description of it found in some papers, speaks of it as being three rooms in length. It was not added to in any way; in fact it was made smaller, when restored in 1913; for where the back porch now is, was the dining room and beyond, a wing with kitchen and two rooms over it. The room at the north end of the house was Catharine Ring’s bedroom, and when the house was rebuilt by the Village Improvement Societies, a granddaughter of Catharine Ring restored and furnished that room in memory of there mother and grandmother.

It was at “Rose Cottage” that Catharine and Elias Ring lived out their lives. They had ten children and many grandchildren, who used to spend happy days at the old home. This little great grandmother, as she is pictured, who once, in a Court of Justice, stood up and defied Alexander Hamilton, and foretold the manner of his death, ruled her children and grandchildren in a very simple but strict manner. These are the ones, could they now speak, who would pay tribute to the lovely character of Catharine Ring, in whose memory they always used the plain language to their children. It was a proud moment indeed, when Catharine Ring, on First Day, would march into meeting, with twenty-nine grandchildren ahead of her.





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## Story of the Old Homestead.

It was here at “Rose Cottage” that the first slave in this vicinity was given her freedom. Mr. Ring visiting a short distance away, was surprised to hear that a colored girl was to be sold. The Quakers were very much opposed to slavery. Elias Ring bought the girl and brought her home to his wife, who immediately freed her. She remained in the family for many years, a good and faithful servant, always grateful for there kindness.

After Catharine Ring’s death, it was found she had left her son, Robert Ring, the old home, to be his so long as he lived. She expressed the wish that after his death, any of the family without a home should occupy it, if they wished.

For many years, some descendants of the Ring family made it their home, or it was rented. Benjamin Ring Davis, a grandson of Catharine Ring, was the last of her family to use it. He died under its roof in 1907.

By this time, the house was very ancient for a wooden structure and in bad repair, but it held the affection of many people in Cornwall, besides the direct family. So when the Sands descendants announced that it seemed best to them to sell the old place at auction, fear for its fate started plans to keep it as a landmark.

Mrs. Lawrence Abbott suggested to the Village Improvement Societies that here was a work of importance they might undertake for the town. Could they not buy this historic place and restore it? Her suggestion was accepted and they assumed with a good will what was to them a heavy financial burden. The house and grounds about it became the property of the Cornwall and Cornwall-on-Hudson Village Improvement Societies in 1912, and work of restoration was started.

The name “Old Homestead” was given the house by its new owners, and they soon found how many friends the place had. Gifts of money came to help the work, all kinds of activities were carried on successfully to raise more, and money was borrowed.

The largest room in the house was arranged for a tearoom, with work rooms connecting; and by 1913, it was in successful operation. Some good friends gave charming old furniture for other parts of the house, which harmonized with the old-time rooms. In this year, the second story of the house was made livable and the grounds about beautified by kind friends. In 1914, the dance pavilion was built at the rear of the Homestead.





## Story of the Old Homestead.

The World War threw its shadow over Cornwall and as early as 1914, work for French relief was started. The old house had played its part in all the previous wars. During the Civil War, it was the scene of much activity, when the “Dorcas Society,” composed of the women of Cornwall, made supplies and dressings for the comfort of their men at the front. As work for the relief of suffering caused by the World War grew, the Old Homestead was offered to the American Fund for French Wounded, for their headquarters. Thousands of garments were made and packed in the old house. Hundreds of pounds of food supplies were shipped from its door, to the devastated countries. To raise money for their work, the A.F.A.W. ran the tea-room in 1918 and 1919, under volunteer workers and to help the Red Cross.

After peace came, the Homestead returned to a more normal existence. Its many friends still worked for it and enjoyed its home-like atmosphere. The town seemed glad to have it as a show-place.

On a beautiful summer afternoon in 1921, a meeting was held in the pavilion, where members of the Societies and friends gathered to see the ceremonious burning of the last note against the house. Great was the rejoicing that the place was at last clear of debt, for it had been a long struggle. Yet, as it stood embowered in its protecting trees, telling of old times and old ways, all felt it was worth the hard work. Since then, it has been largely self-supporting. By 1923, it seemed more business-like to have the place incorporated, so “The Old Homestead Society” came into existence, to look after the house and grounds.

This old time house has faced the rising and setting sun for two hundred years. May it stand to welcome visitors yet a hundred more!





1940

## Facts about the Sands-Ring house, 1998.

### FACTS ABOUT THE SANDS-RING HOUSE IN CORNWALL, N.Y.

1. The first Sands' settlement in Cornwall was made in 1759 when Nathaniel Sands came to live on a large tract which his family had acquired. Emigrating to Massachusetts in the previous century, the Sands had moved to Block Island and on to Long Island where they settled at Cow's Neck, now Sands' Point.
2. The Sands-Ring house in Cornwall was probably built in the 1760s; Nathaniel's son David came to live there about the time of his marriage to Clementine Hallock in 1771. Converted to his wife's Quaker faith, he welcomed the Cornwall Quakers to meet for worship in his home until a meeting house could be built in 1790. David later became a well-known preacher and traveled throughout the colonies on visits to Quaker congregations.
3. During the Revolutionary War, David maintained a neutral stance; this position caused suspicion among the more ardent patriots, but in fact he was a loyal American. Soldiers sometimes came to the store he kept in his home; on one occasion, a group broke into the store during the night and were only subdued when David secured help from neighbors. Later, at a trial, David was able to identify the accused soldiers, but refrained from pressing charges.
4. After the war, David spent a number of years visiting Quaker communities in the British Isles and in France and Germany. By this time his four children were adults. Catharine, the oldest, had married Elias Ring at the first wedding in the new Quaker Meeting House. Nathaniel wed Rebecca Beninger and lived in nearby Moodna. Martha had died in 1807, shortly after her re-marriage to William Sands. Hope, the youngest, married Charles Newbold and settled in Cornwall.
5. Catharine Ring had ten children, some born in Cornwall and Highland Falls where her husband worked for a time, others in New York City in a house in Greenwich Village. Catharine took in boarders and ran a millinery business while her husband was frequently away from home establishing mills. After Elias died in 1825, Catharine returned to Cornwall to live with her mother in the family homestead. The house had been added to from time to time; there were sufficient rooms for Catharine to take in summer boarders - she called the place "Rose Cottage."
6. Some years before his death in 1818, David Sands had started to sell off some of his property; Catharine deeded land for the new Methodist Church and divided other parcels among her children, several of whom built their homes near the family homestead. She also arranged to have her father's journals published.
7. After Catherine's death in 1855, the "Old Homestead" remained in the family. At the time of the Civil War, Cornwall women met there to make articles of clothing and pack food and other items to be sent to military hospitals. The nearby homes of the Ring children were kept in good condition, but the Old Homestead gradually deteriorated.





## Facts about the Sands-Ring house, 1998.

8 When Benjamin Davis, the last Sands-Ring descendant to occupy the house, died in 1907, the place was rescued from demolition by two Cornwall societies which purchased the house at auction in 1912. For the next several decades, these women's groups, augmented by the Garden Club and Old Homestead Society, struggled tirelessly to preserve the Old Homestead - removing later additions, replacing rotted timbers, etc. in an attempt to restore the structure to its former appearance.

9. To defray their expenses, the groups held an annual fair and in 1932 staged an historical pageant marking the year the house was built. Their information was incorrect, but everyone had a wonderful time. An open-air pavilion had been erected behind the house for weekend dances and other events; on these occasions refreshments could be purchased at the Old Homestead. During World War I, the house again became the headquarters of war-related volunteer agencies; later a tea room served lunch and weekend suppers; and the rooms could be rented for meetings and bridge parties. In the 1920s, the ever-green tree in front of the house was decorated at Christmas and a Yuletide program held on the lawn.

10. Despite all of these efforts, it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the house. A plan to have the Town take over this responsibility was approved by the voters in 1950. A new spurt of interest resulted in hiring an architect to make a thorough study of the house and recommend steps to ensure an accurate restoration. A roof of cedar shakes and extensive interior work gave the house a true 18th century appearance.

11. Since 1950 the Town has maintained the house under the direction of a Board of Trustees. A resident caretaker provides security. The house is open for a program on colonial crafts underwritten by the local schools and there are periodic open house afternoons and other community events.

12. Members of the Sands-Ring family are buried in a private cemetery located a few blocks from the house. This site is maintained by a small fund administered by a local bank.





1940

## Robert Clinton Ring, 1940 —

**Robert Clinton Ring**, the first child of Clinton and Charlotte Ring, was born on March 29, 1940 in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The following autobiographical essay, written for this book in September, 1992, continues his story.

My dad worked for General Electric Co. I remember our rented house in Milford, a suburb of Bridgeport, at 47 Charles Street, within walking distance of Long Island Sound. We lived there until 1947 when we moved to a new house on a hill at 17 Rockland Road in Trumbull Connecticut, another suburb of Bridgeport. We lived there for four years; I especially remember one serious hurricane that damaged our roof. Another time we had a 17-Inch snowfall. We moved from Trumbull to Louisville, Kentucky in 1951 when General Electric opened Appliance Park in Louisville. I was in the sixth grade at the time.

In Kentucky my Parents bought a house at 501 Kinglan Road. That was my home until I got married in 1965. In 1958 I graduated second in a class of 330 students from Eastern High School in Middletown, Kentucky.

I went to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana from 1958 to 1962, graduating "with distinction" with a B.S. in Engineering Sciences. At Purdue, I was a member of Alpha Chi Rho Social Fraternity and was Editor in Chief of the Purdue Engineer, a student published engineering magazine that won national honors while I was editor. Besides monthly editorials, I wrote a humorous column called "Clyde Cool," also an award winner. While at Purdue, I earned membership in Tan Beta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa national scholarship and leadership fraternities. My summer jobs during college included research in General Electric's Paint Laboratory (Louisville) and tracking sun spots with a radio telescope at Bell Labs (Whippany, New Jersey).

After Purdue, from 1962 to 1965, I went to the University of Michigan on a National Science Foundation fellowship. I graduated with Masters and Professional Degrees in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering.

While at the University of Michigan, I met my future wife, Ann Benedict. Ann was a nurse at the University of Michigan hospital. We met at a graduate student mixer (dance). We were married on September 18, 1965 in Ann's hometown of Lewis Run, Pennsylvania.

We immediately moved to San Diego, California, where I had accepted a job with the Convair division of General Dynamics. My 1961 Corvair died on the cross-country trip and we had to buy a new (used) car. We rented an apartment in Pacific Beach (2710 Grand Avenue) for a few months. From 1966 to 1968 we rented a small house with a view of Mission Bay at 2535 Erie Street. In late 1968 we bought a new house in University City at 4161 Tamilynn Court, at the end of a nice cul de sac.

Ann and I had three sons, John, David, and Steven -- all born in San Diego.

At General Dynamics, I started in 1965 as a Guidance Analysis Engineer. Over the years I worked on manned space projects like Space Shuttle and Spacelab and two cruise missile programs, Tomahawk for the Navy and the Advanced Cruise Missile for the Air Force. I got to work on Convair's first hybrid (analog and digital) computer, simulating the reentry phase of space shuttle type vehicles. In the late 1970's I moved into management heading up first an Operations Analysis group and later two different departments (Operations Research and Guidance Technology) with several groups in each. In 1983 I was invited to present a technical paper on "Tactical Cruise Missiles - Status and Outlook," at conferences in Paris and London. In 1985 I was selected by Convair to attend a nine-month Executive Program for Scientists and Engineers, an MBA type course





## Robert Clinton Ring, 1940 —

given by the University of California at San Diego. In the 1986-1988 period I was selected by the General Dynamics Corporation Vice Chairman as Convair's representative on two far reaching studies that defined the corporation's new business strategy. One of these studies was a detailed assessment of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which was eventually signed by president Bush and Soviet premier Gorbachev in 1991. In the late 1980's and early 1990's I had several senior staff positions in the advanced programs/new business development area. These included responsibility for strategic and business planning. In August 1992 the missile part of Convair was sold to Hughes Aircraft Company.

In April, 1985 Ann was diagnosed with breast cancer and began a heroic battle that ended five and a half years later. On November 13, 1990, while on our 25th wedding anniversary trip, Ann died in Cairns, Australia.

My off-work personal interests include collecting Native American art, writing satire/parody for fun (no profit), and tracing the Ring "family tree." In the Spring of 1992, my son Steven and I visited Rhinebeck, New York and surrounding areas. We also revisited the old Ring "homesteads" in Milford and Trumbull, Connecticut. This trip turned out to be a significant milestone in gathering data for this Family Tree.

Charles Steven Ring

Robert Clinton Ring





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1941

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1941

**1941 April 8 – Elizabeth and Sonny left Seattle for Tucson – arrived Thursday. Returned to Seattle May 30th. Charlotte & Bobby came to Bisbee about May 7th and returned to Milford June 4th. Visited us in Tucson. June, started plans on new house in Catalina Vista. August 16 – Grace left for New York. House started August 6. Grace returned about September 18. December 7 Japanese War began – Attack on Pearl Harbor. December 8 war declared on our wedding anniversary.**

NOTE: House design & specifications were AER's. The home had to be extremely well built for Ambrose to be involved with it. It was the nicest home of their lives and they were so fortunate they had some years together to enjoy it. It meant a lot to them both.

Having been a builder in my working years, I know what Ambrose went through in the design stages and watching over the construction being sure all was done to "his" specifications. Under the best of conditions and with the best of people it is still a major undertaking and requires constant watching.

There are pictures of the house in years 1942 and 1951.

(ADR)



1941

Various 30' & 40's Pictures of the Tucson Area.



Looking east of Campbell Avenue, between Speedway and Elm Street. 1938



Looking southwest over the Arizona Inn on Elm St, 1942.

House would be down street on right.





This may have been 1941.



