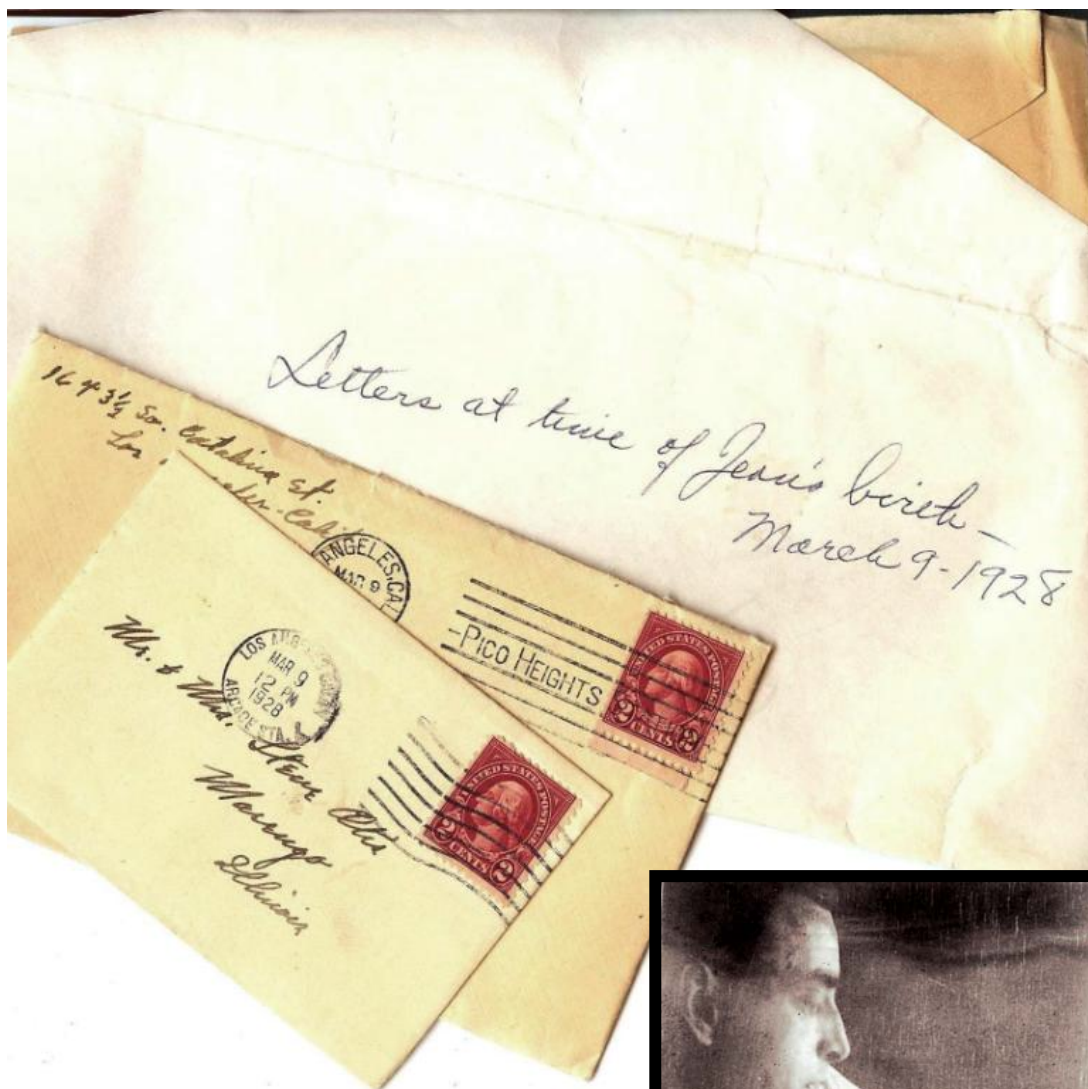


Back to Albert & Mina Warren Ellison

Letters at the Time of Jean's Birth

March 9, 1928



These are the letters from Marion H Ellison and Warren F Ellison to his parents, Albert and Mina. By 1928, their daughter, Leota had had no children and Marion had had some difficulty having a child, so when Jean came along, she was much welcomed. Mina commented to Leota in a note here, "Aren't W's letters the best ever? I have just roared over them!"




