

*My
School-Day
Autobiography*

Clifford Robert Gander
1925-1930

Clifford Robert Gander was born February 14, 1916 in Marion County, Missouri on what is known as "Happy Hollow Farm". His parents were Harvey Smithton and Jona Hope (Branch) Gander.

He went to school at Four Corners School, Pea Ridge Community, Marion County, Missouri, graduating from the 8th grade.

This autograph book was kept during the time he was 9 to 14 years old.

Kiffie was a nickname given to him by his classmate Oney Hathaway.

His classmates were Oney Hathaway, Rosa Lee Bellany, and Ruth Buckwalter..



Clifford Robert Gander 1930

4 Corners School



*4 Corners School located on Route Z, Palmyra, Missouri
Picture taken in 1960*

Classmates

Oney Hathaway: Married Cleo and owned a farm on North River and lived most of his adult life in the Pea Ridge Community. They were the parents of four children. He was a Mennonite by faith and did Missionary work in his church.

Rosa Lee Bellamy: Married Carl Symmonds and lived at Peoria, Illinois until their retirement. They were parents of a son and daughter. They built a beautiful home on Route C on what was known as the Crane farm. Carl died in 1998, Rosa Lee is the only classmate of Cliff's still living and lives in her home on Route C, Palmyra, Missouri.

Ruth Buckwalter: Married and lived in Pennsylvania.

Schoolmates

Mabelle Hathaway: Was one of Cliff's girlfriends, she never married and lived on the farm on North River with several of her sisters and one brother. She later went to the Rest Home in Monroe City, MO and died in 2000.

Oliver Hathaway: Was a brother to Mabelle and Oney. He married and had 5 children. He lived most of his adult life on his farm in the Pea Ridge Community, farming until his retirement.

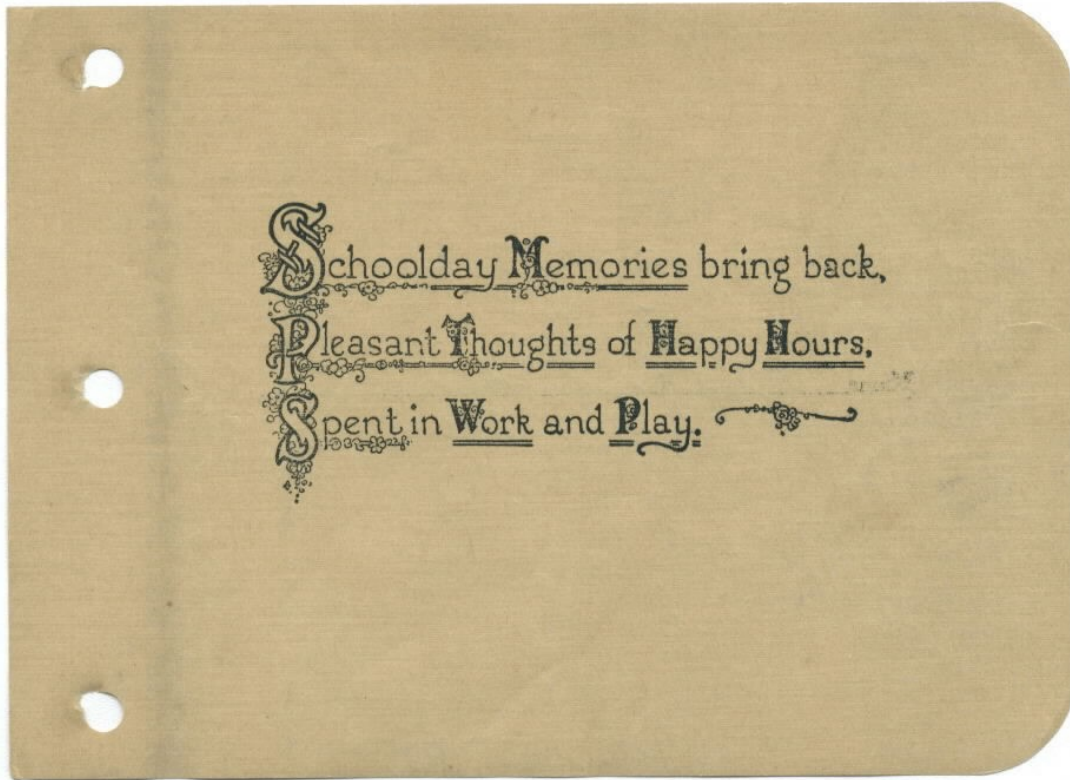
Lorene Powell: Married Robbie Powell and lived at Warren, Missouri. Her nickname was "Heck".

Caroline Powell: Married and lived in Georgia.

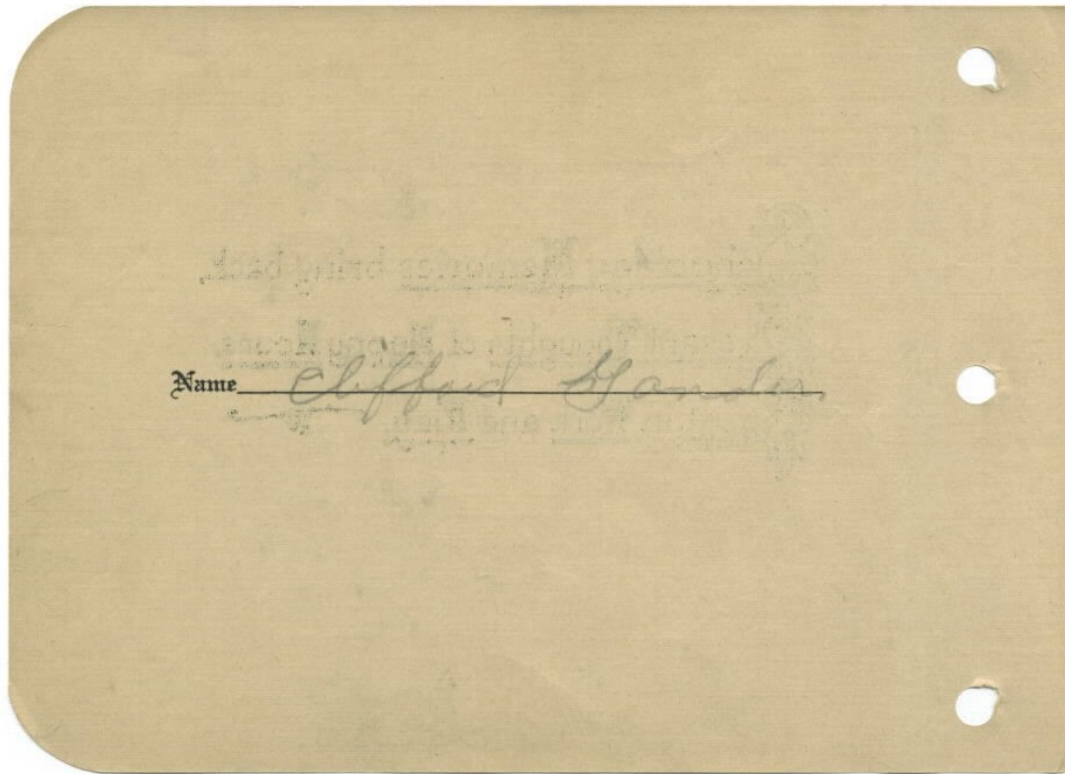
Landis Buckwalter:

Harry Buckwalter: Took a ball bat and hit Cliff across the back. It was known if you fought one Buckwalter you fought them all.