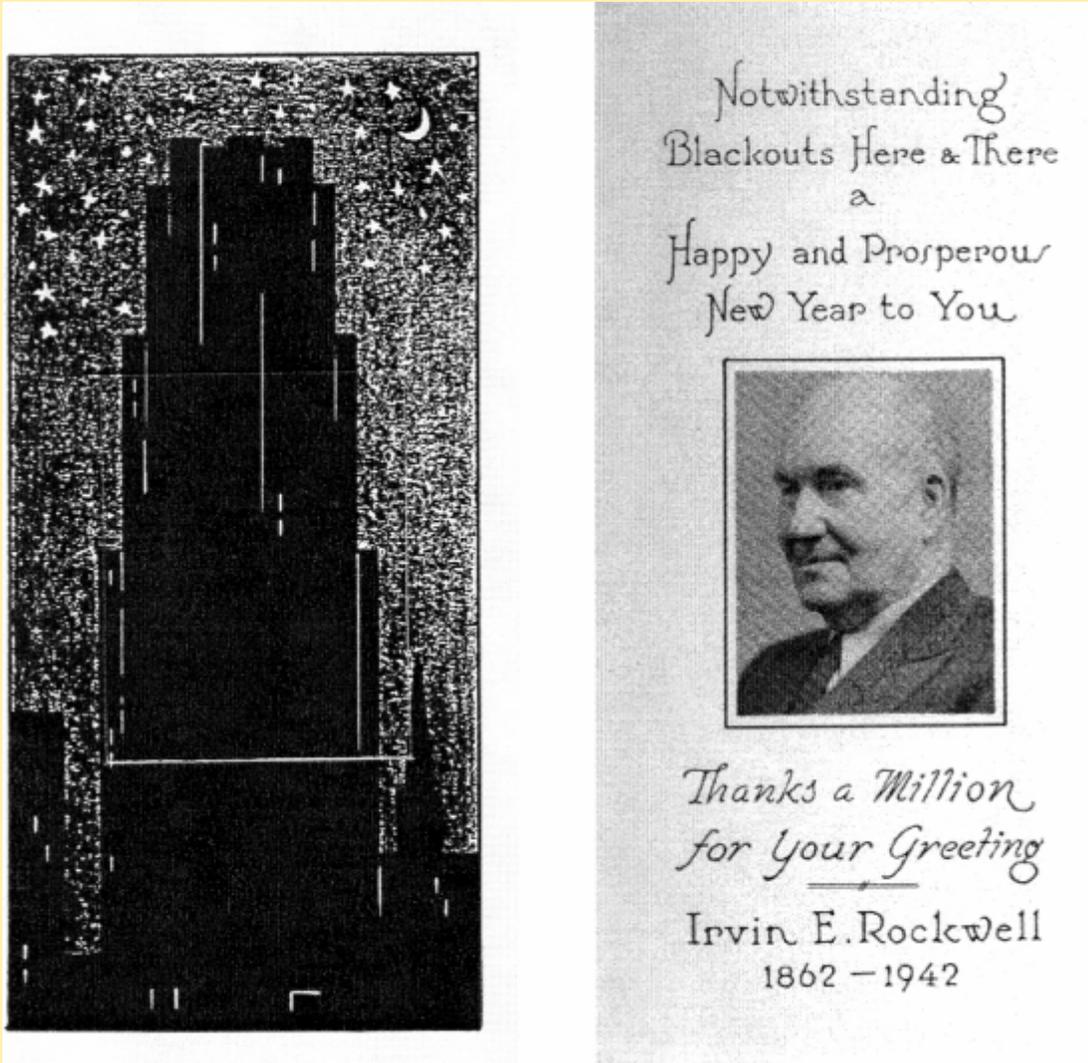
**RETURNS FROM SOUTH**—Mrs. J. G. Spendlove with her small son, Gordon, who recently returned from a two months' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Ely Ring, in Tucson, Ariz. —Walters photo





## Ambrose Ely Ring      Diary 1942

19342 January 24, moved to 2001 E. Elm Street. April 20 Grace left for Seattle. April 23, Daughter born to Elizabeth and Gordon Spendlove, Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Linda Jane Spendlove 12:07 p.m. weighed 7 pounds. R. . O'Shea MD. April snow and hail in Tucson. August Gordon called by Army. Closed his office. They had just bought a home at 2012 N 19th Avenue, Seattle. Clinton made a department head at General Electric, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Appliances – Engineering Department.





## Linda Spendlove, 1942 —

**Linda Spendlove** was born in Seattle, Washington, on April 23, 1942. She married David D. Darling on May 11, 1964.

Linda graduated with a B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1964. Her husband has an advanced degree in economics from the University of Kansas. They both work for the U.S. Department of Energy in Denver, Colorado.





1942

## 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.

### The Home That Ambrose Built

#### Comments From Ambrose's Son, Clinton

Dad started his house plans in June 1941 when the only nearby buildings on Elm Street were the Arizona Inn, across the street and a little east. He and mother moved in during January 1942.

As he did with all projects, he insisted on quality and, while the architect & builder did the work, Dad made sure all was right.

This house, their last home, was very important to them and a source of great enjoyment. Mother lived there alone for some thirteen years after Dad died in 1952.





1942

## 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.



Looking east on Elm Street from just east of Campbell Avenue.



2001 E. Elm Street.



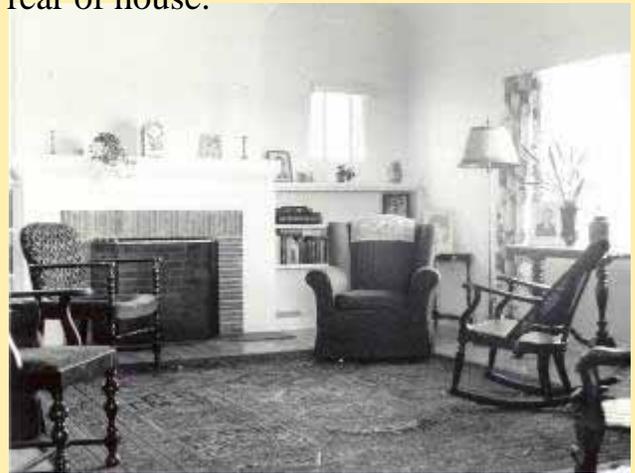


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## 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.



Looking west along rear of house.



1942

2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.



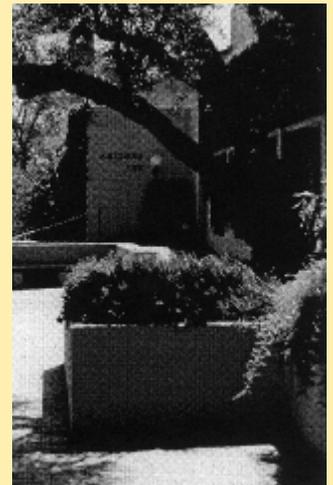


1942

## Arizona Inn & Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The **Arizona Inn**, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its history, antiques, and architecture, the family-owned adobe-style Inn, built in 1930, sprawls over 4 acres of landscaped grounds and gardens . . . A center-city oasis.

It has 86 individually decorated rooms and suites, some with patios and fireplaces; private residences available. A swimming pool was added in 1937. With the address being 2200 East Elm Street the Inn is just a short distance down the street from the “Rings” new home. Grace used to go swimming there and enjoyed it very much.



The “Rings” were members of the **Trinity Presbyterian Church** at 400 E. University.





1942

# The Ring Houses in December 1998!!.

1131 N 6th Avenue.



2409 E. Speedway.

2001 E. Elm Street.





1943

## **Ambrose Ely Ring                      Diary 1943**

**1943 May 1, Elizabeth moved to Reno, Nevada. Gordon at Army Corps Base Hospital there.**

**July 17, Alan Douglas Ring born to Charlotte & Clinton Ring at Bridgeport, Connecticut at 7:23 p.m. Mrs. Brehm reached there same evening from Bisbee.**

**March salary increased to \$500.00 and title Assistant Manager, made official. Raise not ok'ed by W. L. Board until July.**

**September 5, Gordon transferred to Texas. Elizabeth and family arrived in Tucson, September 13. Gordon left by plane for Brownsville, Texas, his commission as Captain was waiting for him there.**

**February Grace had cold & cough which developed congested lung. Dr. Hill treated her.**





## Alan Douglas Ring, 1943 —

**Alan Douglas Ring**, the second child of Clinton and Charlotte Ring, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on July 17, 1943. He graduated from Waggener High School in St Matthews, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

When he was twenty one, Al joined the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. He stayed with the department for the next twenty years. He rose to the rank of Major and became a leader in the organization. For many years he organized and led the Fire Department's annual Crusade for Children fund raising drive, acting with other County Fire Departments and Louisville's major Newspaper and Television station (CER)

Al soon went into business for himself in 1965. According to a newspaper article from 1974--

When he was 9 years old, as he remembers it, he told his parents that "I was going to have my own business, period." He wouldn't follow in the footsteps of his father, an employee of General Electric, and work for a big company.

He broke another family precedent by deciding that "College wasn't my cup of tea," although he did agree to give it a "fair shot" by going to Eastern Kentucky University for one semester.

He quit Eastern, got a job, saved his money, went to night school for 13 months to become an automobile and diesel mechanic and took a business-college course in bookkeeping.

After an apprenticeship of pumping gas for 90 cents an hour, he was ready for one of the nation's most visible, easily entered and highly populated small-business fields. At 21, he bought his own service-station business and became "the youngest American (Oil) dealer in Kentucky... I don't mind saying I was very proud."

Now, 30, he has operated four dealerships, under contract with three major oil companies, within a six-block stretch of Shelbyville Road in eastern Jefferson County [a heavy traffic district].

He says he has managed to make only what he sees as a relatively modest \$12,000 to \$14,000 a year. But so far, he adds, he has survived a series of frustrations that already have thinned the ranks of more than 200,000 operators drawn to the business during days of plentiful gasoline, proliferating stations, and easy credit (Courier-Journal & Times. March 17, 1974, Section D, pp. 1,7).

While he was in the service station business, Al won many awards for the beautification of commercial properties. In 1974, he was co chairman of Kentucky Gasoline Dealers for Action, "a group of Louisville area dealers who banded together" during the fuel shortages of the early 1970s. They mobilized "to keep some of the fruits of the energy crisis no Sunday sales, no stamps, no giveaways, no 24-hour business days." They also wanted to "stay ahead of inflation and persuade motorists to patronize their neighborhood service stations instead of just looking for the lowest priced gasoline." The group criticized oil companies and economy-gasoline stations, which they accused of promoting high prices and bad service, and fought for an end to government controls on dealers. That same year, he was given the Community Service Award and Business Man of the Year award. He also became a "Kentucky Colonel."

During this period he was an avid automobile buff. He enjoyed owning and driving early Corvettes.

In 1966, Al married Gail Lee Minnich. They were divorced in 1968. Al then married Carol Jean Kittle in 1973. They were divorced in 1982.

In 1977, Al became a real estate salesman with a Century 21 broker. He won many awards for sales volume and eventually became a Sales Manager. In 1981, he moved to another Century 21 office, having many offices in the Louisville area. He progressed through





## Alan Douglas Ring, 1943 —

sales, responsibility for all training, and branch management. In 1989, he joined Re/Max Realty, a new type of broker with all experienced sales people.

After Al retired from active service in the St Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, he served on the Board of Directors. In 1984, the St. Matthew Fire Protection District was set up to serve twenty-one small cities and St. Matthews, with the authority to set tax rates for fire protection. Al served in this district as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

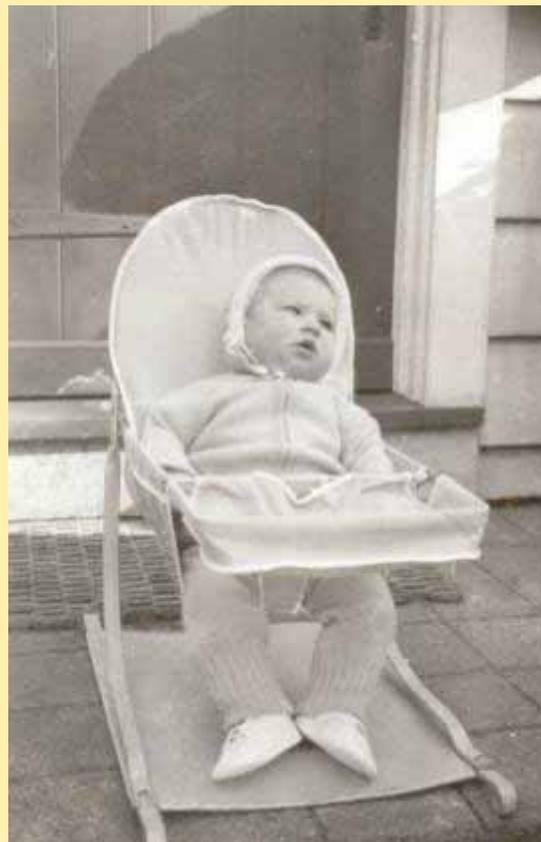
On February 17, 1984, Al married Karen McCord Lytle. She had a four year old son (Evan) from a previous marriage. After working in a nursing home, she became Executive Director of the Louisville Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She obtained her Masters Degree at a local college during this time.

In 1989, Al and Karen set up A & K Builders Inc., and joined with Matthew Homes. Inc. to build and sell houses in the Louisville area. Al had already been building houses for sale for several years. According to Clinton Ring, "they have built many homes in the finest and upper class residential developments around Jefferson County, Kentucky. They build houses both for speculation and on a contract basis."

They lived in Louisville, in a house Al built many years ago. They made frequent trips to Arizona and have a large collection of Indian and southwestern artifacts and are building a collection of Arizona videos, post marks, stamps. and post cards. (CER).

In April of 1996 they came to Tucson, Arizona and contracted with Pulte Homes to build them a new home. After leasing it for a year and a half, in June of 1998 they moved with their son Evan to Tucson. Al retired, and Karen became Executive Director of the Tucson Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Evan attends the University of Arizona.

Steven Charles Ring.





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1944

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1944

**1944 May, Grace had hemorrhage in left nostril – bled all day – packed by Dr. Whipple that evening – cauterized (liquid) next morning. Lost lots of blood.**

**June 2, Gordon arrived May 31 and on June 2nd the family left by auto for Camp Fulton, Monroe, North Carolina, where Gordon is chief surgeon. New address Wadesboro Avenue, Monroe, North Carolina. Arrived Monroe June 10.**

**November Gordon transferred to Moore General Hospital near Asheville, North Carolina.**

**November 11 – 16 – Clinton visited Tucson.**

**December 2 – 18 Grace had cough and cold. Cough broken finally with medicine.**





1945

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1945

1945 February Charlotte & children visited at Bisbee – to us at Tucson February 28.

I had 2 – 3 weeks session of prostatitis.



Black Mountains North Carolina August 1945, Elizabeth  
& Gordon Spendlove house  
Linda Jane.

Note: **Prostatitis** – Inflammation of the prostate gland.





1946

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1946

**1946 Another session of prostatitis in February.**

**June Clinton here for weekend.**

**August 9, Grace left for East, via New Orleans – arrived Ashville to visit Elizabeth August 12.**

**October 18, Grace returned to Tucson, A. H. Means died suddenly in Los Angeles – pneumonia. D. J. Pope – transferred from Mexico to Tucson March 1. W. H. Loerpabel goes to New York to take R. F. Goodwins place. Goodwin takes place of H. A. Guess who died.**

### **Note:**

**In some letters from Ambrose to Clinton you will see mention of Alaska Juneau stock. The stock at one time was very good, however it finally went totally defunct and anyone who had the stock lost everything they had in it. Both Ambrose and Clint had some of the stock.**





## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

-Box 2229 Tucson Ariz. Aug 25/46

Dear Pete:-

Your letter came yesterday and am sorry the housing situation has caught up with you - had thought you felt that it wouldn't. Well, it has to be faced.

Of course, the simplest solution is to try and find another place to rent or lease, for the next year or so until we see what is going to happen in this country - even if such a place could be found that was not as suitable or nice - as the one you now live in. However, I imagine that is almost impossible unless you have extraordinary luck! I also imagine you are trying that, even tho it seems hopeless.

The next possible solution is to build. Right now labor costs & materials are terribly high as we all know & labor efficiency is about at it's lowest. I've heard lots of kicks about houses built in the past few years & now going up - poor materials, skimped work, green lumber, defective fittings & so on. There are houses being built near us here - started last winter and no where's near finished yet! I take it you wont have time to figure on building even if you wanted to. Frankly I would not build now anyhow. So that's out.

Therefore, failing to find anything at all to rent or lease it looks like you were up against "buying."

I've never seen you place at Milford & it is, therefore, hard for me to advise completely. I gather that it is a question of buying the place you are in or locating in a new town near Bridgeport - unless you have an eye on some place in a better section of Milford & there again, I am stymied. It would hardly seem to me that Milford was big enough to have suburbs or favorable residence sections but that's something for you to decide. In buying, you are going to be up against some of the same things as in leasing - either in another section of Milford or else where. You probably won't be able to find just what you want, either in number of rooms, nearness to schools and stores, conviences, yard, etc. In other words, whether you buy the place you are in or some other place, there, are going to be things you don't like about it. As to price, all values are inflated, or course, and without knowing comparative values of houses in your area, nor how much your land lord wants, I just can't advise properly. I will say this - if your place is reasonably comfortable, and location not too bad, and the owner doesn't want too big a price, and you can't find something more suitable at a comparable price or a price you think you can swing, then I would give serious consideration to buying the place you, are in. I am not sure but I seem to recollect something, about the owners mother living on the back part of the place you have; assuming this was so, possibly you might work out a scheme like this - you buy the place, at a fixed figure, so much down and balance in monthly payments with interest on deferred balances. (price should not be as high as an inflated cash price because he would be getting good interest); you would agree to let the mother go on as at present with a fixed monthly rental to be applied on your monthly payments; if she died or moved you could rent her place undoubtedly. Of course I may be all wrong in my facts & this is merely a suggestion.