Warren with baby, Jean

March 9 1928 Telegram Announcement of Jean's birth

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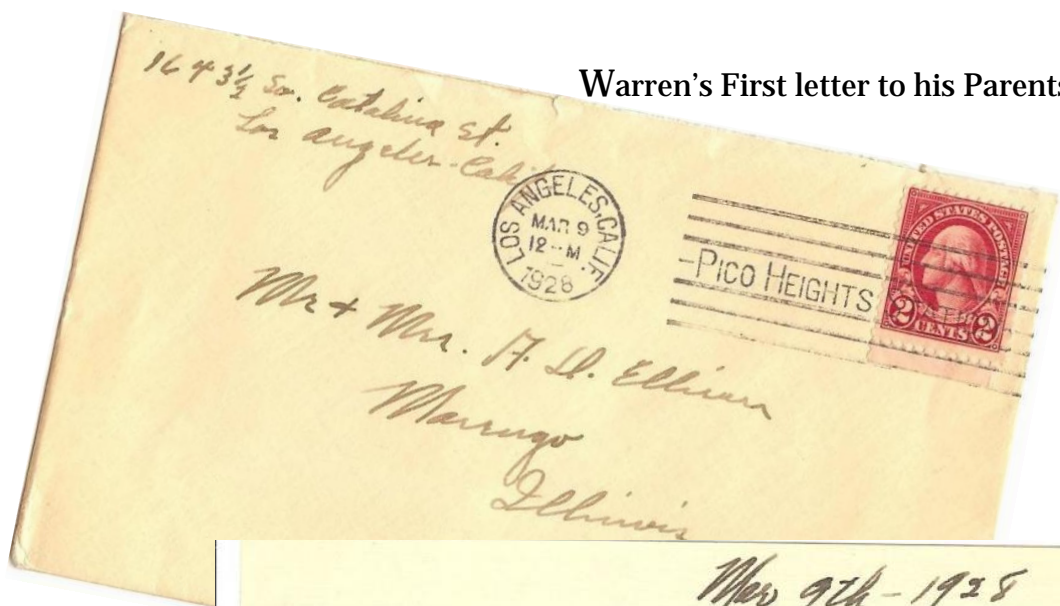
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Note: Lloyds are Marion's aunt and cousin. Fern is a HS friend of Marion's.

Warren's First letter to his Parents after Jean's Birth



Mar 9th - 1928

Dear Grandma + Grandpa

How'd you like that, hey?

I feel like I'm going to high hat the whole world from now on. I've just come from the hospital where I saw the baby get it first meal. It took about three sucks and then went to sleep. Merion is feeling fine and just tickled pink. I guess Jean

is tickled too cause she is kind o' pink also. Merion surprised every one. They all said they didn't expect the baby until daylight and it was a speedy littleascal. Mother + I practically delivered that baby before we could get the Drs. and nurses who had just finished with another baby. Merion didn't even get to the delivery room but had the baby right in the room where

she was first taken. We took her to the hospital Wed. Mar 8th more for observation than anything else. She had developed albumin and high blood pressure and the Doc. was looking for trouble, I guess. But she had such an easy time - comparatively - and followed the Dr's instructions so well and with Mother, Hy and me helping all we could it took very little time. Marion is a most remarkable girl - not a whimper all the time. Just a gritty little scout. When the baby started to show up we had to ring for a nurse and I had to hot-foot it to the delivery room where there were three nurses and three Dr's working over this other patient. I had to butt right in to the room and I guess I talked kind o' nasty. Told them that we had a baby in the room and

why in hell wasn't some one
up there. (A nurse had arrived
before I started for the delivery
room and mother Hix was
in the hall getting other nurses)
~~when~~ Well you should ~~have~~
seen a couple of those doctors
by it up the hall. And when
I got back the halls were full
of nurses + interns.