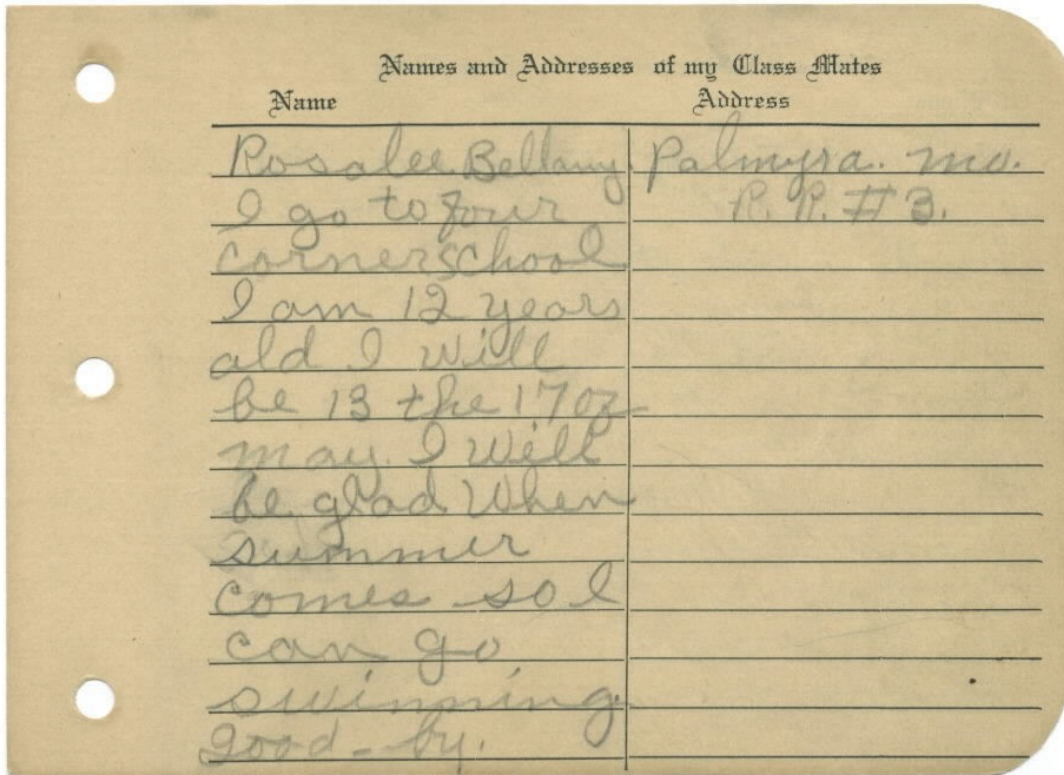
Lucee Bell Mook: Married Merral Martin and lived at Emerson, Missouri. Lucee was involved in several clubs and you would see her name in newspapers.



Schoolday Memories bring back,
Pleasant Thoughts of Happy Hours.,
Spent in Work and Play.



Name Clifford Gander



Names and addresses of Class Mates

Name

*Rosalee Bellamy
I go to Four
Corner school
I am 12 years
old. I will
be 13 the 17 of
May. I will
be glad when
summer
comes so I
can go
swimming
Good-by*

Address

*Palmyra, Mo.
R.R. # 3.*

Rosalee was a classmate.

Names and Addresses of my Class Mates

Name	Address
Mabelle Hathaway	Palmyra, Mo.
I am in the	R.R. # 3
eighth grade at	
school. I am	
14 years old. I	
like to go to	
school. My	
teacher is Miss	
Georgia Vickrey.	
The girls in	
my class are	
Gladys & Lorene.	
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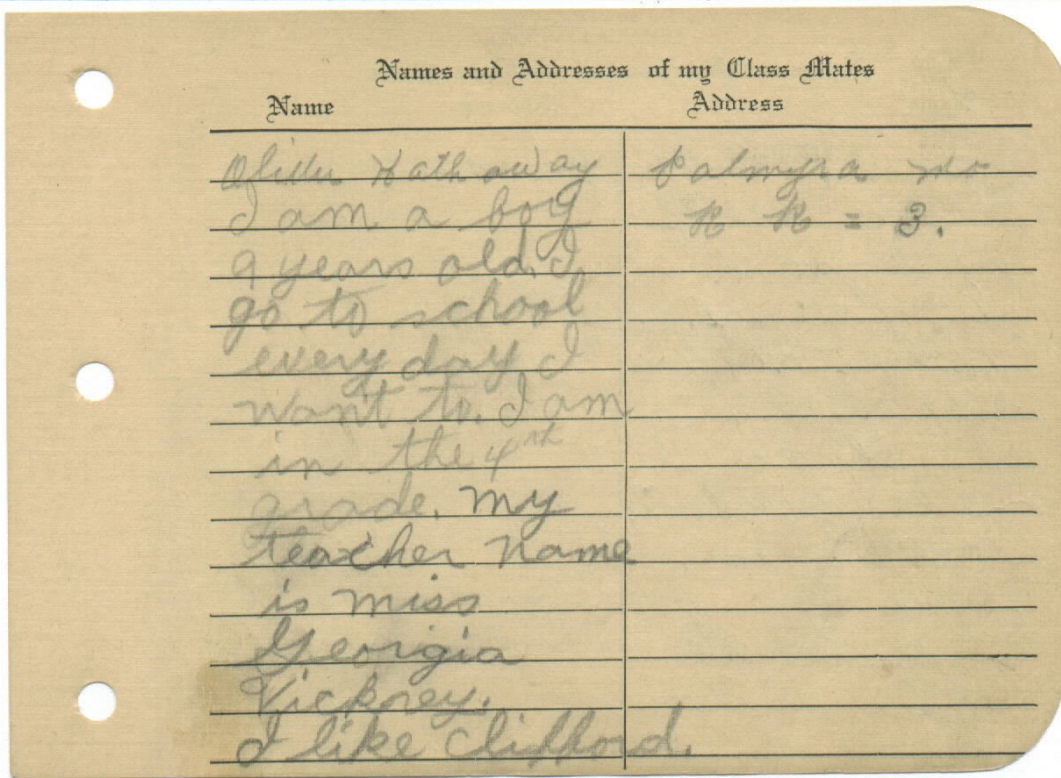
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Address

Palmyra, MO

R.R. # 3

Mabelle was a schoolmate.



Names and addresses of Class Mates

Name

Oliver Hathaway
I am a boy
9 years old. I
go to school
ever day I
want to. I am in the 4th
grade. My teacher name
is Miss.
Georgia
Vickrey.
I like Clifford.

Address

Palmyra, Mo
R.R. #3

Oliver was a schoolmate.