Of course, buying your present quarters is not what you want but, with the housing situation what it is and the general situation of the country being what it is, you can not pick and, choose. When Pope (present Manager here) came here to Tucson, he spent a whole month doing practically nothing but look at houses - buy, rent, lease - anything! He has three children, oldest about 16.

Well he fumed and cussed & held up his hands in holy horrors but finally had to pay \$20,000 for a one story, flat roof (which he cussed), 7 room place over on Tucson Blvd. & Lester St. - just outside the City Limits - unpaved streets & no sewer - house nothing to brag about either.





1946

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

As to financing, I can send you a check for two or three thousand any day. You didn't give me a very definite idea of how much you would need and as to the interest, well we will make that a lot less that you would pay at the bank. If you need more that that, let me know and maybe we can raise at ante. In any event - DO NOT go and sell any stocks you may have at a loss! I have an idea you have some Alaska Juneau, well, so have I - several hundred shares - but I'm not selling; it paid good dividends once, the gold is there for many years to come and sooner or later it will be mined - the world just has to have gold. Anyhow, if any stock you have in any sound company is lower now than when you bought, don't sacrifice it until you reach the last ditch and that certainly is not now. When I say "lower," I mean several points lower. If it was just a point or two you might balance the loss of dividends & the point or two against the interest & you would have to pay on interest on borrowed money if you did not sell the stock.

Don't know if I have covered all the ground or not. Keep me posted and when you have some definite proposition, let me know maybe then I can say something more.

From you letter, you don't seem to know that Mother is right now at Mineola! She left here on the 9th - via New Orleans, and spent a couple of weeks (almost) with Elizabeth. Supposed to have left Black Mountain last evening and be at Ella's this morning . So you will be hearing from her. You know what a job it is to get her started on a trip. I don't even know if Doug knows she is in the East yet. My job was to get her started. She got there o.k. - no missed trains & I had her berths bought right through. Don't show her this or I'll catch' Hail Columbia!

Am swamped as usual. Washington played H-- with our business. We got out strikes settle June 19th - thou metal premiums went off with OPA July 1st. We had a mess figuring all the retro active wages due with the strike settlement (back to Oct.1, 1945) & the calculations of premiums due to raise in "ceiling prices" & then termination. Thru the raised metal prices in July & then put the premium plan back and lowered "ceiling (market) prices"! Our June affidavits and applications for premiums have all been sent back to us - we don't yet know how to figure the July ones. As to whether we made or lost money in June & July - only "Truman" can tell & he wont. It was only yesterday that we got authorization to pay certain portions of retroactive wages from June 46 to Oct 45. Until this country either fires all bureaus and gets back to business on a free and open market under the natural law of supply & demand, or we invite "uncle Joe" over from Moscow, and tell him to take over, this country will be in a mess. Anything is liable to happen. Well you have enough on your hands without my getting pessimistic.

Of course, I get the bedroom cool with the cooler before going to bed; then a cold shower to lower body temperature & believe me that makes a lot of difference. Had lots of showers the last few weeks too - sure needed them.

Let me hear from you, and I think we can arrange the financial end if you don't get too ambitious. Love to you all.

Your loving *Dad*

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 The owner of the nice house we rented in Milford, Connecticut indicated he would probably sell the house sometime in the future --- I had asked Dad about possibly borrowing some money.





1946

# Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Aug 26/46

Dear Pete:

If you do not know the usual set up of paying out on the basis of deferred payments, here is the usual scheme although there are variations.

Assume a loan for \$5,000.00 Jan. 1st. Interest 3%.

For example, you figure on retiring the loan in 10 years. There are tables all calculated out to give the required monthly payment to do this. Roughly you can figure as follows -

Int. 1 year \$150 - 10 yrs. = \$1,500.00

However, the interest decreases little by little with each monthly, payment - roughly you will pay out \$750 in interest. Therefore-

Loan 5000                      10 yrs = 120 months

Int     750  
5750 or

$\frac{5750}{120} =$  , say, \$48.00 to pay per month.

You then set up an account like this.

| Date Paid    | Loan  | Payment | Int.    | Int to  | Principal | Balance                      |
|--------------|---|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Loan----     |   |         |         |         |           | 5000.00                      |
| 2-1          |   | 48.00   | 12.50   | 2/1     | \$35.50   | 4964.50 at 2/1               |
| 48.00        | 12.41                                       | 3/1     | \$35.59 | 4928.91 | at 3/1    | 4-1                      3-1 |
| 12.31        | 4/1   | \$35.68 | 4893.23 | at 4/1  |           | 48.00                        |
| Calculations | 5000 x .0025 = 12.50                        |         |         |         |           |                              |
| Pay 2/1      | 48.00 - 12.50 = 35.50 to apply on principal |         |         |         |           |                              |
|              | 5000.00 - 35.50 = 4964.50 bal 2/1           |         |         |         |           |                              |
| Pay 3/1      | 4964.50 x .0025 = 12.41                     |         |         |         |           |                              |
|              | 48.00 - 12.41 = 35.59 to principal          |         |         |         |           |                              |
|              | 4964.50 - 35.59 = 4928.91 bal 3/1           |         |         |         |           |                              |

and so on.

When a bank makes a loan (take a mortgage) there are larger payments monthly because the charge, say \$2.00 for Mortgage Insurance (per month) and set up certain reserves to take care of fire insurance, assessments & taxes. If your property taxes are, say \$240 a year, they make you pay \$20 a month into the reserve and they pay the taxes - of course you get back eventually any over payment to the bank - they only payout actual taxes. Then the bank makes you carry fire insurance and again, make you pay, say \$2.00 a month to cover premiums which they pay. If there is any city or county assessment against the property (sewer bonds or paving, etc.), you may have another \$2.00 a month for that reserve. Then you would have.

| Date paid    | Payment | Mort. Ins. | Tax Reserve | Fire Ins. Res. | Asst. Res. | Int.  | Int. To | Price | Bal     |
|--------------|---------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| 2/1          | 48.00   | 2.00       | 20.00       | 2.00           | 2.00       |       |         |       | 6000.00 |
| <u>26.00</u> |         |            |             |                |            |       |         |       |         |
| total        | 74.00   |            |             |                |            | 12.50 | 2/1     | 35.50 | 4964.50 |
| 3/1          | 74.00   | 2.00       | 20.00       | 2.00           | 2.00       | 12.41 | 3/1     | 35.59 | 4928.91 |
| 4/1          | 74.00   | 2.00       | 20.00       | 2.00           | 2.00       | 12.32 | 4/1     | 35.68 | 4893.23 |

At the end of each year, these reserve accounts would be adjusted. Of course you can make larger payments monthly, or clean up any time. If there is anything in this you don't understand, let me know. I think I said yesterday something about \$2000 or \$3000 - I can raise that - so let me know when you have something definite in mine.



Your loving *Dad*

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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Box 2229 Tucson Sept. 15/46

Dear Pete-

Just to let you know I got your letter about the house and am mighty glad your problem solved itself. An editorial I read recently hits the nail on the head - the countries population has increased some 8,000,000 during the last 4 or 5 years while building of homes has only been going on at a small percentage of the rate before, say, 1941. That's the real answer. Population of this area has just about doubled since 1940-41 while I am quite sure there are not anything like twice as many houses available since then. I note that a 5 room house, built of concrete blocks in a new section being built up East of Country Club Road a mile or so, just sold for \$10,000!!! Way out in the sticks. Did I tell you that architects here figure the cost of homes now at just about 100% over what the 1941-42 costs were! That is fact - not guess. I'd stick with what you have for the present - doubt if real estate can go much higher and am more inclined to look for a reversal in the next year or so - the present situation can't continue very much longer.

Truman has, as an editorial in the local paper says, has made himself ("branded himself") "as the most unmitigated ass the White House has ever had as its resident"! How's that for strong language in print? I've enclosed the editorial from the "Citizen." The Star said about the same in more polite language. Wallace should be fired from the Cabinet - he is a disgrace to the Country & as the Citizen, says, in his "dear Russia" he would be stuck up before a firing squad - presto! Show Mother this editorial when she gets there.

Well, something is going to have to bust pretty soon - and we sure need a Teddy Roosevelt to wipe out the mess the F. D. brand had made of things.

You saw what the stocks did - unexplainable but maybe a sign. Don't go and sell stocks at a loss & personally, it's mighty risky to sell at a profit (and give Uncle Sam a big slice) with the idea of buying back at a low price. There is still too much easy money floating around and too many getting "more wages for less work" & crying for more - it doesn't do them any good because they spend it as fast as they make it - won't go back to any basis of trying to save a nickel here and there - must have all the fancy doo-dads they never had before - must go to the picture show continually (the movie companies are paying extra dividends & making money hand over fist - as are the theaters & resorts of all kinds) - must have T bone steaks at the restaurant (at \$2.50 each) & so on. I was having supper at the Pioneer Coffee Shop the other night - a woman with a woman friend and son and daughter (10 to 12 years old) had the next table. They did it, and I am sure weren't, millionaires - all had T bone steak at, as I said \$2.50 per! This appeared to be a regular thing with them from the talk which I couldn't help over hearing - kids took it as an every day meal. Incidentally the Pioneer is packed - about as hard to get a room there as during war time. Coast hotels still limit one to 5 days stay - then one has to get out.

I may be wrong, but, if you save anything, I think Savings Bonds or other government Bonds are about as safe as anything. Monkeying with stocks right now is like monkeying with a buzz saw - unless you do it on a strictly gambling basis like playing "craps" and have made up your mind not to "holler" if you lose - which you probably will of course, you may win. Then you pat yourself on the back and feel smart - till next time.

There are a lot of companies that have been making big money - paying dividends higher than ever - and busy producing too. A good part of this has come from government subsidies, graft, foreign sales at unheard of profits (not for publishing) and big increases in prices - also from tax refunds which they won't have next year. If the inflationary spiral continues & strikes multiply (as they probably will), cost go up, efficiency goes down, etc., these companies are groping to have a different kind of balance sheet next year - then look out!

So, "keep your powder dry" - if you see a bargain - a real bargain - in some lot in a good location, it might be worth considering but before considering buying any house, I would wait a while and I'd be scared to buy one recently built.

Nothing new here. Mother is at Mineola & I suppose the "parade" is on. Well, she has 5 or 6 years to make up for and I guess she enjoys it. Also, a lot of our generation are passing on these days and she may not see some of them again.

Love to you all- Your loving *Dad*

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 Owner of Milford house decided (for the time being) not to sell the house we were renting.





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## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1947

**1947 February Douglas received medal from U.S. Navy Department for outstanding research during the war on radar.**

**April 21 Uncle Ed died at White Plains.**

**May, Clinton bought home at 17 Rockland Road, Bridgeport Connecticut.**

**June 2 weeks – intestinal trouble again.**

**August 1, made manager – Southwestern Division of Mining Department AS&R Co.. \$750.00.**

**October Grace having trouble with kidney – Dr. Schultz – later determined to be streptococcus hemolyticus infection. Both of us sick more or less during Christmas holidays.**

D. J. Pope has been appointed general manager of the Western Mining Department of the American Smelting and Refining Co., with headquarters in Salt Lake City. He has been succeeded at Tucson, where he managed the company's Southwestern division, by A. E. Ring, formerly assistant manager of that division. Mr. Pope joined A. S. & R. in 1924.

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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson, Ariz. April 24/47

Dear Pete-

Found your letter at home when I arrived there this evening - quite a mouth full to digest at one sitting. One question is easily answered- I can let you have a few thousand when you want it if you have to buy. If your owner is not going to sell your whole layout, he may not be able to sell as quickly as he thinks. Also, I sort of believe house prices have reached the top - maybe past that point. So, if it comes to a question of buying, we can figure out some way. Out here, the banks are pushing the financing of homes with F.H.A. loans - 5% total interest - I believe the loans are 4 1/2 or 4% basically.

As to G.E. - you have done pretty well with them and don't forget that you have been tried out to some extent and have lasted. G. E. is a tremendous organization and there are constant readjustments in organizations. I do not know if there is much nepotism in G. E. - that is one thing to consider. Unfortunately, it is very pronounced in A.S. & R. I do not think, from, what little I know, that there is so much of it in G.E. It is increasingly difficult these days to find men for executive jobs who have experience. You have been with G. E. for better than 10 years now and know a lot about the organization and its ways as well as the details of your present job. I would say that your chances of going ahead increase in an organization like G. E. with many years service - the corporations interests are too wide spread and it is not like some - A.S.& R. for example. Of course I don't know how Mr. Noll stands with his superior but he evidently thinks well of you or he would not have recommended you for the M.W. job. There is something I don't quite "savey" - you say he wants to retire and go to some dealership. I assume therefore, that he is 56 or 61, depending on whether the "retiring age" is 60 or 65 at G. E. Also I assume G. E. has a pension system like A. S. & R. If these assumptions are correct, it seems a bit funny that he would be so anxious to "retire" and sacrifice a nice pension, especially if he figures on going in on some other business. Possibly he is independently well off financially and finances don't bother him. However, there seems to be something that just doesn't fit but I do not know the situation in detail well enough to pick it out. I may be too pessimistic but I fear very much that is a year or so - maybe sooner - this country is going to have a social revolution in reverse. Prices and wages just can't continue upwards and I fear that a real depression is the only cure. A business man from New York, whom I know quite well, told me last week that his partner had just dumped the best part of his portfolio of stocks on the market - the result of a meeting with several large brokers; my friend didn't just feel that way but you can see that "the boys" are getting jittery. In view of this, and many other signs, I am wondering a bit just what Mr. Noll's ideas are; in other words, if I had his job, a good salary, almost a certainty that in four years I could retire and draw a nice pension (assuming I'm right about the pension), after which I could buy an interest in some "dealership" if I wanted to, I would surely think twice before I quit now, sacrificed the pension, and went into a business of my own that depended for success on the general propriety of the country in the next several years.

Now for the other side - I don't know any more about Montgomery Ward than you do - it and Sears Roebuck are the two big mail order houses. I think Sears Roebuck has forged ahead the last few years. It is fine that Mr. Noll recommended you but be sure and go over the situation with a fine toothed comb before making a change. I would not be surprised at \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year - as I said, it is mighty hard to find good men these days. However, since a change would involve a gamble to some extent on your part, I would diplomatically try to get a contract of some kind to protect you for a year of two if possible. When you get up in that salary bracket, a contract is not unusual. Also, I would want to know in detail what the job was to be, what authority you would have,





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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

and what would be expected in it. You want to be very sure in your own mind, that your experience fits you for the job and that you can carry it through successfully. If it is something entirely different from what you know something about, I would think twice before considering it. If you are worth \$10,000 to \$15,000 to M. W., you are entitled to have something to say about the job itself and the condition under which you would take it. Don't jump at the first offer made to you; if it is only a thousand or even two more than you are getting now I would hesitate to change. Of course, I'm shooting off in the dark. When you know more about it, let me know and I'll tell you what I think - for what it is worth. Eventually you must make your own decision and the only thing you must be sure of is that you feel absolutely sure you can handle it successfully.

Things here, are in a turmoil too. Mr. Pope, who took Loerpabel's place, was in N. Y. for 3 weeks in February and March - back here for a while & then had to go to Leadville (Apr. 8th) - back this morning and has to go to Salt Lake in about 10 days for another couple of weeks. Guabert, chief clerk here, is leaving for Nicaragua next week - a company property down there is in a mess and he has to go and try and set up a workable accounting system for them. Our main field geologist has to go to Nicaragua also for several months. We don't know what is going to happen in June re premiums - they end under the present law and, as yet, Congress has done nothing to make us think they will be continued. Without them, many mines will close - maybe ours. Thou our labor contracts run out in June and C10 is almost sure to ask for 25¢ an hour more - might take 15¢. But - if the premiums are shut off, we can't operate anyhow! So it's a gamble as to what will happen. Mean while our progress at Ground Hog is held up by Pope's being away so much. Things don't look good - to say the least.