Well, they gave Marion a little
ether and in five minutes
the baby was crying.

Say, it's the cutest little thing
Five pounds, one + one half
ounces and just as husky
as anything. And it has a
smile in its chin. Hurray!
It has a chest like an athlete
and beautiful skin hands like
Marion's and big feet like
mine. You should see Mrs.
Sundin rave about it. The
two babies. - Ours are the other
couple came about 20 min.
apart and weighed exactly the
same but there is no

comparison between them - and that's not
grand jafa speaking either - Its all the
lbs. + ounces on the floor.) I saw
the two of them lying side by side on
the warming table and Mr. Sumner
said to me "Not knowing which
was yours which one of the two
would you pick as the best baby?"
Our was squeaking nice little
squeaks and making its little mouth
go like it was hungry and it seems
in a healthy looking little thing and
its head is a nice shape and lots of
dark hair. Merion is going to make
a wonderful mother. She says she's
not worried like Grace was about
the way the baby sleeps when she wants
to feed it. Grace's baby used to sleep while
feeding one day and she thought it was
sick! What time did you get my

telegram? Were you surprised?

Thirty minutes after the baby
came Marion was laughing
and smiling and happy as
can be. She said right then
that if it wasn't any more,

that that child like to have
another one. Haven't you think

Martha Jean is a nice

name? If it had been a boy

I don't know what we would
have called it. We just

couldn't think of anything that
sounded right. Well maybe
in the next couple of years
we will have thought of
a good one.

Will you please send this
letter on to Lota + Ralph.

I must have lunch now and
then get to sleep.

I still maintain that Mother Hip
and I delivered that baby and I'm
going to tell the doctors so too.

Lots of love
Warren.

Marion's First letter to Warren's Parents after Jean's Birth



Dear folks: Monday A.M.
4th day
Well, what are you thinking and feeling about this time? We're anxious to get your letter. Suppose you're terribly disappointed that it wasn't a boy but we wouldn't trade her now for ten boys -
Just wish you could see her. She's the tiniest thing you ever saw with lots of dark hair. Her eyes, lashes and brows seem light so she may turn out to be a blond after all. Don't try to figure out what she's going to look like and this

is my guess: - Warren's head
nose & chin - my eyes - mouth
* ears - and hands - Now we'll
see if I'm right. She's got
the best disposition so far.
All the babies in the nursery
will be whooping it up but
it won't even wake her. She's
going to be a sleepy-head like
her daddy. Have heard her
whimper a few times but it
always seems to be a little
gas on her tummy. And then
the first two days she
wouldn't wake up to nurse very
well and the doctor mauled
her around without any
mercy, and you should have
heard the squawk then. So I
guess she's got a real temper

this we hope it's buried pretty well from sight and sound. Yesterday was the first she nursed to speak of. My milk started coming in and she was much more interested. A couple of times she nursed for half an hour, but she takes little rests between sucks (?). She's certainly precious, and we love her so much. Warren is afraid to touch her. He was here to see her the first time they brought her to nurse & again last night. He gets a big thrill from it and is the most dicked "papa" - but actually we can't believe she's all ours yet. We will realize it when we get her home day after.

I think I will stay until a week from tomorrow and then we're going to get the friend of Mother's, Nell Crossatt, to come thru the day for 2 weeks and help me with everything, so the baby and I will get a real good start and that will mean a lot.