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Lorene Powell. I like all of my boy and girl friends. I like Clifford best of all. I hope I will graduate this year. I am going home with Kiffie and stay all night.	Philadelphia MO

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Philadelphia

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Lorene was a schoolmate.

Your eyes are like diamonds
how they do shine oh my
Dear Kiffie I wish you was
mine.

Ocean wide sea deep in
Cliff's arms I want to sleep.
Ocean wide you can't stop it
I love you and you can't
help it.

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Oney Hathaway,
I am a boy 12 years old, I am
in the sixth grade, I am not
as fortunly as you others for
I have not got a girl. I was
born on octuber 21, That
is a unlucky month I
know, I regrette that I
am not as handsome
as Clifford. He has got
3 girls and I haven't any.
When everyon has read this
tear it out and burn it up.
Good night,
Oney L. H.

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Kiffie likes Rosa Lee,
The reason I'll tell you why.
He likes Mabelle better
but that makes Rosa Lee cry.
He takes her to the P.T.A.,
It's certainly mighty grand
He takes her home again
just like a man.
He likes Mabelle best
He goes to see her sometimes
It's awful kind of him
I could put more about him if not
in Ryhm.

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In ryhm (rhyme).*

It was time to get up,
but Kiffie was asleep,
He had been up late that night
His girl he did meet.

Kiffie went to shoot a bear
He didn't have no fear.
When he came back we found out
That he had met a deer. (Dear)

Kiffie went to see his girl.
It was very late,
but she made up time,
by meeting him at the gate.

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Kiffie is a little boy.
He's got so many girls,
He's got a heap of hair because
They each gave some curls.

Kiffie's got a little girl.
Her name is Rosa-Lee

But if he tries to keep her
He's going to hear from me

Kiffie's got another girl.

Her name is Mabelle Hathaway.

He never gets tired of her,

Though he sees her everyday.

Oney got mad because

the boys called him sis

Kiffie didn't mind it

cause he was sitting with a miss.

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Kiffie went to see his girl,
It was a funny sight.
They got beyond the porch step,
and was afraid of the night.

A squirrel jumped out of a tree
over Mabelle and Kiffie's head
They were so very frighten
I thought that they were dead.

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Kiffie's got a little ford,
It runs most all the time.
I'd tell you why he makes it,
if it wasn't in a Ryhm.

Kiffie went to see her,
The moon was shinning bright,
but someone had been ahead of him,
and took her out that night.

It was a very dark night,
The wind did rustle the brough.
He thought he was hugging Mabelle,
but he was hugging a cow.

Kiffie saw he made a mistake,
When he talked to Rosa Lee.
Mabelle got a rolling pin after him,
and ran him up a tree.

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It was very dark,
when Kiffie went to the dance,
He was surprise when he found,
He had on dads knee pants.

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You I love and shall
forever you may change
but I will never, change
may come and friend
depart no, other boy
may change my heart.

Rosa Lee Bellamy.

*You I love and shall forever
you may change but I will never,
change may come and friend depart
no other boy may change my heart.*

Rosa Lee Bellamy

Rosa Lee was a classmate.

of all the boys I
ever saw I love
you best of all.
Lorene Powell.
(sweetest)

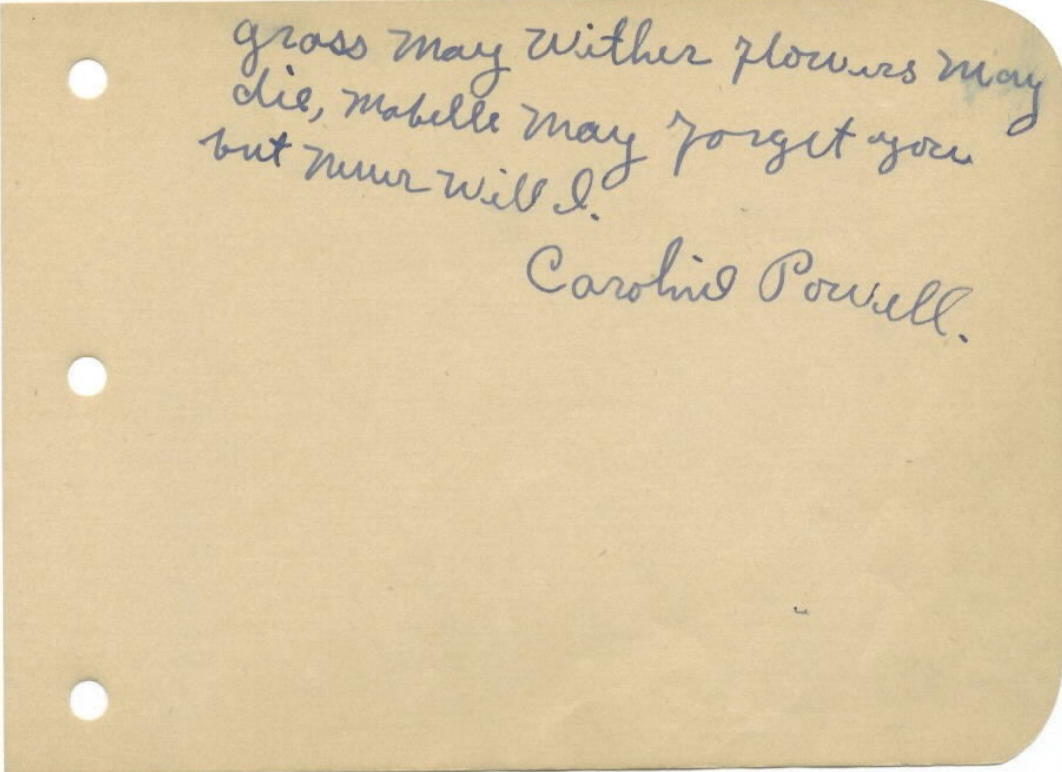
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Of all the flowers I ever ⁸² _{HW}
saw,
I think pink is the neatest;
Of all the boys I ever saw
I think you are the
sweetest.

Mabelle Hathaway.