Here at home, things are about the same. I suppose you heard of Uncle Eds' death on the 21st - funeral tomorrow. Have not heard the cause but presume "heart trouble" - it must have been sudden.

Well, keep us posted - I'll help you all I can.

Love to you all from us both -

Your Loving *Dad*

H. Autremont, president of the State Senate, recently died suddenly last week too - heart trouble again. He was back East at the time - might have been the next governor. He was one of Arizona's leading citizens.

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 Owner of Milford house now serious about selling -- Had asked Dad again about a loan ---- apparently I had commented on my future with G. E. and a job offer from Montgomery Ward. I remember nothing about the job offer. Mr. Noll was my boss and an older man - He thought well of me and apparently gave me a good recommendation - either to Montgomery Ward or to some agency.



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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson- May 1, 47

Dear Pete:-

Your wire came about noon and I immediately got a cashiers check for W.V. and wired the \$3,000 to you at Milford. Hope you got it all right - didn't want to send it to Bridgeport and didn't want to trust to air mail. A house anything like what you indicate would probably cost \$20,000 at least out here - possibly more - sounds to me like you got a mighty good buy and shouldn't lose on it. If you run short and need another thousand, let me know. Don't worry about any legal papers in regard to the loan; when you get everything settled up you can fix up a note, or I'll fix one up with 3% on unpaid balances. You don't have to pay me monthly either unless you want to - make payments whenever you can. Your bank loan will, of course, have to be handled differently - monthly payments, with interest, mortgage insurance, reserves for taxes, fire insurance, etc. in a lineup scene; These are deducted from the monthly payment and the balance applied on the principal of the loan to get the balance on which interest runs with the next payment. You should carry a set of personal accounts to cover income and out go with separate pages for your loans. You see you can deduct any interest and taxes paid on these when Income Tax time comes around - may be important.

Your air mail letter was here when I got home too. It cleared up matters about your boss completely. As to the M.W. business, I think you made the correct decision. Merchandising with a big outfit like M.W. is a highly specialized job. Unless you felt dead sure that you could handle it, and make a success of it, you would be taking a mighty big gamble. In other words, be sure you are right and can handle a thing - then go ahead and "give her hell"! I note that G. E. had signed up for the 15¢ an hour with the union - probably you will get an automatic raise as a result - which may help a little.

If you think you have been busy, you should have been with your "old man" the last week. We had a party of Company geologists touring the Southwest the last few weeks. I had to arrange reservation for them at three or four places - fix up for their visiting Chino, Miami, Morenci, Globe, & our Silver Bell etc. They landed here the 25th. I knew there would be a lot of mail Monday morning and got down to the office about 8:30 - half an hour early. First the telephone (1) rang - we had bought a truck for Trench thru N.Y. office who got one in N. Y. - it was supposed to come by rail but they decided to have it driven out - the driver was in Town some where and wanted to know where to take it! I had to look after that. I started to open the mail & the phone rang again (2) Trench was calling - emergency - Charlie Hauraty, superintendent there, had died of heart trouble early that morning! Whenever the boys at the mines have trouble, they persist in calling me instead of Pope, (or formerly, Loerpabal). Well, I could hardly hear over the phone - connection rotten - they wanted me to get tickets for Oklahoma & reservations for Mrs. H. for Wednesday, and no phone service - I hustled around and got that fixed & then they called me again to change plans and arrange for leaving Tucson Tuesday. So I had to go back to the S. P. and go all over things again. The geologists were all there too that AM - going up to Oracle. There were a few other things too just to keep me from loafing. Pope was preparing to leave again for Salt Lake and a mass of stuff that accumulated while he was at Leadville was still unattended to. By night, I was ready for the insane asylum. Tuesday morning I had to complete getting railroad tickets etc. and see to Charlie. The remains which came up by ambulance from Nogales. I attended too to the funeral party - the train was late too and it was noon before that was finished. Charlie was a good pal of mine, and his sudden going was a shock - the week before he had been up joshing around as usual.

So it has been a hectic week.

Well, we will be waiting to get further details of your deal. Sorry about the kids & hope they are o.k. now- Yours in haste with our love.



Your loving *Dad*



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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson, Ariz. May 20/47

Dear Pete -

Congratulations, on your bid to Elfun - don't know what the letters stand for but it sure is fine that you are "in." I didn't want to be a "wet blanket" about the M.W. job but I am glad you decided as you did - as I said, it's o.k. to try and better ones self but "look before you jump" - when a radical change like that is made you want to be dead sure of your full ability to handle it - and make good - That is a pre - requisite; other things count too, of course, but that is the main thing. You have really done mighty well with G. E. and I don't believe you will regret it. I am enclosing the "Invite."

As to the "note" - it is O.K. - you dated it May 15th and that is all that is necessary - its nobodies business as to when it gets paid. Guess I told you that you should have a card - say 8 1/2" x 11" - for each loan you have out - Heading for date of payment, item, total amount - then columns for the split up - (for an R.F.C. loan, say) Mortgage Insur., Fire Insur. Reserve, Tax Reserve Assessment (if any) Reserve, Misc. (cols for amt. & what for), Interest (cols. for amt. & to what date), Principal & unpaid Balance. For my note, you don't need the columns for reserves and Taxes etc. For all R.F.C. or F.H.A. loan, the bank charges a fixed amount each month for these reserves, which, with interest, is deducted from you monthly payment and the balance is credited against the unpaid balance. At the end of the year, the bank pays the taxes, etc. and adjusts the monthly payment to the new conditions - may do so at any time. When Income Tax time comes around, you can deduct - if you use the deduction method - the interest paid the bank - and the taxes you have paid the bank as shown by the card - generally you can not deduct assessments for, say street improvements, paving, etc. So you better start a set of personal books - on a cash basis.

Reckon you are moving to-day. - so will send this to your office. Yes - I know all about it - 15 or 20 times over. Just be glad you don't have to crate everything!

Had a week of 100 to 105 degree - then cooled off again. It is warming up again but not bad. Had a letter from Elizabeth - everything fine there. Nothing much new here except that we can telephone again - since yesterday.

Well, I still think you got a mighty good buy in the house. We will be waiting for the new address - no hurry - Mother will be writing soon. Happy landing!

Love to you all,

Your loving *Dad*





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## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - July 13/47

Dear Pete & Charlotte-

We have both your letters and pictures. Looks like you are "on top of the world." It sure looks fine and I don't think you made a mistake - and you will feel that you are getting something for your money - rent money is money gone for good. I'm glad the Brehm's got to have a visit in the new place and I imagine they helped a lot in getting settled. By the way, did you know one way of stopping rugs from slipping on hardwood floors (if you have any) is to use your old inner tubes (if real rubber) - cut them up into pieces and either tack (sew roughly) the pieces to the under side - here and there - or leave them loose; big help. There used to be a preparation made, before the war, that could be used for this - a sort of gum - haven't heard of any of late years.

Our drought continues. Had .04" for our 4th of July rains - should have had an inch or two. Roosevelt Lake is so low that they are draining it for the first time - want to examine the outlets tunnels to the turbine while they have a chance. We have haven't had but about .07" since January 1st. Has been cloudy and humid the last two days - but just wont rain - also hot - 100 to 106 degrees every day since June 24 th.

If I need something done to my Hot Point refrigerator - what should I do? Recently there has been a sort of vibratory rattle - faint but annoying - I investigated and discovered some things I doubt sabe. First, the fan is on a sort of hanger (why?) - it doesn't set so that the blades are turning in a place parallel to the radiator - fan is canted down a bit - and can be moved in its cradle hanger about 1/4" or little more. Also, the fan shaft has about 1/4" play horizontally in the motor. I thought the rattle might be the fan ticking against the radiator very lightly. So I pulled the bottom drawer out & got my head in there where I could see about the fan - no room to work or fix anything &, of course, it wasn't the fan. I still can't find the blooming cause. I can give the bottom a drawer a slam & the rattle stops; so I think it must be some little dingus part of the drawer that does it. However, I have lately heard a sharp click (metallic) which I feel sure is one of the fan blades just touching a radiator leaf - only hear this once in a while. I can not understand the hanging cradle proposition for the fan nor the play of the shaft in the motor. Do you think something is wrong?

Not much news for us to write about but may have some next letter. It was nice of you to send those fine socks - seems to me you had enough to think about and do, but many thanks for them and all the cards that came on Father's day.

As to the check - I do not care about the starting date. You say the \$35.00 is for June and July. So - mark your first entry to show interest on the principle June 1 to Aug. 1 - deduct that form the \$35.00 and credit the balance to the principle to get the new principal on which you will figure interest from Aug. 1 to next date of payment - see how it works? You will of course, have to make your bank payments regularly on time but do as you like with mine.

We will be interested to know the details about the "Society." You will get a lot out of it just through the associations.

Good luck - keep well and our love to you all.

Your Loving *Dad*

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 Refers to our new Ft. Trumbull house which was located high up on top of a ridge and having a front yard with about a 45 degree slope.





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## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1948

**1948 January 5, After kidney - bladder irrigation by Dr. Schultz Grace took cab home but lost all memory. I rushed home - she didn't know how she got home - kept asking how all afternoon. Dr. Hill in at 5:30 - examined her - nothing seriously wrong - we put her to bed. Next day better - had nurse. Treatments continued all spring.**

**May 29 Elizabeth and family left North Carolina for Seattle going to Doug's and Clinton's and Long Island on way.**

**October 27 Received wire from Dr. Clark - Gene's condition critical - called him on phone - In Coma.**

**October 29 1:20 a.m. left Tucson by plane breakfast at St. Louis - lunch at Cleveland - left plane at Syracuse 3:30 p.m. - caught 4:30 to Utica on N.Y. Central. - Utica 5:30 p.m. - called the home, they had called Grace that morning. Gene passed away at 6:20 a.m. 29th. Went out to Masonic home in evening & talked with Secty. Miss Daggett. Called Miss Larson from home. They and Gene had figured some time ago on cremation & internment of ashes in Hand Family lot at Bayshore. Mrs. Larson called Jo who agreed. I arranged here for those plans to be carried out. C.**

**October 30, 1940: Out to home a.m. Saw Miss Shaw head nurse of hospital - got wrist watch. Death certificate gives hardening of arteries, senility & enlarged prostate as causes of death. Gene rallied a while but was in coma or semi conscious at the**





end.

Saw Mr. Healy who has charge of building for old people – his wife helps him – they were cleaning out Gene's room – told them to use clothing as they saw fit. They turned over personal papers, field and opera glasses, another old watch & some cuff links to me. Saw undertaker in afternoon – arranged for flowers for Monday. Saw Gene – very peaceful – thin but little changed from last time I saw him. Called Jo & told her I would be up to see her Tuesday p.m. Wiring to Grace and to Commodore Hotel for room – go to New York Monday p.m. – office Tuesday if open & so on.

October 31, 1940: Stayed at Hotel. Wrote Mrs. Larson.

November 1, 1940: Went to home – saw Dr. Clark. Masonic ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Caught 1:42 p.m. to New York arrived 5:30. – to Commodore.

November 2, 1940: No one at office. Went to Mineola 11:00 a.m. – drove to W. Plain in p.m. saw Aunt Vevi & Gertrude. Aunt Stella to Mrs. Baldwins – Helen at polls. Carlton, Ruth, Audrey stopped in.

November 3, 1940: To New York, 9:15 a.m. – lunch with Goodwin (A.S.&R.) – Bridgeport 3 p.m. to Clinton's.

November 4, 1940: Lunch with Loerpabel (A.S.&R.) at mining club. Took 3:50 to Red Bank.

November 5, 1940: At Red Bank. To New York 8:15 p.m. – left New York 11:15 p.m. by train (fog caused 44 flights grounded) - arrived Tucson 7:00 a.m. – November 8.



November 8 Aunt Stella Oaks died at Ellas - 5 a.m. - stroke uncon. at end.



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1949

## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1949

**1949 March retired from active service with AS&R Co. - retained on consulting basis to August 31 on half pay. Then pension \$160 per month starts. Life insurance retained on base of present years salary \$900.00.**

**March 5 Elizabeth and family move to Ft. Harrison near Helena, Montana. Gordon - Chief Medical Officer there.**

**July Grace still under Dr. Schultz care - interstitial cystitis treatment with chloromycetin. July 29 Grace left Tucson by plane DC 6. 12:25 a.m. arrived New York LaGuardia field 10:55 a.m. EST. 11:55 DST. Ella & Wallace met her there.**

**October 14 Grace left New York 12:30 p.m. arrived Tucson 8:35 p.m. American Airlines DC 6. Had 2 treatments in October by Dr. L. S. Ayars - 45 Front Street., Hempstead, New York x-rays by Dr. P. A. Williams - 201 Professional Building - Hempstead, New York - checked Dr. Schultz 100% - condition on return about same as when she left.**

**November 26 Grace and I left Tucson 12:50 a.m. American Airlines - arrived LaGuardia Field, New York 11:55 a.m. same day. I to do special research work at AS & R Co. office. November 24, Ella and Wallace, Grace and I spent day at Red Bank, New Jersey - Clinton and family there also.**



**December 25, Grace and I spent day with Clinton and family at Bridgeport Connecticut.**



# Retirement!!!



To The  
"Bull"  
in Grateful Appreciation  
February 28, 1949  
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P. J. GUMBERLIN  
B. L. REYMAN  
D. G. SPINNER  
C. P. HOLLENBACH  
M. I. STEPHEN  
A. MONTANO  
R. W. HOSSETT  
B. MATTHEWS

W. T. BRADY  
G. T. BRADY  
D. R. JAMESON  
A. R. HANCOCK  
R. F. HENRY  
G. E. BOSTON  
F. A. WISE  
H. D. BRIGAND  
A. A. LEYH  
J. K. PRESTON  
A. T. ALTAMIRANO  
M. F. GANNON  
S. H. GELTON  
A. F. FLORES  
E. R. GACETT  
A. J. MAY  
D. R. PUGH  
R. M. TOWNS  
H. W. HAANTA





# The employees at retirement.

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| B. L. Culin      | R. E. Mieritz     | J. C. Playter  |
| J. V. Desvaux    | W. T. Barlow      | W. K. Nourse   |
| J. H. Courtright | L. K. Wilson      | J. P. Pollock  |
| A. D. Ridges     | L. H. Chapman     | C. D. Grabert  |
| M. B. Wade       | H. W. Kaanta      | A. B. White    |
| F. M. Stephens   | K. A. c.o. Stemen | T. A. Snedden  |
| C. H. Miles      | W. C. Waidler     | F. P. Kendall  |
| J. E. Crook      | M. E. Wilkinson   | G. J. Matthews |
| M. Baca          | P. J. Chamberlin  | B. L. Rickman  |
| D. G. Skinner    | C. P. Hollenbach  | M. I. Stewart  |
| A. Montano       | P. W. Hogsett     | B. Matthews    |
| W. T. Brown      | G. T. Brown       | D. R. Jameson  |
| A. R. Haworth    | R. F. Kensey      | G. E. Postma   |
| F. A. Wise       | H. D. Ragland     | A. A. Leyva    |
| J. K. Preston    | A. T. Altamirano  | M. F. Cannon   |
| S. H. Carlton    | A. F. Flores      | E. R. Garrett  |
|                  | A. J. May         | D. R. Furuis   |
|                  | R. M. Twiss       |                |





## Bits & pieces of a few of Ambrose's friends and business acquaintances from ASARCO.

**M. Frederick Burbridge** Knew in 1920 in Idaho.

Frederick Burbridge was General Manager of Federal Mining and Smelting Company in 1909 and Ambrose worked under him at the North Star and Independence Mines in Idaho in 1920.