They say we've got a perfect baby - one out of three in all the nursery. That's that wonderful. And I guess I'm a pretty lucky girl to get three as well as I did. Did Warren tell you how he & Mother staid with me to the last few minutes? He expected to face the hell & do plenty of smoking but he didn't get one smoke. I love him so much for it. Don't believe I'd have gotten there so quickly if it hadn't been for both of them. Well it's time for the baby, she nurses every 3 hrs now because she's so tiny. Will write you more later.
Lots of love from Jean & me -

March 18- Marion to Warren's parents

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Mr. A. D. Ellison
Mariongo
Illinois

Sat. P.M.

Dear folks =

I have a partner in
my room now which is a
typo ved ward. She had a
Caesarian operation this am,
and was pretty noisy
coming out of the ether
Gad I am feeling as
good as I am or it
would have got me - up
until now I've had the
room all to myself -
Today I've had to keep
quiet with the room
darkened and they treat me

a radio so it has kept me
amused - thank goodness -
I don't have much time to
get lonesome as they bring
the baby every 3 hrs to
nurse beginning at 6 am -
she doesn't nurse after 9
at night. The little dick
would much rather sleep
than eat and we have an
awful time to keep her
awake to eat even 10" -
She's been real hungry twice
thru and surprised me with
with a husky little cry -
She's so small - Mother saw
her last nite along side the

other babies and said she was shocked at how small she was in comparison. They say she's on the gain this but she lost so that day before yesterday she was only 4 lb. 13 oz. She seems perfectly contented and cries very little. This morning she ate like a little pig and got Chicorpees & then threw it up. She's most bleached out now except for a spot over one eye and on her forehead.

I'm feeling fine - expect to sit up tomorrow as it's my 10th day - and will go home either Tues. or Wed. am. Did the folks tell you Karen took me down to the hospital 2 days before the baby came - albumen had gotten a little & my blood pressure shot up so they kept me under observation until I was better and then started proceedings with castor oil and quinine. The baby might have come at your bidding on the 13th if we'd left it to her. Glad she didn't tho as there were 5 other babies come that day and I wouldn't have had much attention - tho I didn't get any too much at that. Got the hosp. birth certificate today with the babies footprints on it. They're so cute. We had that of fear before Leta suggested it & will probably call her that tho we think it

would be cute to call
her Jimmie-Jean for
awhile as she started out to
be a Jimmie and ended a Jean.

Sure wish you could see
her - The news item thrilled
us - Will save it along
with one that was written
about me when I was
born that we have dug
up.

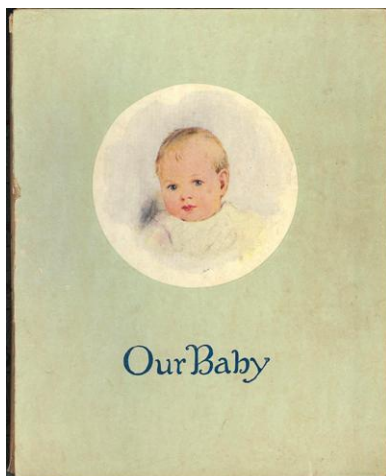
Thanks so much for
the "pennies" and the rest
you added to them. Every
one is so good to us - The
Phelps girls, Mother's friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ellison are the proud and happy grandparents of Martha Jean, the little daughter that arrived to make happy the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ellison of Los Angeles, Calif., Friday, March 9. Mrs. Ellison was formerly Miss Marion Hix and until recently, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison were residents of Marengo.

Mina placed this item in the Marengo News



And Marion must have had these all ready to mail out.



Included are Jean's 'firsts', plus gifts, visitors and other memories.

[1928 Jean Ellison's Baby Book](#)

sent me a box last nite
with a dear little kimono
and sack of tennis all
crotched around in pink
& some french knots here
& there! Guess Uncle Ernie
is going to get us a bed
for the car to fasten on
the back of the front seat.
Sure will be tickled to
get it.

Warren went to see
the doctor about his bill
and asked him to make
it an even \$1.00 and he
was willing - I was worrying

a little about the hosp. bill but I guess that won't be as much as we planned on.