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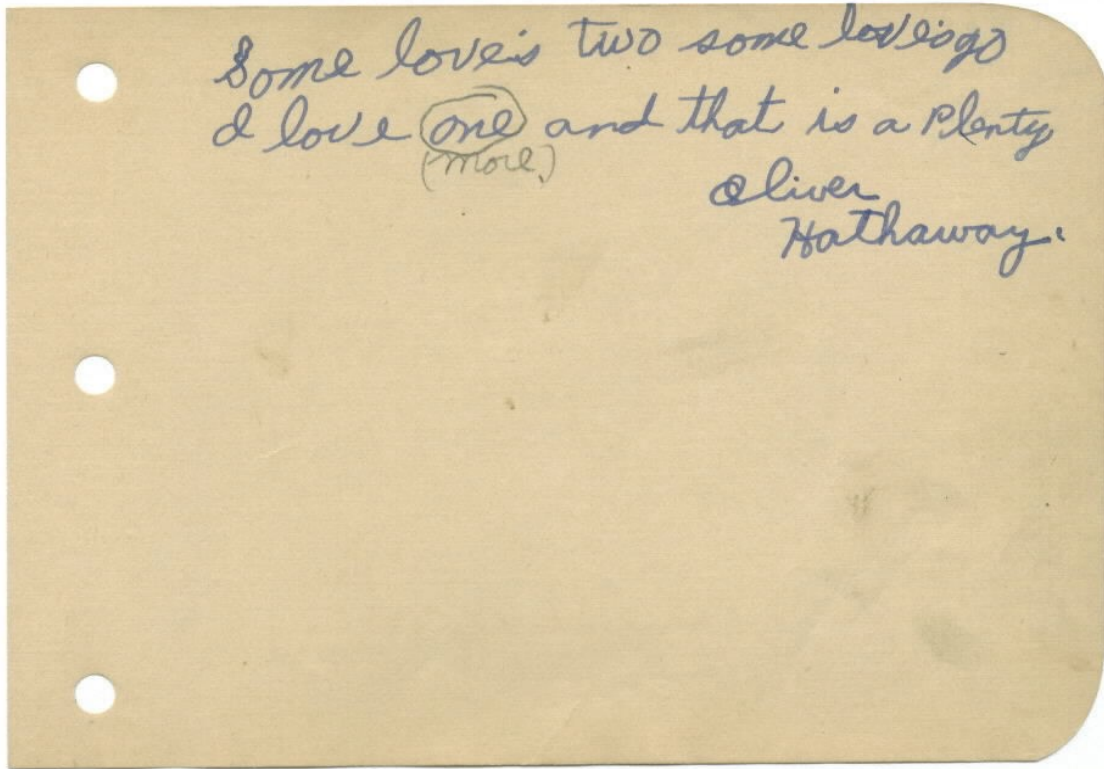
grass may wither flowers may
die, mabelle may forget you
but never will I.

Caroline Powell.

*Grass may wither flowers may
die, Mabelle may forget you
but never will I.*

Caroline Powell

Caroline was a schoolmate.



*Some love's two some love's go
I love one and that is a plenty
(more)*

*Oliver
Hathaway*

Oliver was a schoolmate.

Ocean is wide, you can't
step it, I love you and
I can't help it.

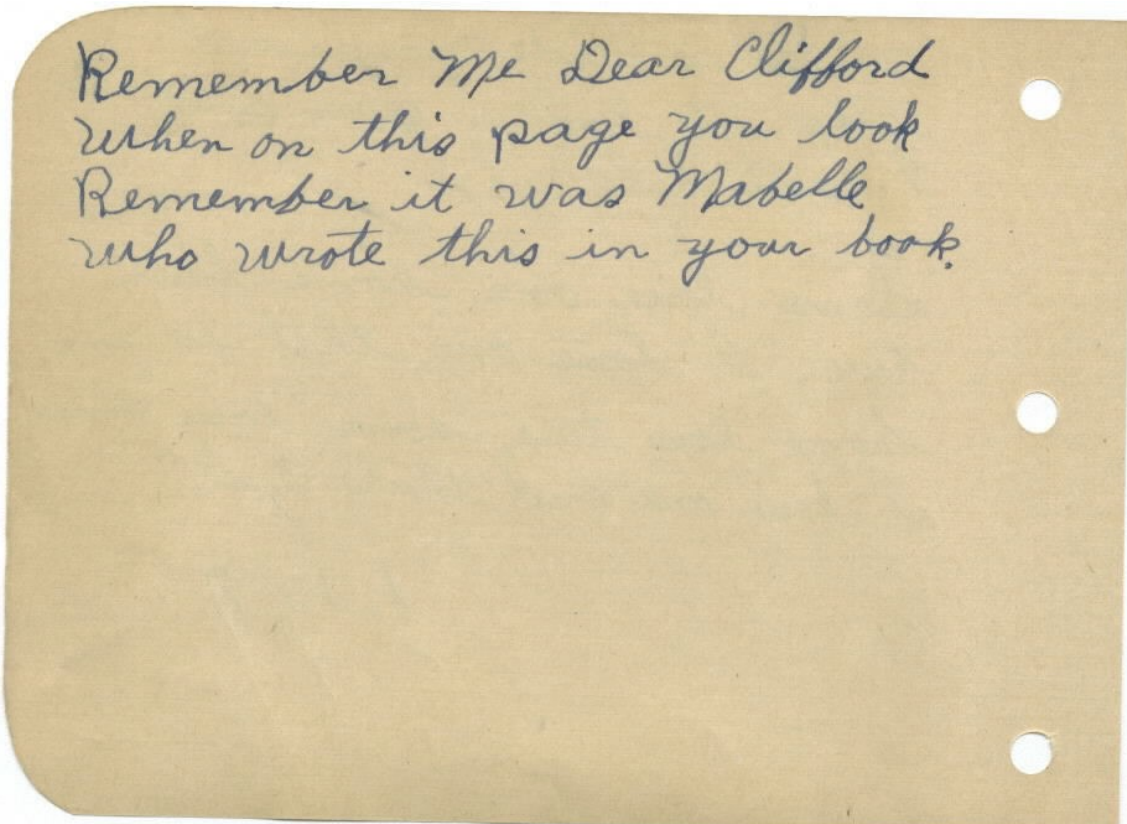
Some love one, some love
two. I love one, that is you.
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I love one and that's C. G.

1. 13. 8.

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Remember Me Dear Clifford
When on this page you look
Remember it was Mabelle
who wrote this in your book.

*Remember my Dear Clifford
when on this page you look
Remember it was Mabelle
who wrote this in your book.*

The last day of school,
I'm very, very sad.
Although I know,
- I was very bad.

I never got a whipping,
I don't ^{know} just why.
I know that if I did,
I would surely cry.
Well I don't know,
any more to write.
so I will quit
cause I might