**James Harold Courtright (1908 – 1986) Employee at retirement.**

From article 1/30/1978 in the Tucson Citizen, Retiring geologist widely traveled by Richard E. Wilber.

The newfangled equipment and methods of exploring for copper are overrated, says Harold Courtright, who does just as well with a pair of boots, a pick and a drill.

It also helps to be blind to the color or prospecting for copper, confides the man bodies in Arizona.

The right tinge of brown is the clue to a out a half-dozen major lodes of the ore in-Mission, San Xavier, Silver Bell and Sa-

Courtright, who is retiring as ASARCO traveled prospectors. He has appraised min-Ireland, Spain, Australia, New Guinea, the

He helped discover; or did later explora-and mineral deposits in Nigeria, British Colombia and Mexico.

His love affair with minerals was born during a prospecting and deer-hunting trip with his father in the Cascade Mountains near their ranch home outside Yakima, Wash., where Courtright was born in 1908.

His family had some mining claims. Courtright recalls he couldn't understand why his parents never made any money out of them, and says one reason he took up mining as a career was "to find out why."

One of several early gold mining jobs he had was at the 16 to 1 Mine, a famous high-grade gold producer in central California. He found it fascinating to see pure gold glinting right in the side of a mine tunnel, "but very few people got rich at it. I decided there were more logical ways to proceed to make a living."

Logic directed him to academic study of geology and mining engineering at Sacramento Junior College and the University of Nevada, and before long he evolved into assistant chief geologist for Consolidated Copper Mines Corp. in the Ely area of Nevada, in 1941.

Several years ago, Courtright and the man who had hired him, Kenyon Richard, both joined ASARCO. From Tucson, they launched a southwestern exploration program which a rival describes as "the most successful one that any group has carried out here." Richard eventually became ASARCO's chief geologist, and after his retirement, Courtright succeeded to the post in 1970.

Chief geologist, in charge of exploration, is no minor position at ASARCO, which has widespread interests in other minerals besides copper. The company has 14 exploration divisions, with offices in such places as New York, Denver, London, Salt Lake City, Toronto, Perth, Manila, Johannesburg. and Bolivia.

Copper deposits racked down by ASARCO's southwestern exploration division under Courtright's direction near Florence and Casa Grande might have become bonanzas for ASARCO. But for economic and other reasons at the time, some of the mining claims and land involved were dropped. Then - such is part of the gamble in the mining business - they were picked up by other companies. What success the other firms may have is a matter of lively conjecture in the industry

"In early prospecting in southern Peru, and even clear back when he was in Ely. Courtright developed ideas about how certain characteristics or rock could be clues to copper deposits," says a friend.

"He believed that if you covered the country and made the proper observations, , you might be able to find copper ore bodies that had been bypassed. And that's what happened."

Courtright protests that one of the concepts he has used - that green-hued rocks don't necessarily mean abundant copper, and that the color and texture of other rocks can be a better copper indicator - has been around a long time. He just applied it.



green, which is the fools' gold of amateurs who has helped find some of the biggest ore

vein of copper. It has helped Courtright search cluding four that are still operating mines - caton.

Inc.'s chief geologist, is one of Tucson's must eral prospects from Alaska to Chile and in Iran, Philippines and Sooth Africa.

tion work on three copper ore bodies in Peru





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### Donald Robert Jameson (1914 – 1993) Employee at retirement.

From his obituary: Donald Robert Jameson passed away in his sleep November 27, 1993 while visiting family in Reno, Nevada. He was born moved to Tucson in 1924. He graduated Arizona with a degree in Mining Engineering and Refining company for 40 years beginning manager of ASARCO's Silver Bell Unit and "Geno" have resided for the past 15 years. and Marana schools, was an A.I.M.E. member Southwest and a long time member of the Elks Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Jameson. Surviving are his wife, Virginia "Geno" Jameson; sons, William, Richard and Stephen; six grandchildren and his sister Mrs. Doris Lacy of Albuquerque. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that persons wishing to donate to the memory of Donald Robert Jameson may do so by contributing to the Heart Institute of Tucson, c/o El Dorado Hospital or the American Cancer Society. A Memorial Service is scheduled for 3:-- p.m. Saturday, December 4 at Evergreen Mortuary, Tucson.



### F. P. Kendall Employee at retirement.

We know that Fran Kendal worked the City, New Mexico because he worked their master mechanic at Silver Bell Mine with



summer of 1934 at the ASARCO Mine – Silver with Al Snedden and Clint Ring. In 1954 he was ASARCO.

### W. H. Loerpabel

We know he became General Manager of the Mining Department which was located in New York and that he was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. His first mining experience was gained in Alaska, British Columbia, and western United States, where he rose from laborer to mine foreman. During 5 years in Cuba he advanced from engineer to mining superintendent. In 1922, he joined ASARCO's Mexican Mining Department as Engineer. During the next eleven years he was Unit Superintendent at the Charcas, Santa Eulalia, and Kildun Units in Mexico. He was Manager of the Southwestern Mining Department for six years taking over from Burrell R. Hatcher in January of 1940. Then he became Manager of the Mining Department in New York.

### A. H. Means

A. H. Means was manager of the Western Mining Department in Salt Lake City in 1928 and Ambrose worked under him. We know that Mr. Means was working for ASARCO when he died in Los Angeles in June of 1946 of pneumonia.

### D. J. Pope

D. J. Pope headed the Western Mining Department with a staff of 23 with headquarters in Salt Lake City. Pope was a graduate of the Columbia University School of Mines, worked underground and as engineer in Nevada and California before joining ASARCO's Mexican Mining Department. In Mexico, he worked at various properties as engineer, foreman, and superintendent, moving subsequently in 1946 to Tucson to become Manager of the Southwestern Mining Department. In 1948 he became General Manager of the Western Mining Department.





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### T. A. "Al" Snedden (1910 – 1995) Employee at retirement.

From his obituary: T. A. "Al" Snedden was born in Sanger, California, August 27, 1910, died June 4, 1995 in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Snedden joined ASARCO in 1933 at the Company's Ground Hog, New Mexico mine just after graduating from the degree in metallurgy. He served in engineering and supervisory positions at various ASARCO units until 1952 when he was promoted to manager of the Southwestern Mining Department. He was named general manager of the United States Mining Department in 1963, and general manager of the North American Mining Department in 1969. He was elected vice-president – mining in 1971 and retired in 1975 after 42 years of service in the mining industry. Mr. Snedden served as past chairman of the Arizona Section of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, past governor of the Arizona Mining Association and past chairman of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress. Mr. Snedden was past president of the board of trustees of the Tucson Medical Center and served on the board of directors of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, The United Community campaign, and the Arizona Desert Museum. He was awarded a medal of merit by the University of Arizona in 1959. He was an ardent golfer and long-time member of the Tucson Country club of wife, Mary Ellen; daughters, Patty Fisher, Robert Snedden; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial Service will be held at Tucson Medical Center Chapel, Sunday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. William Killian and Donald Shropshire officiating. (Worked with CER & Dick Hatcher in silver City New Mexico.)



### Alfred Bryan White (1921 - 1990) Employee at retirement.

From his obituary: Bisbee native and retired mining executive Alfred Bryan White, 69, died May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1990 in a Tucson hospital after a lingering illness.

White was born in Bisbee 1921 the son of Ned and Bertie White. He attended local schools and graduated from Bisbee High School at the age of 14. After one year of college during the Depression, he was forced to drop out of school and go to work at the age of 15. Boosting his age by several years, he obtained a job as a mine clerk at Copper Creek, north of Tucson. Several years later, he went to work for American Smelting and Refining Co. (now ASARCO Inc.) at the Trench mine near Patagonia and remained with the Company and its subsidiaries for 40 years.

After service with the Navy during World War II and nearly 15 years with the company in southern Arizona, he was transferred to an accounting position in the home office in New York City in 1950. In 1954, the company sent him to a mining subsidiary's Rosita Branch at Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico in charge of accounting. After several years he was promoted to manager and supervised the gradual transition of the company to Mexican ownership as required by a new law.

In 1967, he returned to New York headquarters and was promoted to comptroller and executive vice president and named a member of the board of directors of Southern Peru Copper Corp., the fourth largest copper producer in the world. Asarco is majority owner in that capacity until he retired in 1978 and moved to Corona de Tucson, near Tucson.



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In retirement he has been active in community affairs, serving as president of the Corona de Tucson Volunteer Fire District Board and an officer of the Community association. He was a member and a director of the National Mining Chamber of Mexico and a member and served on the executive committee of the Mining Association of Mexico. He was a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, Peruvian American Association and the Center for Inter-American Relations. He also was a member of the Bankers, Mining and Elks clubs.

White is survived by his wife, Jeryl Corinne White, of the family home; a son, Navy Commander James Bryan White, stationed at Christ Church, New Zealand; two grandchildren, Shannon and Judson Bryan White of San Diego; two brothers, Edward P. White of Tucson and Carroll T. White of San Diego; and a sister, Marion McKinney of Bisbee.





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### **H. A. Guess    Long time friend.**

H. A. Guess became Vice President of A.S. & R., in charge of all mining and exploration. It is believed he was an official of the Federal Lead Company in Flatriver, Missouri, which was bought by A.S. & R.

Ambrose came to the Federal Lead Company in Missouri in 1907 and in 1912 moved to Flatriver as Superintendent of Mines. Ambrose and family and Guess and family both lived in large houses on Federal Hill. These were a company owned properties. The two families became good friends and Douglas and Elizabeth (Ambrose's children) played with H. A. Guess's son Shorey. Mr. Guess was transferred to A.S. & R. Headquarters in New York. He became a wealthy man and his son Shorey was a prominent Polo player. Ambrose's third child, Clinton was born (1915) in the big house on Federal Hill.



# ASARCO Celebrates 50 Years.



GROUP OF AS&R EMPLOYEES celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of their company includes, left to right: A. R. Wolfe, assistant treasurer; H. A. Kursell, consulting engineer; J. C. Emison,



vice president and treasurer; and at the extreme right, R. Worth Vaughan, vice president and general counsel. Roger W. Straus, chairman of the board, initiates sinking on the anniversary cake.

## A. S. & R. Co. Celebrates Fifty Years Of Successful Growth in Metal Industry

On April 4, the American Smelting and Refining Co. paused in its operation of mines, smelters and refineries throughout the world, to mark its fiftieth anniversary. At the reception held at the Bankers' Club in New York, Roger W. Straus, chairman of the board, H. Y. Walker, president, and F. H. Brownell, chairman of the finance committee, greeted the New York personnel of the company. Employees at all A. S. & R. operations celebrated the day with open houses or similar entertainment, and employees' families were conducted on tours of the plants.

On April 4, 1899, Henry H. Rogers and associates incorporated 16 smelting plants, 18 refineries, and a number of mines and claims of relatively slight importance, as the American Smelting and Refining Co., under the laws of New Jersey. In 1901 the company succeeded in acquiring the prosperous metal business of M. Guggenheim and Sons. From 1905 to 1919 Daniel Guggenheim served as president, and during this time the company constructed the Garfield and Murray plants in Utah, the Hayden plant in Arizona and a copper smelter at El Paso, Texas. In the same period the plants at Baltimore; Tacoma, Wash.; and Selby, Calif., were acquired, the latter two through the efforts of Bernard M. Baruch, nego-

tiating for the smelting company.

Under the watchful eye of first Daniel and then Simon Guggenheim, the company survived financial crises and prospered. Since that time Francis H. Brownell and Roger W. Straus have ably carried the enterprise forward. Under their administration, operations have been kept up to date and new plants brought into production at Corpus Christi (1942) and El Paso (zinc fuming plant in 1948), Tex. In the last 30 years the company's search for new mining properties has all but covered the globe.

The more important mines obtained, either by outright purchase or by acquisition of substantial equities, are: the Buchans mine in Newfoundland; Mount Isa mine and the Big Bell mine in Australia; the Parral mine, San Carlos mine, the properties of Compania Metalurgica Mexicana, Montezuma Lead Co., Aurora-Xichu, and Taxco properties, all located in Mexico; the Neptune group of mines in Nicaragua; the Quiruvilca mine, the Diana mine, and the Pataz mine in Peru; and the Corocoro mine in Bolivia.

"Metal Magic," by Isaac F. Marcossion, is the story of the American Smelting and Refining Co. and its founders. The book has been distributed to all employees and stockholders of the company.



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## Request and Instructions for Settlement of Estate.



Tucson, Arizona, September 12, 1949.

*Ring Estate*

Requests and Instructions re Settlement of Estate of  
Ambrose E. Ring.

In the event of my death before that of my wife, she receives all my estate under my will. In that event, I request that the following procedure be followed:

1. If Mr. Ben C. Hill, Attorney, of Tucson, is still alive and practicing, I request that the settling of my estate be turned over to him. If he is not available, that it be turned over to the proper department of the Southern Bank and Trust Company.

2. That arrangements be made to invest such cash as is received from personal life or other insurance policies, or other sources, in U. S. Bonds yielding 2-1/2% to 3%, except for a checking account of about \$5000.00, after all estate expenses are paid.

3. That such stocks and/or bonds, if any, as are held in my name, be treated as indicated below, and, if sold, that the proceeds be invested as per item 2 above.

4. That in regard to such stocks and bonds, if any, retained and transferred to my wife, to be held as a source of income, Mr. Hill, or the Bank, per item 1, make some kind of an arrangement so that -

a. He or it can act as agent for my wife and receive and deposit to her checking account such stock dividends or other proceeds from these holdings, and

b. Liquidate any stock upon the request of my wife to do so, and either deposit the proceeds to her checking account, or reinvest the proceeds per item "2" above, or

c. Handle the proceeds in any other way as she may advise.

By our wills, provision is made for the disposal of our Estates in the event of both of us dying at the same time. I would request the then Executor to follow the instructions as to sale or retention of stocks but leave this to his judgement.

5. If, after my death, my wife establishes her home in some other state, I believe it would be best for the handling of Estate matters to be left in the hands of Mr. Hill, or the Bank, as indicated in item "1" above. Eventually she may desire to transfer this business to some other attorney or Trust Company where she makes her permanent home.

6. As to the disposal of my investments, I suggest the following, which is subject to change on advice of Mr. Hill, or the Bank, if economic conditions or personal demands make such change advisable or necessary.

a. Alaska Juneau Stock: Hold indefinitely unless cash from it's sale is absolutely necessary.

b. American Telephone & Telegraph Stock: Hold stock indefinitely, regardless of market.

c. American Smelting & Refining Co. Stock: If market price should go over 90, I believe it should be sold.



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- d. Best Foods, Inc. Stock: I believe this should be sold if market is 40 or better.
- e. Borden Co. Stock: I believe this should be held indefinitely unless the market should go over 50, in which case it should be sold.
- f. Federal Mining & Smelting Co. Stock: Should be sold at market.
- g. Great Western Sugar Co. Stock: Somewhat speculative. If market above 30, it should be sold, and proceeds put into U.S. Bonds.
- h. Miami Copper Co. Stock: Should be sold at the market.
- i. National Biscuit Co. Stock: Hold indefinitely unless the market should go above 50, when it should be sold.
- j. National Dairy Products Corp. Stock: Hold indefinitely unless market should go above 40, when it should be sold.
- k. Packard Co. Stock. Sell for what it is worth.
- l. Shattuck Denn Mining Co. Stock: Sell for what it is worth.
- m. Silver King Coalition Co. Stock: Sell for what it is worth.
- n. Swift & Co. Stock: Hold indefinitely unless market price should go over 55, when it should be sold.
- o. Savings Bonds: As of this date these amount to \$8500.00 and beginning in 1952, will start to become due, many of them monthly. They will average roughly an income of \$100 a month until 1959. In any emergency, some of these can be cashed.; otherwise, they should be left alone to maturity.
- p. House and Lot at 2001 E. ELM ST: I believe this should be sold and proceeds put into U. S. Bonds.
- q. My stamp collection is worth several hundred dollars (with stock of duplicates, cancelled and uncanceled). It probably should be turned over to a responsible dealer for sale.