Well, it's hard to write any thing except about the baby right now. I handle her pretty easy - she's as light as a feather Warren is afraid to touch her tho. But when you see the way the nurses flop them around and not hurt them you lose your fear.

Warren is putting in a nice combination. Faucet in our kitchen this afternoon which he kidded Mr. Nelson into getting for us.

Tomorrow morning he is going to wax the kitchen floor so we'll look real fresh. He's getting along fine - Mother says he's keeping the house real neat.

But your dining room is nice now. We send congratulations for your anniversary tho they're late and guess the grandchild will have to be your present from us - What better, eh! Time for my baby - Expect Warren tonite - He's been up every nite but last nite. Lots of love from all of us -

Fri. Morning 9:45-

Just a line as my summer boarder
& patient has just left for Chi.
He went out of the house in
crutches. Seems as if every
mile was the worst, and we
hain't much sympathy for her
as she should have stayed here
and made a home for him.
I have the bedding on the line
as the house is penetrated with

Gloans. He has suffered by spells
terrible or made a big fun. Say do
you know we have an awful nice
Dad. I was going to do so much
this week. Will get his room
cleaned up to day & tomorrow
any way. Aint W-s letters the
best ever. I've just roared over
them. Send these back. I want to
keep them for Jimmy Jean.
Must go with love Mithun

Sunday P. M.

Mar 18th - 1928

Dear Mother + Ned.

Well, I've just gotten back from the hospital where I saw the family getting fed. That little mite sure does know how to use it's mouth. Take after it's grandmother Hix in that way.

No, mother, it isn't under-nourished. It is just a wee bit of a butter-ball and just as dainty as can be — not big and

course like some of the babies
I've seen down there and its
hand are actually graceful
even now. ^{Just this hilling} I think its going
to be a very good baby too!
Of course it ^{cries} cries like all
babys should but sometimes
the nurses have to treat it
rough to wake it up so it
will eat. The bring it into
the room and try to make it
cry so it will be wide awake
enough so it will eat a good
square meal. It only eats

for about eight or ten minutes and
seems to be satisfied. Well, we have
an crib in the house and it looks
kind of funny. I went out to Webb's
this H. M. and got the little one they
were using. They have a bigger one
and I suppose will have to have
one too before many months pass.
Grace wouldn't let me pay her anything
for this so I told her that we'd trade
it back and forth about every three
years. Wayne said that he didn't
think that they'd want it again as
he doubted if the cat would sleep in it.
Well, now how long is it going to
be before you and Glad can come
out to see us? Can't you plan to be
out here while I'm having my vacation.
I can show you something of this
wonderful country during the week
I'm off and the rest of the time you
can admire the rising generation.

It's not so terribly expensive
and not a long hard trip.

If dad has to carry his
equipment with him he'll be
doing nothing more than
the. His dis^h and the only
thing that is hard is to get
up in the morning and
that's hard any way. Say, Lota,
talks as though they weren't going
to come out to see this girl until
she's twenty years old. "Grow up"
she said. I thought they talked
as though they were coming out

this fall. you all want to see
her, don't you, and she won't
be able to travel for quite a
spell yet. Thanks from

Martha Jean for the \$5⁰⁰ mother
but she says to save it and
come out and see her some-
time this summer. I wish you
could come in the winter
when it is green and beautiful
and just to see what our
ministers are like. The Piers
were in the other night but
I missed them again. Will
I must go over to the folks for
dinner now. Lots of love Warren.



Warren must have convinced his parents to come out because when Jean was six months, Albert and Mina visited her in Los Angeles. Lewis and Dora Hix appeared in the photos here, too, so that tells us that they indeed did all meet there.



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1928-9 Mina, Marion & Jean Ellison, Dora Hix



1928-9 Albert, Warren, Jean Ellison, Lewis P Hix

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