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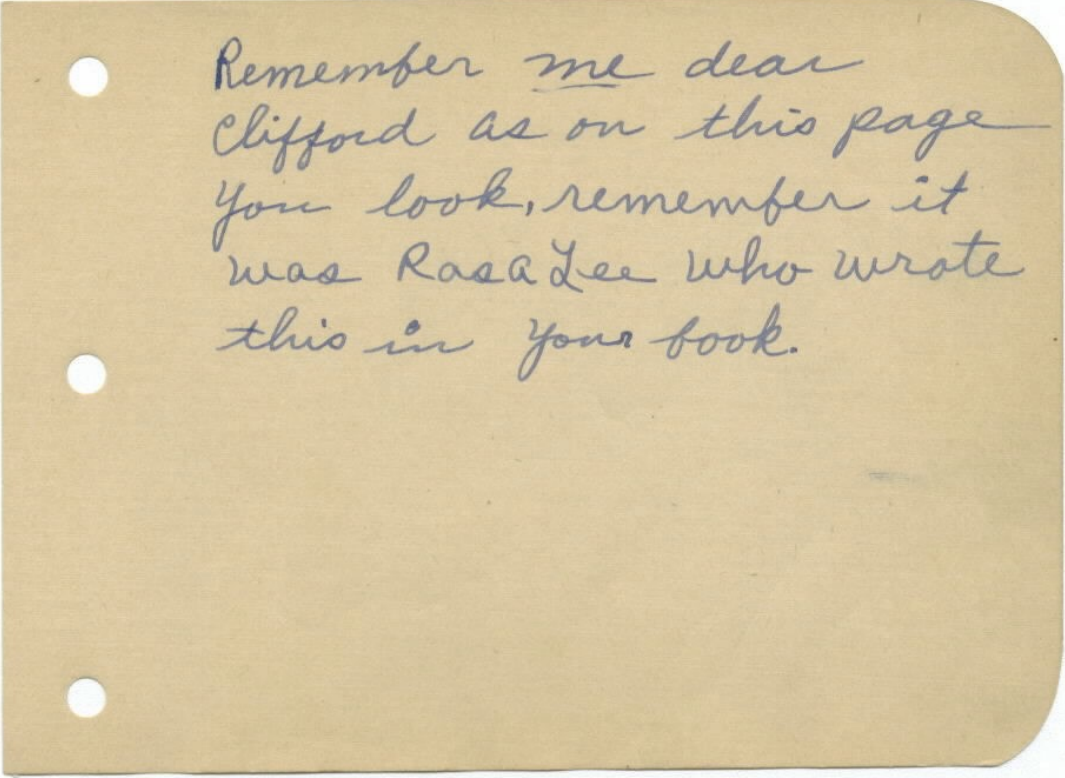
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Remember me dear
Clifford as on this page
you look, remember it
was Rosa Lee who wrote
this in your book.

*Remember me dear
Clifford as on this page
you look, remember it
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this in your book.*

May 18-28.

Dear Clifford-

What can I write?

You are planning to keep this
I know. I am proud of you,
my Boy. I hope you will grow
to manhood, as manly and
good as you are in Boyhood.
Think always before you act and
let conscience be your guide.
Trust in the Lord and you will
make very few mistakes. Lovingly,
Mother.

May 18, 28

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Trust many and love few
and learn too paddle your
own Canoe.

Twinkle, Twinkle Piece
of cheese you smell so
sweet you make me
sneeze.

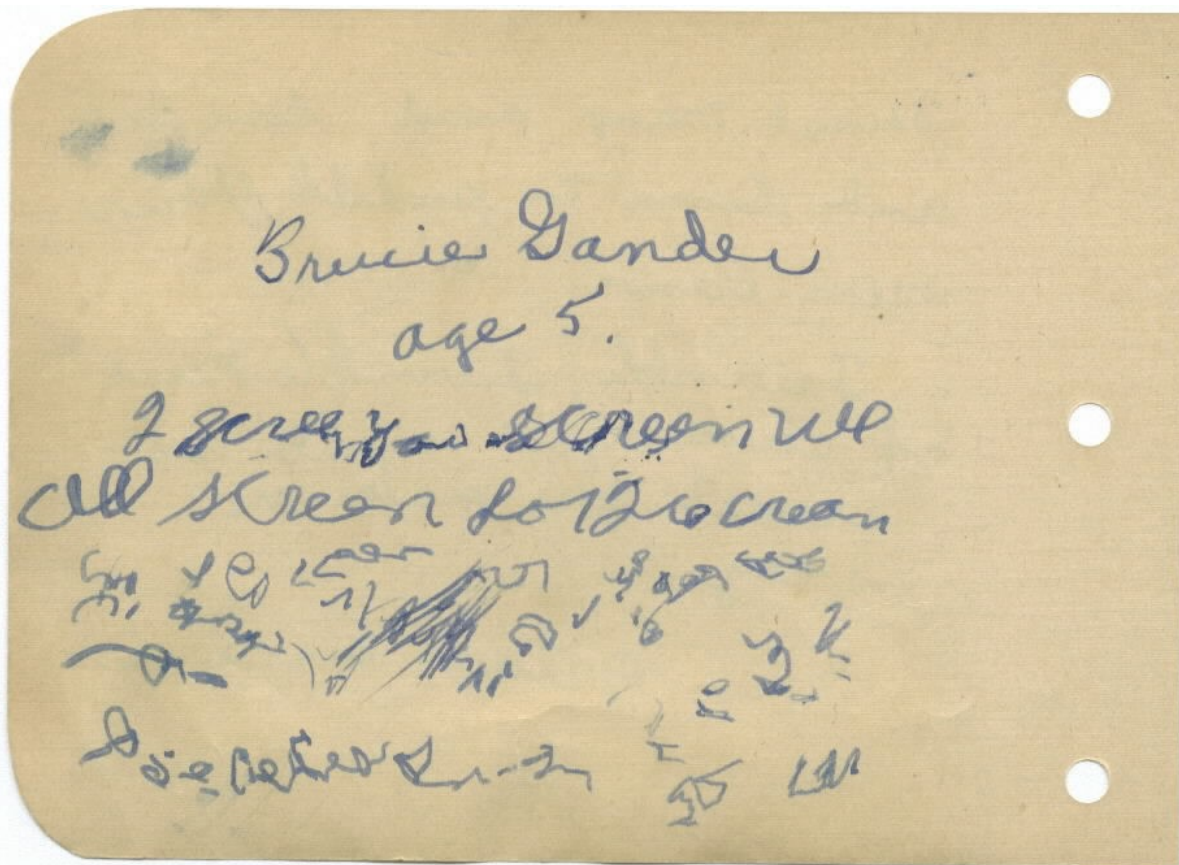
Octave Branch.

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and learn too paddle your
own Canoe.*

*Twinkle, Twinkle Piece
of cheese you smell so
sweet you make me
sneeze.*

Octave Branch

Octave was a first cousin.



*Bruce Gander
age 5*

*I scream, you scream, we
all scream for Ice cream.*

Bruce was Cliff's youngest brother.

Dear Clifford

I love you little
I love you big
I love you like
a little pig

Dear Clifford

I love you little

I love you Big

I love you like

a little Pig

Oceans are wide seas are
deep, In C. G. Arms I went
to sleep.

You I love and shall forever
you may change but I
will never, Change may
come and friends depart
But you shall always
be my sweetheart.

August 6. 15.7.2.

Warren, Mo.
R.F.D. 1. Box 26.