The above stock holdings may change. Only the very highest grade stocks should be retained.

Ambrose E. Ring

September 12, 1949



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Memo re Estate of A. E. Ring -September 12, 1949

1. In event of my death, stock holdings of myself and wife should yield from \$2500 to \$3000 a year based on current markets. A material drop in market prices would affect this amount but, unless very serious, not over 50%.

2. The present \$22.75 (?) Federal Pension to my wife would be increased to about \$34.00, or \$408.00 a year, on my death.

3. At my death, life and accident insurance policies due would be as follows:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Equitable Life Ins. Co. ( A.S.&R.CO.)         | \$ 9000.00      |
| Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co .            | 2000.00         |
| Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co.            | 2000.00         |
| Mutual Life Ins. Co. of N.Y.-Straight life    | 1000.00         |
| " " " " " -20 yr-Paid up                      | 1500.00 plus    |
|   | <u>15500.00</u> |
| Business Mens Assurance Co-Kansas City-Accdt. | 5000.00-10,000. |
|   | <u>20500.00</u> |

If, say, \$15000 of this is put into U.S. Bonds yielding roughly 3%, there should be an income of \$450.00 a year.

4. If house and lot in Tucson are sold for, say, \$15000 (after taxes, etc.) and proceeds also put into similar bonds, this item should yield anothe \$450.00 a year.

5. A long time loan to Clinton pays 3% on \$3000, giving and additional \$300 a year, as he is paying \$25 a month on it.

6 Items 1 to 5 should give an income of from \$4100 to \$4600 or \$340 to 380 per month. If some of the present held stocks are sold, and money put into 3% bonds, there might be a slight drop in income if stock prices remain what they are now.(and dividends).

7. We also have \$8500 in Savings bonds which will start maturing in 1952. These will average an income of \$100 a month to 1959.

8. The above does not take into consideration some \$8000 (plus) in savings accounts of my wife and self at present, nor current checking account of \$8000 to \$9000.

*A. E. Ring*  
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AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY  
MINING DEPARTMENT  
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 5

September 8, 1949

H. A. KURSELL  
CONSULTING ENGINEER

AIR MAIL

Personal and Confidential

Mr. A. E. Ring, Consulting Engineer  
c/o Southwestern Mining Division  
American Smelting and Refining Co.  
813 Valley National Building  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Ring:

A project of the Mining Department, on which all of us here are working from time to time, concerns a study on available lead-zinc resources, particularly lead resources on the eastern seaboard of the Atlantic Ocean. Our problem is to ascertain where sufficient tonnage of lead concentrates and ore could be found to warrant the erection of a lead smelter in the East.

Our review of data covers geographically all countries starting in the North with Greenland and Labrador, through the United States and Central America (omitting Mexico) to Venezuela, the Caribbean Islands, the major and minor Antilles, and possibly the Iberian Peninsula and West Africa.

From the point of view of source material, we wish to cover all the pertinent literature, particularly periodicals as available in the Engineering Societies Library here on 39th Street, and the voluminous files of our Mining Department here in New York. It is possible that later on some investigations in Washington may be added to this study.

As to time, it is our idea that, during December, January and February, several of our most seasoned geologists from the Northwest and Canada might be available for examinations in southern countries, and we therefore are anxious to complete a large part of the review of source material, above-mentioned, during September, October, and the early part of November.

If my understanding is correct, Mrs. Ring is staying at present in the East, and you went into retirement on September 1st. You must find this by now rather boring, and I am therefore inquiring whether you would be interested in helping us with this work on a part time basis. The effort would last two or three months.



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Mr. A. E. Ring

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You would have to come to New York and work here in the Engineering Societies Library, or in our office. I couldn't promise you a separate office, nor a secretary. There usually is an office free, however, one or the other of us being away from New York. As at present, for instance, Mr. Lord's and Mr. Loerpabel's offices are unoccupied. Usually, also, one or the other of our young ladies is available to help. In the Engineering Societies Library you have an excellent photostat service.

In short, technically, I see no difficulties in doing this work. Financially I am authorized to offer to pay your traveling expenses back and forth to New York from Tucson, and to pay you \$25.00 per diem when engaged in this work, (during your stay in New York), living expenses in New York, etc. being for your own account.

Please advise me promptly if this proposition is of any interest to you, best perhaps by sending me a night letter or an air mail letter from our Tucson office.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

*H. A. Kursell*  
H. A. KURSELL

P.S. The above proposition will not affect your present pension status in any sense.

*H.A.K.*  
H.A.K.



H. A. Kursell was a good friend and had traveled with Ambrose on the Australia Trip for ASARCO. They had been friends for many years.

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AIR MAIL

2001 E. Elm St., Tucson, Arizona,  
September 11, 1949.

Mr. H. A. Kursell, Consulting Engineer,  
American Smelting & Refining Co.,  
120 Broadway,  
New York, 5, N.Y.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Herb:

Your air-mail letter of the 8th arrived Saturday morning. Yes, Mrs Ring has been East since the last week in July and is due back here the last of this month. Your offer is a complete surprise to me and, as you want a quick answer, I have no chance to talk it over with her. So I have considered the matter alone from various angles and do not feel that I can undertake this work at this time. As an old friend, I believe you are entitled to know my reasons.

My wife's troubles started two years ago, and, until this present trip, she has been tied down here at Tucson. While not confined to bed, or even the house, she has been under a doctor's care and required regular, periodic treatments. There has been considerable improvement in her condition the last six to eight months and treatment intervals were increased until the doctor felt that it was O.K. for her to go East, especially as it now means only an eight to nine hour plane trip instead of a three day train trip, which would have been rather difficult and inconvenient for her. It has been impossible as yet to effect a complete cure of her trouble and she has to take it easy and can not get around as she normally would. So far, she has gotten along pretty well back East; she is with her older, married sister and our two sons live within a couple of hours drive of New York. However, I am frankly worried over her last letter, which also came Saturday, and there is a possibility that I might drop everything and hop a plane for New York any time if her trouble should get definitely worse.

Up until September 1st, I kept in quite close touch with the office here and believe I have been of some material assistance to Richard. It is true that I feel somewhat "lost" without a regular routine, but I have found considerable to keep me occupied.

The "project" you describe is an interesting one but I fear you are too optimistic in figuring two to three months for it. I feel, that, if I were to undertake it, I would want to get a room in the city reasonably close to the library and office; spending three to four hours commuting on subways and Long Island trains every day is not very enjoyable. You are quite correct in applying the term "voluminous" to the Mining Department files and the searching out and summarizing of all pertinent reports and statistics is no small job. As to foreign mines and deposits, I would be severely handicapped in not being able to read Spanish, French and possibly other languages, although other engineers might be similarly troubled. In any event, if I tackled the job, I would want to do a thorough job, complete it, and put the data into useful summarized form.



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In view of our personal situation, I do not feel that I can undertake a job at this time that would tie me down for at least two or three months (if I understand you correctly), and that would, in my opinion, be liable to require a much longer time to complete. I am sorry to have to answer this way. After having spent a lifetime with the Company, I will always feel a personal interest in it, even though no longer an employee.

If I might make a suggestion, it is that the two or three geologists you mention be brought to New York and each assigned a certain portion of the area you wish to cover; they could gather the data required and possibly have "get-together" sessions for discussion. If they should then be sent out on any examinations, they will have saved some time and have a general picture that may be useful. Of course, you may not wish to do this because of the confidential nature of the "project".

I am really sorry that I have to answer this way but I feel that consideration of my wife's condition and the uncertainties of our immediate future require me to pass up your offer. I do want to thank you for making the offer and hope you will understand how I feel about it.

Sincerely as ever,

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A. E. Ring



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AIR MAIL

Mr. A. E. Ring  
2001 E. Elm Street  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Ambrose:

I have your letter of September 11th in which you give the reasons why you are hesitant to accept my suggestion in regard to doing some investigations here for us. As far as Mrs. Ring's health is concerned, you and she, alone, can judge the matter, and it is not my intention to influence you either way, even though it might be argued that Mrs. Ring certainly could have as good medical help here in the east as in Tucson.

In regard to the program of the work here, I have quite evidently failed to make myself clear. We do not expect that in two or three months we will complete the entire effort. As a matter of fact, we had in mind that you would start it, and then pick one or several chapters to work on, as we might agree, and others would handle other chapters, and gradually we would get the work completed. You would be able to work at your convenience, as you saw fit, and you would be free to interrupt the work whenever you felt like it, as the arrangement was on a per diem basis.

As regards the foreign languages, I am well aware that you do not speak French or Spanish, but there is relatively little in those languages that we would consult or rely upon, and others who have the facility of languages could handle that part.

You say that you do not feel that you could undertake a job at this time that would tie you down for at least two or three months, and that this job, in your opinion, would require a much longer time to complete. If I mentioned two or three months, I did so because I had to ask my directors for approval of the expenditure and I had to give some time limit. There was definitely no intention to tie you down for long hours during those two or three months, nor did I expect that you would, single-handed, complete the entire job in that time.

However, you and I could have organized that work and systematized it sufficiently to make it a working proposition and to obtain from it, in the end, the benefits we require. Furthermore, it is not a matter on which you have to decide on a day's notice, so, while I was interested to receive a prompt reply from you, you have all the time you want to consult Mrs. Ring and to reconsider the matter. I shall wait until the end of September to hear from you before I start to look for somebody else.

Yours very truly,

*Herbert*  
H. A. KURSELL



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**Negotiation to come to New York and help ASARCO !!**



2001 E. Elm St., Tucson, Arizona,  
September 17, 1949.

Mr. H. A. Kursell, Consulting Engineer,  
American Smelting & Refining Co.,  
120 Broadway,  
New York, 5, N.Y.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Herb:

Thanks for your letter of September 13th. As to medical attention for my wife, you are quite correct, and we have a urologist lined up at Garden City; one recommended by our doctor here. So far, she has not had to go to him and my latest information is that her condition improved since my letter of the 11th. After receiving your letter of the 13th, I thought the matter over again and then had quite a talk with my wife on the phone - I had already written her about the whole matter. There are a lot of personal angles that I prefer not to put in writing and we both feel that my coming to New York right now for two or three months to work on this proposition is inadvisable.

As to the "project", it is entirely possible that I do not get a clear picture of it. The basic factor is, of course, the question of ore supply, and I cannot see where there are any great complications in making a survey of this. It seems to me that it is a matter of some reasonably intelligent engineer digging up the bibliography of lead and zinc deposits having a definite outlet through Atlantic Coast ports in the areas you mention; he would then have to "brief" the articles or books, summarizing the data of interest. As to the private Company files, not knowing how they are indexed, I can not visualize just how one is going to get the data from them. The obtaining of these "briefs" or summaries appears to me to be just a matter of good hard work by one or more engineers and, as I have said, may take some time. When the data has finally been fully obtained for any one country or area, then someone more or less directing the project, or familiar with what is desired, would have to classify and summarize the data for that area, so that discussions can be started as to the advisability of field examinations, economics of production and transportation, etc. When all areas have been covered and possibly some field check-ups made, then, and not until then, is the time, as I see it, for consultation with the smelting department as to the possibilities for and outcome of such a plant as is suggested.

I cannot see where any great amount of organizing or systematizing is necessary, such as might be accomplished in a short time. Some Company official, probably you, has to determine the areas to be covered; these have to be listed with reference to priority for investigation, giving some consideration to the possibility of field check-up examinations. Then, it seems to me, that it is just a question of someone putting in the necessary time, making up the individual "briefs" I have mentioned - for each area; in my opinion, nothing further should be done until the "briefs" covering any one area are completed, assembled, and submitted to, say, you for review and decision as to possible further field examinations. I believe it would be premature to attempt any discussion of the project as a whole until the summarized reports of all areas (or at least the more important ones) are



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available, and that is not likely to be within a few months.

For example, Central America has few possibilities so far as I know, personally. However, it would be one section to be covered. Assuming that there are some possibilities, they would all have to be briefed and consideration given as to the outlet for products - whether from the East Coast or the West Coast; if an attempt is made to try and determine whether or not any field check-ups are to be made before all the "briefs" are available, one might figure a field examination worth while for one certain locality (on the basis of some particular article or report); then, when the complete summary of the entire area is ready, he might find that there is some other certain locality in the same general area that should also have been examined, which would be disconcerting, to say the least. Therefore I do not feel that this investigation and assembling of source data should be rushed, or that decisions in regard to field check-ups should be made until all the available data is assembled, and that cannot be done in a hurry and be really worth while.

The investigation of the Central America area would require the consideration of several factors because of the double outlet possibilities; in investigating, say, the East Coast of South America, a different set of factors would be present. Therefore, I believe it would be difficult to try and set up a fixed outline of subjects to be covered in the "briefs". Primarily these "briefs" should cover data given in reports, magazine articles, or books consulted, regardless of whether or not the reviewer considers it accurate or dependable; he may or may not make some personal comments as to the value of this data. In summarizing the area, the reviewer might classify the possibilities according to, say, outlet for products - for Central America; in making a summary of the various areal reviews, whoever is in charge of the project may change this classification entirely for any of several reasons. I doubt if a uniform set of classifications or summary outline can be prepared beforehand.

All of which boils down to this; as I see it. Certain personnel should be assigned to cover the general areas decided upon; they to assemble a "brief" on each indicated source of lead and zinc. Until all the "briefs" from any one area are available, nothing further should be done in regard to that area; when they are available, they should be assembled and classified, and decision reached as to making field check-ups or not. When all general areas have been covered, "briefs" assembled and reviewed, further field examinations made, if necessary, and this data put into summarized form, then an intelligent study can be made as to the possibilities of the project.

I have rambled along and probably you have fully considered the matters I have referred to. It really does seem to me that, for the present, there is little that can be done except for someone (or more) engineers to simply get in and dig out all this available data and make up the so-called "briefs". When these are all available, then, someone like yourself has to really do some studying and deciding as to what further is to be done



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I may be wrong in my picture as above outlined and also in deciding as I have. The matter has come up at a somewhat inopportune time for me. However, I feel that you should go ahead and line up someone else so as to get the project started. I'm sorry to have to answer this way, but, there it is and I dont want to hold up matters for you for another two weeks.

Sincerely as ever,

aer

A. E. Ring

P.S. I presume you know that Brent Rickard has been sick. He was operated on in Los Angeles Friday the 16th for a tumor or some kind of malignant growth in the upper part of one lung (possibly cancer)- have no details. His Secretary here received a wire that Friday afternoon that he came through the operation O.K. and was resting easy. Have heard nothing further up to this time - Saturday afternoon.

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NEW YORK, OCTOBER 27, 1949

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A. E. RING  
2001 ELM STREET  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Retel 27th We are all pleased you can undertake work here.

Looking forward seeing you November 5th or 6th.

W. H. LOERPABEL

CHG: AMER. SMELT. & REFIN. CO.  
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American Smelting and Refining  
Company - Mining Department

Tucson, Arizona, October 27, 1949

W.H.Loerpabel, Genl. Manager Mining Department  
American Smelting and Refining Company  
120 Broadway  
New York 5, N.Y.

Can arrange to reach New York November fifth or sixth by plane if space available. Please wire if satisfactory. Mrs. Ring will accompany me. Will arrange for her to stay with sister on Long Island. Will need few days to close up house here.

A. E. RING

cc Confirmation

F.V.Richard





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## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1950

1950 March 7, delayed by strike on American Airlines - left 10 p.m. via Washington for Dallas - arrived there 5 a.m. on 8th and met Lona and went to Hotel for few hours rest. Left Dallas 2:30 p.m. Arrived Tucson about 5:45 p.m. on 8th - went to Pioneer Hotel for night and opened our home again on the 9th.