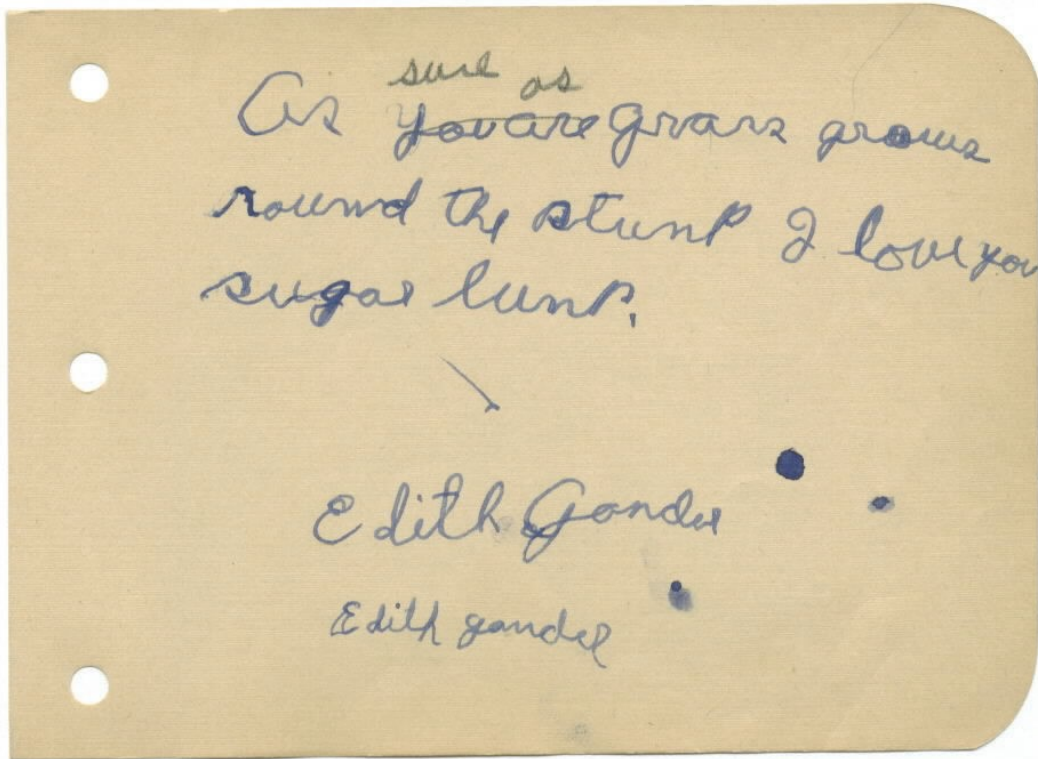
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*As sure as grass grows
round a stump. I love you
sugar lump.*

*Edith Gander
Edith Gander*

Edith was Cliff's sister.

When your studying your lessons
and learn your A. B. C.'S
study a little harder,
and be as smart as me.

Oliver L. Hathaway
Palmyra Mo.
R#3.

*When your studying your lesson's
and learn your A.B.C.'S
study a little harder,
and be as smart as me.*

*Oliver L. Hathaway
Palmyra Mo.
R#3.*

I have wrote a lot of
verses,
but I will write a fell
more.
I'll tell^{you} the very reason,
you are one I do adore.
If you have a sweetheart,
love her like a brother.
but if she does quite you,
go and find another.
Oney L.H.
Palmyra
Mo

*I have wrote a lot of
verses.
but I will write a few
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I'll tell you the very reason.
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*Oney L.H.
Palmyra, Mo*

When the evening sun
is sinking and your heart
from cares are free while
of love's one's you are
thinking won't you some
time think of me.

Rosa Lee Bellany.
Palmyra.
Mo.

*When the evening sun
is sinking and your heart
from cares are free while
of love's one's you are
thinking won't you some
time think of me.*

*Rosa Lee Bellany
Palmyra,
Mo.*

Rocks and hills Rocks and hills when
we get their will be my doctor
bills.
you like date's, I like fig's,
I like to feed, ^{my} little white
pigs.
I have a little pet, it is
so sweet I know, So when she
jumps out I can jump in.
Landis Buckwalter
RR 3. Palmyra, Mo.

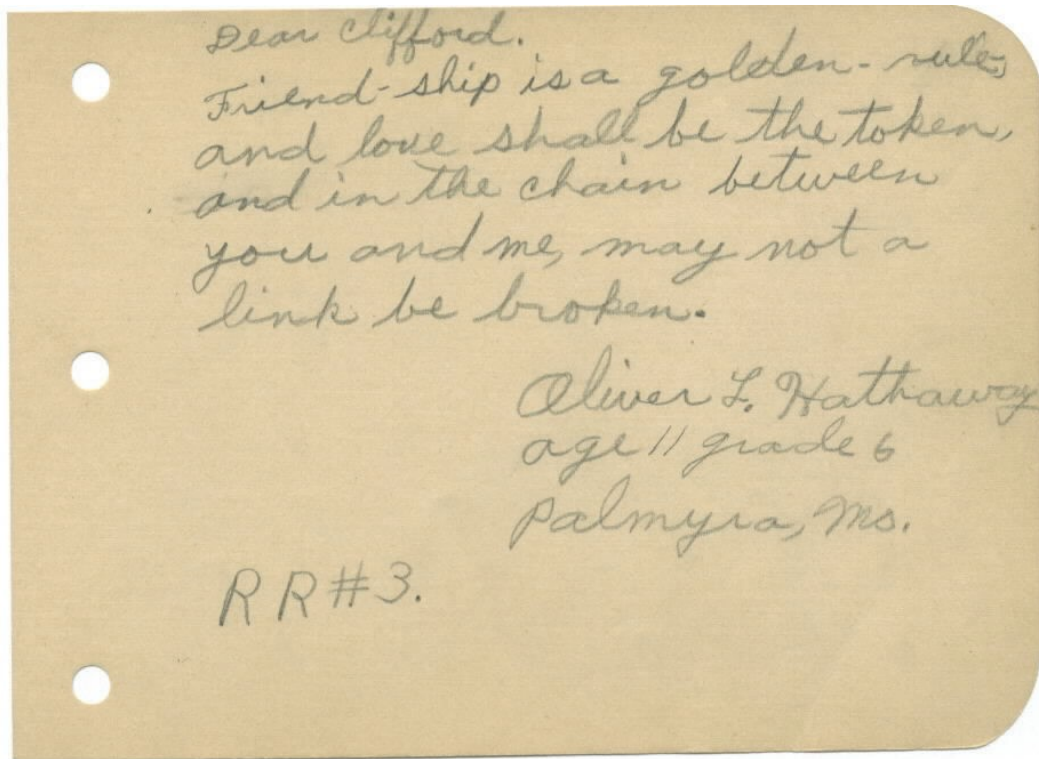
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*Landis Buckwalter
RR 3. Palmyra, Mo*

Landis was a schoolmate.



*Dear Clifford.
Friend-ship is a golden-rule,
and love shall be the token,
and in the chain between
you and me, may not a
link be broken.*

*Oliver L. Hathaway
age 11 grade 6
Palmyra, Mo.*

RR # 3.

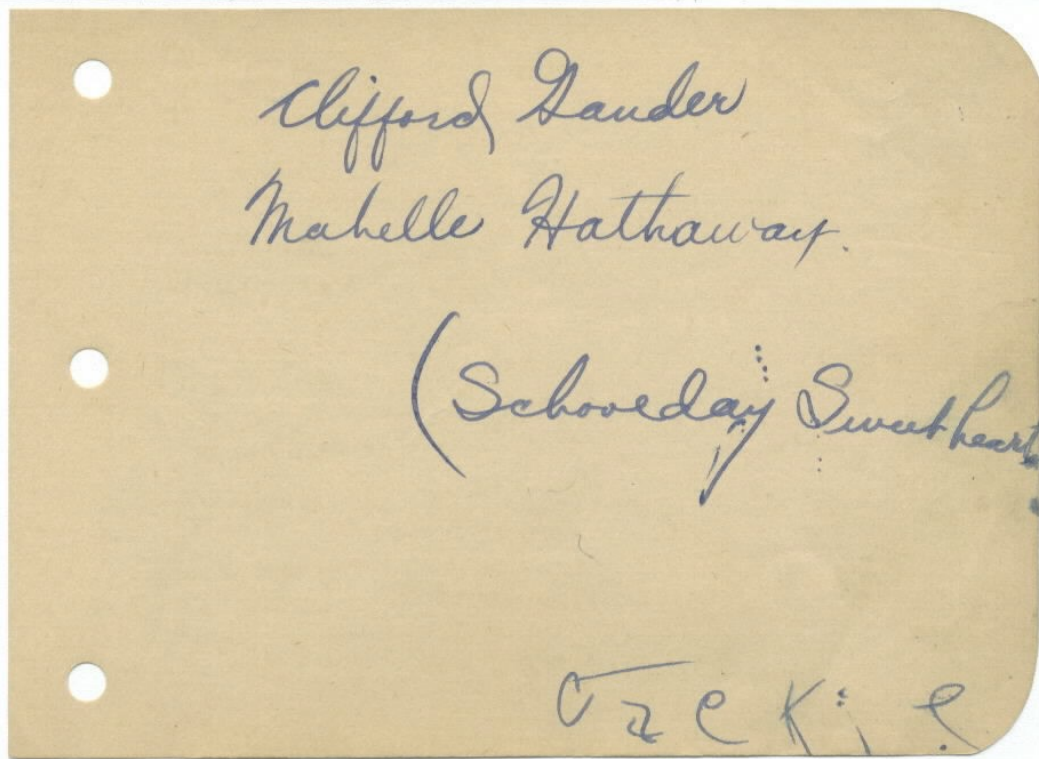
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carrying a feather, Remember
that you and I were Sweet-
hearts together.

I like all my boy and girls
friends. But I like sweet-
heart Clifford best of all.
And he is the sweetest one
and he shall always
be my sweetheart Helen B.

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Helen Branch was a first cousin.



Clifford Gander
Mabelle Hathaway

(Schoolday Sweet hearts.

Jackie

Jackie was Cliff's sister.

Dear Clifford
as the summer sun is
sinking, of you I have been
thinking, as my eyes are
always blinking, as the summer
sun is sinking, age 12
Harry Buckwalter
Palmyra
Mo
RR3
age 12.

Dear Clifford
As the summer sun is
sinking, of you I have been
thinking, as my eyes are
always blinking, as the summer
sun is sinking.

Harry Buckwalter

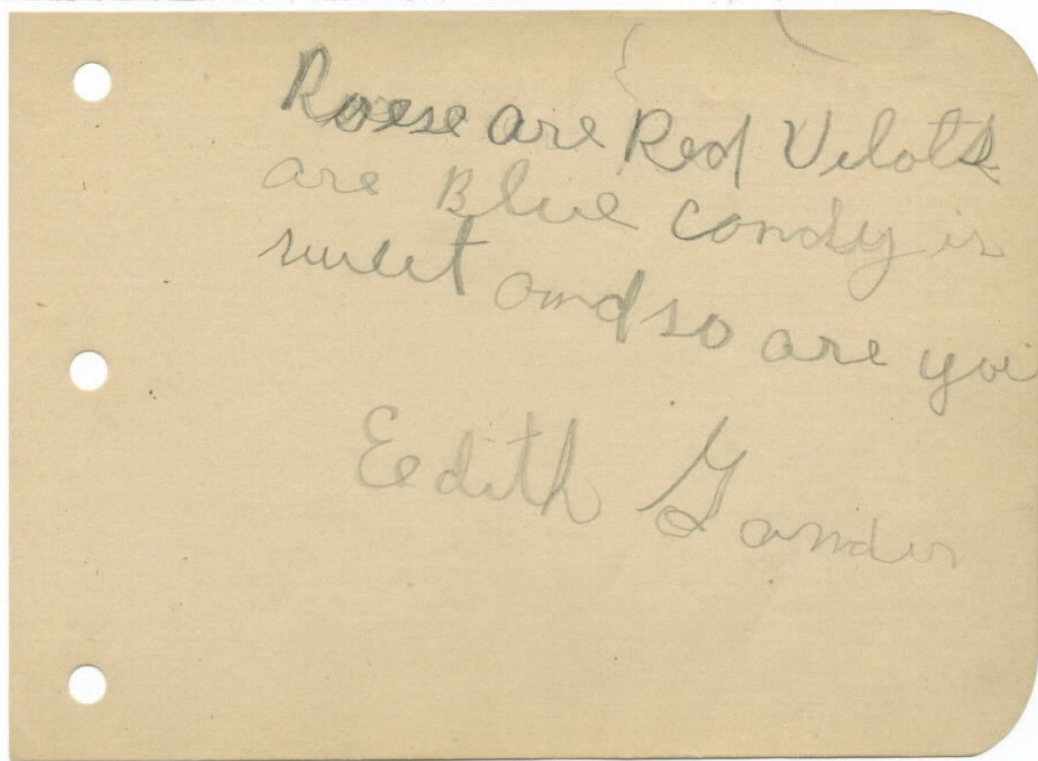
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Mo

age 12

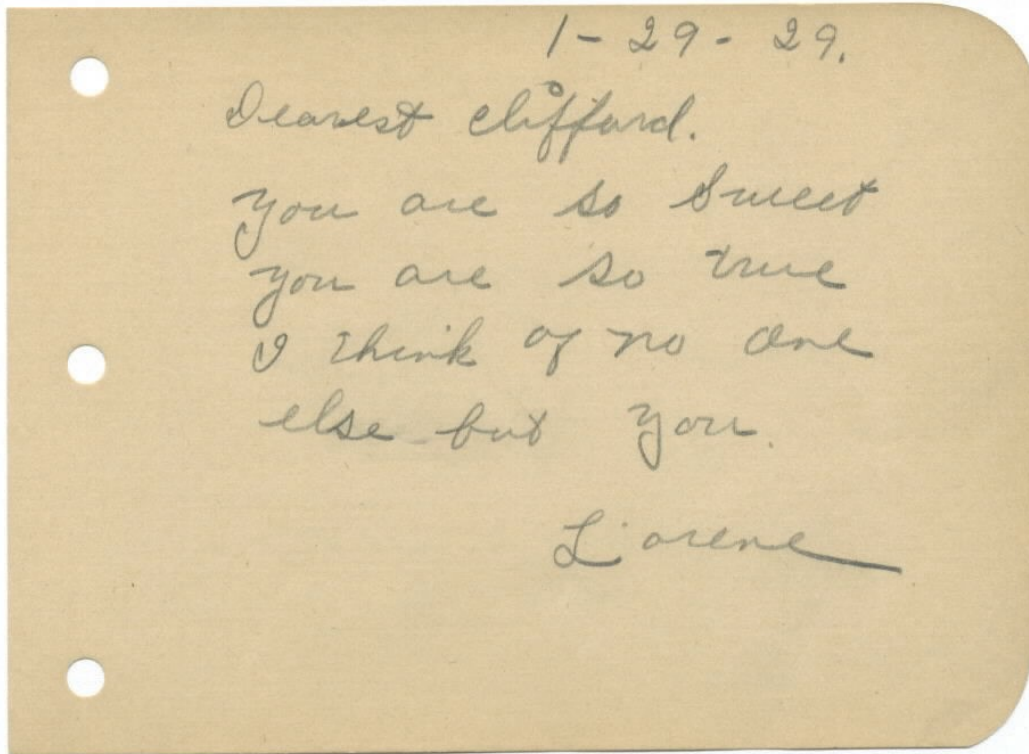
RR3

Harry was a schoolmate.