May 1950 Glassed in back porch. Grace resumed treatments with Dr. Schultz.

July 1950 Registered as mining engineer State of Arizona - Certificate 1611.

July 19, Charlotte, Bobby, Alan came up from Bisbee. July Douglas and family drove out to visit Elizabeth (Ft. Harrison, Montana.) Both families went to Yellowstone Park.





## Ambrose Ely Ring

## Diary 1951

1951 June 7, left Tucson by auto for Montana via Prescott - Butte to Helena - 3 weeks with Elizabeth and family got some fishing - left Helena July 6 to west Yellowstone via Bozeman. Day at Old Faithful. Then to Pocatello - held up there to clean radiator. In Salt Lake City 10th and 11th - 12th (night) at Cedar City, 13th at Kingman - 14th Wickenburg - 15th Tucson 2:30 p.m.



May be last picture taken of  
Ambrose Ely Ring.





# The Last Vacation!!!!

1951



Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Main Hospital building.



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Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Across “Prado” from Library – JGS house on left.



Across “Prado” - from opposite direction as “A” above.





# The Last Vacation!!!!

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Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Looking NE from West Side of JGS house.



Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Across “Prado” to Hospital – JGS quarters.



Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Sonny, Linda & Friends on “Prado”.



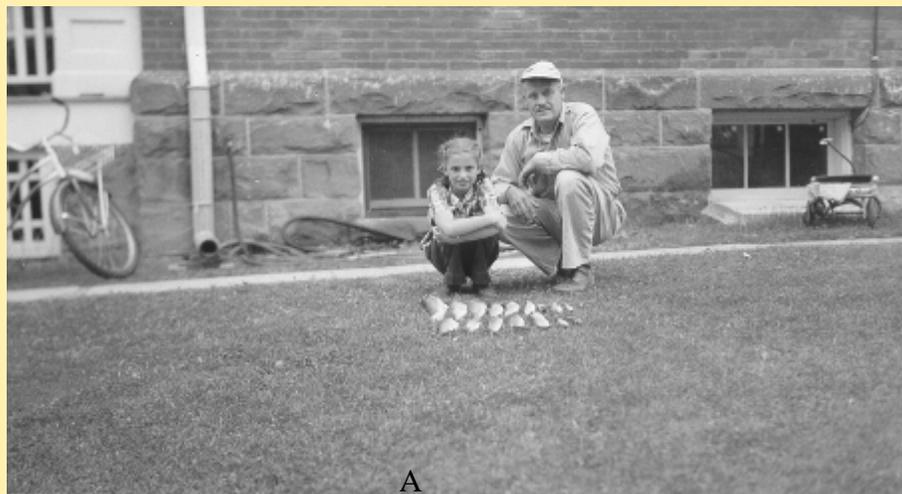


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JGS & AER with days catch – June 1951.



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Linda & JGS with another days catch of JGS & AER.



Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Sonny & his “bike.”





# The Last Vacation!!!!

1951



Ft. Harrison – Linda & sonny in garden – June 1951.



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Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951, Linda & friend – days catch of JGS & AER.



Ft. Harrison – Mont. – June 1951 – Linda.





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# The Last Vacation!!!!

1951



Ft. Harrison – Mont.– June 1951 – Linda – Mc Donald Pass.



Old faithful – Yellowstone Park – July 7, 1951.



Old faithful – Same eruption as above.





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## 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.



June 1951.



Looking East on Elm St.



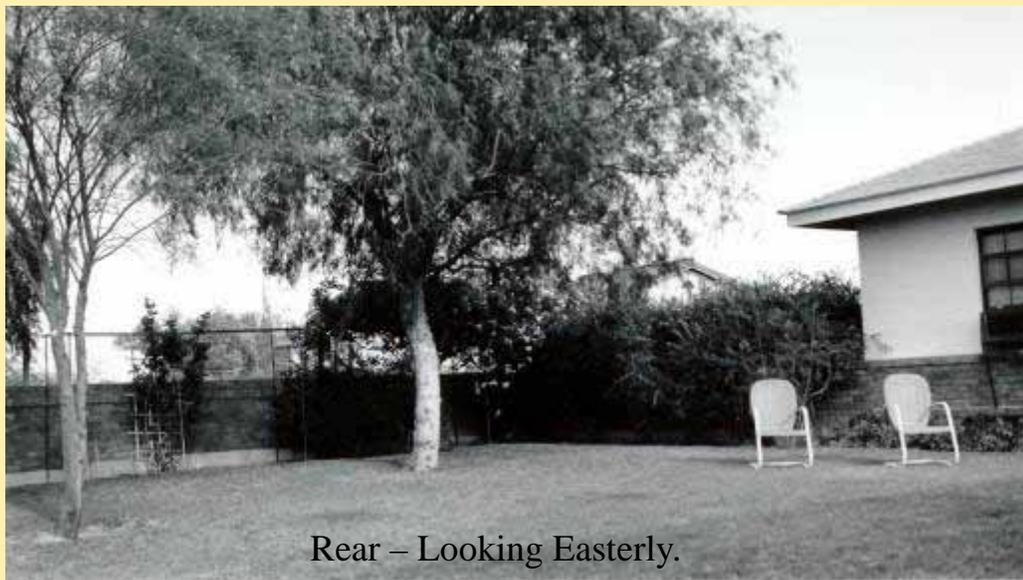
Looking West on Elm St.



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## 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, Arizona.



A. E. Ring designed and had built this house near the Arizona Inn. It was their last home.



May be last picture taken of Ambrose Ely Ring.



1951

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Apr. 19/51

Dear Clint-

Sure was interested in your last letter - so - you may go to the "Bluegrass" country and become "Kentucky Colonel"! Well, stranger things have happened. It will be tough to have to give up your present home after all the work you have both put into it and moving is no fun. However, you shouldn't lose on it financially and that's something. I imagine the Company will pay all your moving expenses - companies weren't so generous in my time. I only hope you can find as nice a place in the new location.

G. E. is certainly making a major reorganization and that is to be expected in a company of it's size. You are in a position to see the "wheels within wheels" and take part in the changes, and, as you say, that is mighty interesting. Whether your change comes in the next year or so is an open question.

Have listened, this morning, to what is liable to be an historic speech - by MacArthur. The quicker we get rid of the present incompetent, cheap, political ward heeler in Washington, the better for us all. "FDR" sold us out to Stalin to begin with - the "38th parallel" idea was a farce. I've said all along that to start a war and tie your general's hands behind his back, is the height of idiocy. In a fight for survival if your opponent steps over a property line and tells you that you that you must not cross that line, so that he can get some reinforcements, you are a fool to let him get away with it. As soon as Red China showed up in the fight - MacArthur should have been given free rain - bomb Him, out of Manchuria if he wanted to. If Russia wanted to make it a cause for war - that too would have to be accepted - it was a chance that should have been taken. Truman's idea that this is just a "police" action is the most ridiculous thing in history & his present policy simply means a stalemate, and a continuous expenditure of lives with no possible end in sight.

Well it will be interesting to see what develops re MacArthur. The one man responsible for all this was "F.D.R." - poor old, ward heeler Truman couldn't smell an "H2S" bomb under his chair if one of his pet cronies put it there. A lot of people have remarked, along with myself - the whole country seems to have gone rotten - what can we say to the "kids" - can we ask them to look up to and respect the government and its representatives when they read in the papers of all the rotten mess graft and corruption (mink coats, deep freezers, etc.) in high places!

Anyhow, we got a Republican governor here & he is doing a good job. Great little fight here in Tucson too - got a Republican mayor! Got rid of a rotten set in the city hall but they are sure fighting over it.

Wonderful winter & spring here - roses, pinks & sweet peas have been blooming profusely - way behind on rainfall and that is serious - The more so because Arizona ranchers are going crazy over cotton - quadruplicating the acreage & that means more & more wells and more and more pull on ground water reserves. Then Hughes is coming in to build a big plant South of the Airport - employ 2,500 to 3,000 which means 10,000 to 15,000 more people in the Tucson area - maybe more.

Too bad Alan is having that ear trouble. We sure hope it is clearing up. Had a letter yesterday that Aunt Vevi was very low - didn't recognize Wallace & Ella who were up there last Tuesday. I fully expect to hear of her passing any day now. Mother has been better the last month - in one way - she has had very much less pain - the actual cystitis doesn't seem to have improved much but freeness from pain is a lot - she hasn't had to get up from a meal for some time now.

Am hoping I can get her to make a trip to Montana in a month or so - we could take it easy & stop in Salt Lake for a couple of days.

I was going to get a new car but had put it off - only have 29,800 miles on the Buick & it runs fine. Am having it repainted. I was waiting for the Olds "88" to come out - didn't come on the market here until last month. Then I found that 2 to 3 months was the best delivery I could get and also that the maximum allowance I could get on the Buick was about \$300.00 regardless of whether it had been run 5,000 or 100,000 miles - OPS regulations! So, I've decided not to through it away.

By the way, I cut out some postcards at Xmas time & forgot to send them. If they are of any use, O.K. if not - waste basket.

Bye now - and our love to you all.

Your loving *Dad* Thanks for the check - note address too.

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 Comments on G. E. plan to consolidate Major Appliance production in a huge new facility to be built in Louisville, Kentucky - and our moving to Louisville.





1951

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - June 6/51

Dear Clint & Charlotte-

You all seem to be jinxed lately and yet you were lucky nothing worse than a bad cut resulted from the car mishap. It sure was tough luck - I reckon you were both pretty worried over it - however, those things come along and you just have to take them in your stride. Reckon I worried my Mother a lot - when in public school, I got knocked against the corner of a brick wall and got a nasty fore head cut - then, with other kids, I got smart straddling an open space between an old shed and the retaining wall of a filled in street (161st St. - near 3rd Ave.) - coming home (a mile walk) from old P. Sch. No. 90 - of course I slipped & went down head first some 12 or 14 ft. - landed on my shoulders, luckily, cut another dent in my forehead on the way down, got up and walked home - another time I fell through (broke thru) the ice, skating - it wasn't too deep and the other kids helped me out - a cold bath (unasked for). That's only a partial list - see what a "heller" I was! So - as nothing really serious resulted - don't worry over it.

It sure is fine that Bobby "made the team" - hurrah for him - tell him to hit a "homer" for me.

I see that Gen. Motors & others seem to be gravitating toward Louisville for plants! It's going to make the housing problem, difficult. Well, you know how many times WE had to move while you (C) were growing up.

By the time this reaches you, we hope to be en route for Montana - expect to get away Friday morning and take it easy - no time limit or schedule - come back in July and possibly stop a couple of days in Salt Lake.

May was a funny month - cold first week & heat some the last week (5 or 6 days over 100 to 106). The last few days have been cooler - just about perfect - humidity down to 6 or 7 in the afternoons at times - actually had to have a light blanket the latter part of the last couple of nights.

Am enclosing some prints - took some to try out the old camera. We sure enjoyed the prints of Charlotte and others.

Bye now and our love to you all      *Dad*

Thanks for the check



Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96      Mentions car mishap. Charlotte had parked car on a slope and Alan's friend (in the car) did something that released the brakes and the car rolled. Alan (also in the car) was cut trying to get out -- not real serious.



1951

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Oct. 28/51

Dear Clint & Charlotte -

So you are in your new domicile! Card and letter both came - weren't worried any - reckoned you all had plenty to do those last couple of weeks and am sure glad everything went so well. You were mighty lucky to be able to sell the old home so quickly - get it cleaned up and off your mind. Glad you got to see the Long Island folks before leaving - and Doug's too. The folder arrived too - some day I hope to "run" that "turnpike" too - roads like that are well worth the "toll" charge. Some day after you get settled, send me a road map of Louisville & vic., - like the road maps of N.Y. C. & vic. issued by the oil companies - mark where your "castle" is.

Am gradually getting "88" broken in - nearly 500 miles on it and it certainly handles fine - one has to watch out a little more in tight places with the new style extra wide bodies - three people can sit comfortably in front and four (slim ones) could sit in the back seat. We took our ride up to Mt. Lemmon - just to see how it acts on hills - never touched the gear shift up or down.

Nothing new here. Am putting in a little time doing some drafting for an engineer here (T.N. Steven) who did a lot of patent surveying for us at A.S.& R. - he is a deputy mineral surveyor - got jammed up with work on getting out plats of subdivisions being added to Tucson and asked me to help him out. Am not tied down to any regular hours and it is a pleasant break for me in what gets to be a pretty monotonous life.

Have had a wonderful "Fall" here, as usual pretty warm the first part of the month but had a surprise rain last Friday and it turned cool - went down to 43 degrees Saturday morning!

Mother is about the same - however, she keeps pretty good for 6 to 8 weeks between treatments now.

Bye now and good luck in you new house, our love to all.

Your loving *Dad*

Thanks for the check





1951

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Dec. 16/51

Dear Clint & Charlotte-

The worst of the Xmas rush is over and we are still alive. I sent one small heavy parcel some day ago funny kind of Xmas present but it is something I believe you will find useful fixing up things around the house and car. The main parcel left a day or so ago - hope it gets there in time.

Don't worry about "Southern hospitality" - its no different from other kinds - don't forget you come from "Down East" home of the "carpetbagger" and those "dam Yankees". Have been reading about the big sale of Confederate flags and caps - seems to me its almost true the "South," so called, forgot about them but you will find a lot of die-hards in Ole Kentucky. I imagine the climate is a good deal like we had in Missouri but I doubt if you will have as much snow to shovel or bitter cold weather as in Bridgeport.

I asked mother to ask about the celery - the carton we got was almost a total loss - some mildewed and rotting. I don't know whether the United Grocery or the Express Co. was to blame. It was poorly packed too. Let me know just what condition it was in - no reservations.

Well the Company finally negotiated an agreement with Uncle Sam so that they could open up Silver Bell - cost \$17,000,000 and to be in production in two years. Build town, roads, power & phone lines, etc. develop water & so on, lots of legal work & investigations. Because of my familiarity with everything out there (it was my pet project) I am doing some consulting work for them - no regular office hours - a break for me after loafing all summer & fall. Incidentally, that is some plant G. E. is building - reckon you will all be plenty busy until it gets lined out and running smoothly.

Mother has been better - hasn't been to Dr. S. for a treatment since Sept. 25th - The longest stretch yet between treatments - has some pain occasionally, especially after an hour or so down town and up a lot nights. Am hoping the interval will last until after Xmas.

The enclosed checks are from Mother & Dad - to use as you wish for Xmas. Merry Xmas to you all with our love.

Your loving *Dad*

Thanks for the check - am enclosing notation of my books to date -1951

P. S. You may remember "Beano" Hill (Ben C. Hill, Jr.) He is getting married Dec. 27th to a local girl - guess we will have to go the wedding.

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 \_\_\_\_\_ The "funny" Xmas present was a steel bench

vice (small but plenty heavy) that is still in use in our house in Tucson --- celery is mentioned. Dad, for many years) had a carton of Utah celery shipped to each child from Salt Lake City. Celery was a "big" product around Salt Lake (as we learned when we lived there) and highly promoted.





## Ambrose Ely Ring      Diary 1952

1952 Ambrose Ely Ring died of a coronary thrombosis February 29, 1952 in Tucson, Arizona. The Arizona Mortuary Chapel was the scene of the services. Dr. Glen McGee of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiated. The body was cremated and the ashes stored. A gift of money was made to Trinity Presbyterian Church in the name of Ambrose Ely Ring by Grace Harned Ring. The money was used for a decorative black iron gate within the grounds of the church. Written by Charlotte A. Ring, after A. E. Ring's death.

### Grace Emily Harned Ring

Grace Emily Harned Ring lived at 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson Arizona until August of 1967 when she entered a nursing home on Grant Street in Tucson. She died there on November 9, 1967. Services were held at the Arizona Mortuary chapel with Dr. Glen McGee Officiating. The body was cremated. Her ashes along with those of Ambrose Ely Ring are buried in a plot at the East Lawn Cemetery on Grant Road, Tucson, Arizona. The plot is located to the south of the Mausoleum, close to driveway and near a tree. Written by Charlotte A. Ring, after A. E. Ring's death.



RING, Grace H., of 2001 E. Elm St., died November 9th. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Spendlove, sons, Douglas H., and Clinton E. Ring. Arrangements pending, Arizona Mortuary, Stone and Third St.

**OBITUARIES**

**AMBROSE E. RING**  
Ambrose E. Ring, 68-year-old engineer for the American Smelting and Refining company, died yesterday in a local hospital.

He had lived in Tucson 17 years, residing at 2001 East Elm street.

Mr. Ring is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Spendlove, of Portland, Ore.; and two sons, Clinton, of Louisville, Ky., and Douglas, of Redbank, N. J.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Arizona mortuary.



1952

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Jan. 9/52

Dear Clint, Charlotte and all-

Now that the year end turmoil is over, one can get back to something like normal again. You may remember Dick & Sahara Downing, cousins of ours - Sarah was a girl-hood chum of mothers (she was a "Powell") out around Melville Huntington & Farmingdale (L.I.) - she died a few years ago. Dick has been visiting his married daughter Eleanor who lives in El Paso, and he and Eleanor came over January third for a short visit - went back Saturday. Of course the house had to be gone over and the woman mother has to help her once a week had to be sick just then. So you know how things went "have went" don't say anything about it in your letters tho!! sabe? Well, we put Dick in the extra bedroom, Eleanor bunked in with mother and I slept out in the porch room - believe me, the few dollars spent on making an extra room of that porch was sure a paying investment in every way. Anyhow, Dick wanted, among other things, to see some sahuaro's - so. I took them out to the Sahuaro Forest and I think he was more interested in that than anything he had seen "out west." Dick is just my age but this is the first time our paths happened to cross tho I knew Sarah before we were married. Mother enjoyed having someone from Long Island to visit with - even if just for a day. I took them up to Desert Grove (old Reids Ranch) too - with Mother - in the afternoon - first touch of "California" for both of them.

It's over three months now since Mother has had to have a "treatment" - she had to get up at night pretty often and is beginning to have pains again occasionally but nothing like in the past.

The "boys" are getting things started out Silver Bell way. I got a call Monday for some more title investigation work and have been pretty busy the last couple of days.

Dick & E. happened to hit fine clear weather altho they hit the coldest night of the winter - mercury was down to 20 degrees Friday morning. The days were fine tho.

A lot of Xmas parcels got tied up in the storms this year - one sent "special handling" which is really the same as "first class" - took 10 days getting to N.Y. Yours was here for Xmas. I think the "kids" must have had little advice from the "Top Brass" re that tool kit which is a mighty handy thing to have around. Thanks to you all for everything. You will hear from Mother in time but you know it takes her all day to write a letter, after a week or so getting ready for it. We spent Xmas & New Years quietly at home.

Reckon your "Big Guys," are keeping you busy about now. Then Uncle Sam has to be reckoned with too - before March 15!

Thanks again for the Xmas box and its good things and our love to you all.

Your Loving Dad

Don't forget to send me that map of your area sometime.





1952

## Letter to C. E. Ring from A. E. Ring.

Tucson - Feb. 8/52

Dear Clint &amp; Charlotte -

Today has been just like summer - fact is the last week has been just about perfect as to weather. Haven't heard from Elizabeth but imagine they got there o.k. Linda wrote a little note from Pasco - That's near Pendleton on The Columbia River. Evidently they had come over the passes o.k. Unfortunately, I've noted in the papers that it has been raining about every day in Portland. Any how, rain is better than snow but a lot different from Montana sun shine. Gordon had a wonderful trip to Washington, D. C. just before leaving Helena - hobnobbed with Senators & real top Brass, etc. - evidently things have not been going to well at Portland and he has a job on his hands to straighten out the place like he had down at Ft. Harrison.

Thanks for the map of The Louisville area - just what I wanted. I thought you wrote that your place was 7 mi. South of Town but I see you are North East instead. You are in historic country. Lincoln's birthplace is just South of you too - see the Geographic.

So you hear that Tucson is growing! You are a bit late - it has "done grown"! There is more Town East of Tucson Blvd. now than there is West of it. I believe there is quite a business section at Country Club Road (1 mi. E. of Tuc. Blvd.) and Speedway and from there to Wilmot Road, Speedway is a 4 lane (actually 6) highway with markets and stores, drive ins, night clubs, etc. almost solid to Alvernon Way where there is another business section. Then from Alvernon Way (Maple Blvd. to the North) there is some building clear to Wilmot Road. Broadway is built up the same way out to Country Club Road - then comes El Encanto Estates - Conquistador Hotel, Golf Courses, etc. - making a break. Quite a business section at Alvernon Way - where we used to turn South to get to the flying field. Considerable building beyond this but not yet as much as on Speedway. There are several large housing projects to the South of Broadway. Davis Monthan gets bigger every year. The Grand Central Co. took over the old Convair hangers 7 mi. south of Town - where the present Municipal Airport is - They have been reconditioning the many hundreds of B-29's stored at Davis Monthan - now are preparing to recondition or put finishing touches to the new B-47 jet bombers. Then there is the new Hughes Electronics plant - operating but not yet fully completed - south of the Air Port - will probably employ 2500 to 3000. Catalina Vista and Jefferson Park (West of Campbell Ave. from C. V.) are built up nearly solid - The foothills - north of The Rillito are spotted all over with new places - Has Tucson grown! - I'll say must be 130,000 to 140,000 in the immediate Tucson area.

So you want to know about coolers! I've typed out some notes that may interest you - enclosing them. Go to it.

Have been at the office all day - have a week or so of work ahead of me there - like old times. Things are moving at Silver Bell. Stripping is going on already - of waste. Some buildings are going up - roads are being built & so, on. I've been checking up on land ownership titles, rights of way for roads & power lines, etc.

Mother finally went to Dr. S. for a treatment Jan. 28th - 4 months since her last one. "Doc" is trying a new drug - alpha tocopherol - I never heard of it before and don't know just what it is supposed to do. Anyhow, she hasn't been especially troubled this last week and I don't think she has had to get up so often at night - maybe it is doing some good.

I think I wrote you about Dick Downing and his married daughter Eleanor spending a day or so with us the first week in January. Now we are expecting Ruth White to stop here for a day or so about the 18th - Ed White's mother - also she was Sarah Downing's (nee Powell) sister. She is now in California and will stop a El Paso to see Ed's family on her way East.

Our violets have been blooming over time the past couple of weeks - sweet peas are starting to bloom too. Reckon that's about all the new for now.

Our love to you all -

Your loving *Dad*

Thanks for the check

NOTE: This was our last letter from Dad - He had a heart attack and died February 29, 1952 (Coronary Thrombosis) Clinton (1993)

Comments from C. E. Ring, 4/96 My sister Elizabeth was married to Gordon Spendlove, a Doctor, who after the war, became a top administrator of several U.S. Veterans Hospitals. In 1952 they were in Helena, Montana (Ft. Harrison) but were being transferred to Portland, Oregon. --- The Conquistador Hotel Dad mentions was a hugh resort Hotel located where the El Con shopping mall is today in Tucson.



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1950's & 1965

Grace Emily Harned Ring.





# Rest In Peace.





## 1992 C. E. Ring observations after making booklet on his life from 1915 to 1938.



### OBSERVATIONS

Some observations that came to mind during the project of chronologically documenting in this album the first twenty three years of my life.

How much one forgets - like the timing and relationship of events - and some names of those who were close friends-- and yet a lot is remembered too.

The inestimable value of my Dad's diary by years and his wonderful picture albums.

How hard a life for my Mother - adjusting to the rigorous life of the West (after N Y City) - from nice homes to (in many cases) shacks - the snow and cold of the mountains and the heat of the desert - and constantly moving.

That I was extremely proud of my Dad and thought he was the finest - and a feeling I would have enjoyed more Father/Son time had circumstances permitted.

That ours was a strong family unit - and that many things were done for the enjoyment of the family; outings, trips, vacations, etc..

That Mother (with her city background) stood fast with the traditions of dressing up the children even in the wild and rugged environment of mining camps and wooden shacks.

How much my folks let me do (like trips) at a young age.

That Dad was away for many long periods - managing mines in different areas, establishing a home before moving the family to new locations, foreign and local trips to inspect mines and so on..

How much traveling was done (as indicated by our family) long before good roads, good cars and air travel.

How young I was in relation to my friends and associates (too young) - and yet in those school years I tended toward leadership in the various activities and organizations.

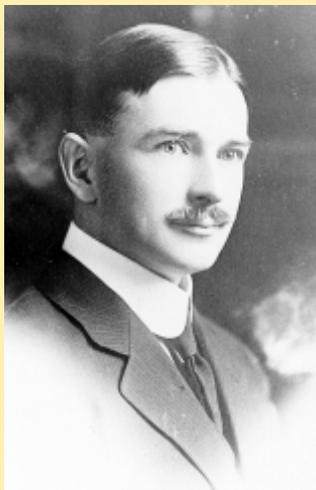
How tough a time it was financially on Mother and Dad when I was in College. I never realized it - and they never let me know - and gave me everything.

How really wonderful and interesting were my first 23 years.

Clinton Ring  
Oct. 30, 1992



## Pictures of Ambrose not dated!!!



Taken at Belmar.



Tennis Group – A. E. Ring 3rd from left,  
New York or Long Island.

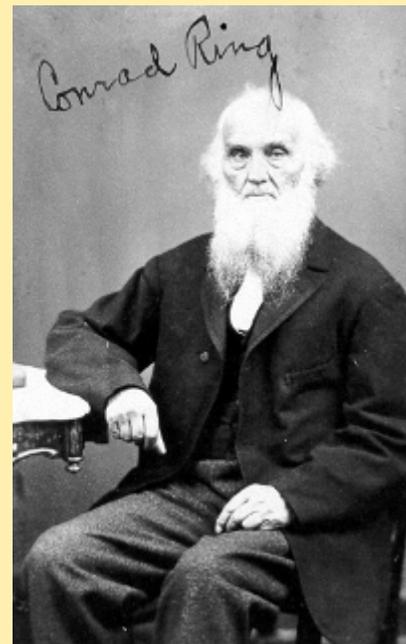




## Pictures of other Ring's!!!



Grandma Ring, Eugene Ring Sr., Mother Anna Shook Ring.



Conrad Ring.



Grandma Ring's house  
White Plains, New York.



Mamma Ring died in Rhinbeck,  
1836, copy of portrait.





# Pictures of other "Family" members.



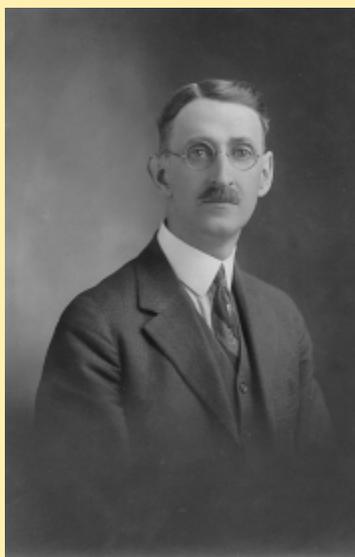
Percy Harned, Wyhoff N. J. Store



Henry Harned, Uncle Henry, Grace Ring's brother, Aunt Margie, father & mother of Percy, 1926.



Edwin Percy Harned.



Henry, Grace ring's brother, New jersey.



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Carlton & Winston, sons of Grace's sister Ella.



Uncle Wallace, Aunt Ella's husband.



Douglas & Elizabeth

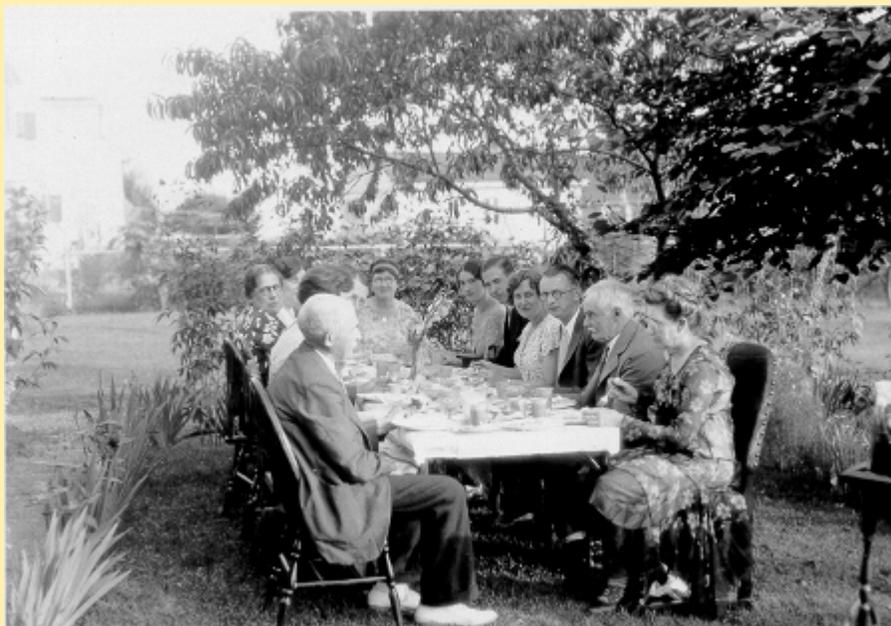




## Pictures of other "Family" members.



Ella Bogart, Grace's sister.



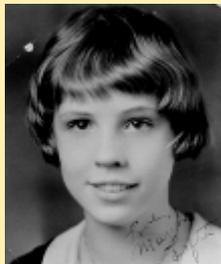
Probably 4th of July White Plains – New York.



Doug & Elizabeth



Gordon Spendlove, C. E. Ring's sister's husband in Seattle or Montana, with Ambrose.



Junior High, Salt Lake  
C. E. Ring's girl friend.



Aunt Stella – Martha – Henry –  
Percy – 8/1961 – Towards end for  
Aunt Ella.



Aunt Margie, Uncle Henry, Aunt  
Ella, Uncle Wallace, Carlton wife,  
Carlton, cousin of Clinton.

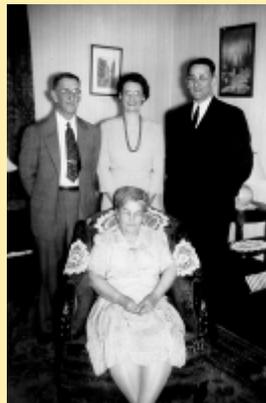




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"Gay Ninety Party"



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April 18, 1961 65th Anniversary  
Henry & Margie



Linda Jane Spendlove  
1942



Wyoming, Harold Bogart.



Elizabeth & Johnny  
Spendlove.





# Pictures of other "Family" members. Or just plain don't know!!!



C. E. Ring Cousins, Ralph  
& Helen, Farmingdale, New  
Jersey.



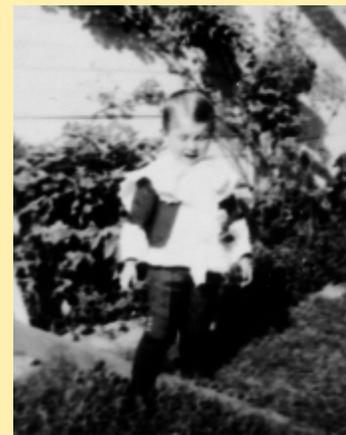
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Sral – Sta. Catalina Island,  
California, October 1915.

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**Pictures of other "Family" members.  
Or just plain don't know!!!**



Back row far right, Emma & Eugene Ring.