*Roses are Red Violets
are Blue candy is
sweet and so are you*

Edith Gander



1-29-29

**Dearest Clifford.
You are so Sweet
you are so true
I think of no one
else but you
Lorene**

Lorene Powell was a classmate.

The Tramp ^{was} eating his lunch by
the road side.

I thought I would have a bit
Said the tramp to the old lady
with the little dog.

"May I toss your pup a bit

The lady thought he meant
a bone
and the house where she
rents.

She said yes and the tramp
picked up the dog

and tossed him over the fence

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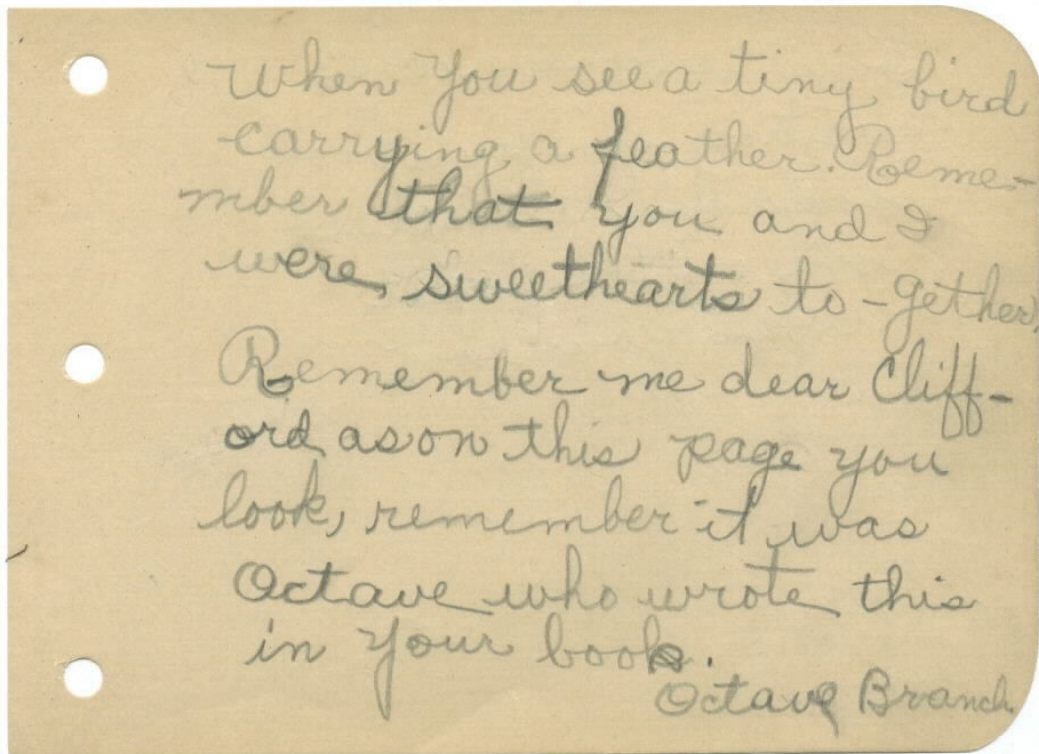
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my hair stood on end
and I thought I would win
when I met Mr Polar Bear
I was running a race
at a very good pace
oh my: how I went through the air

Oney Hathaway

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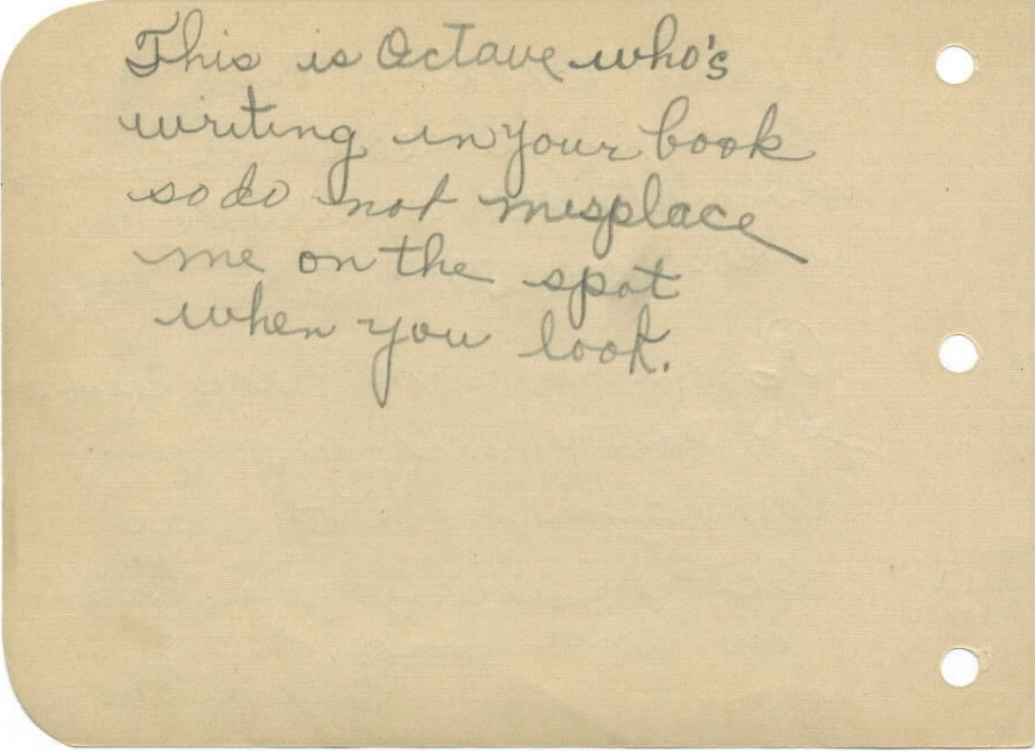


*When you see a tiny bird
carrying a feather. Rem-
ember that you and I
were sweethearts to-gether.*

*Remember me dear Cliff-
ord as on this page you
look, remember it was
Octave who wrote this
in your book.*

Octave Branch

Octave was a cousin.



This is Octave who's
writing in your book
so do not misplace
me on the spot
when you look.

*This is Octave who's
writing in your book
so do not misplace
me on the spot
when you look.*

I
It is sweet to meet it
is sad to Part it is
sad to say good-bye
sweetheart

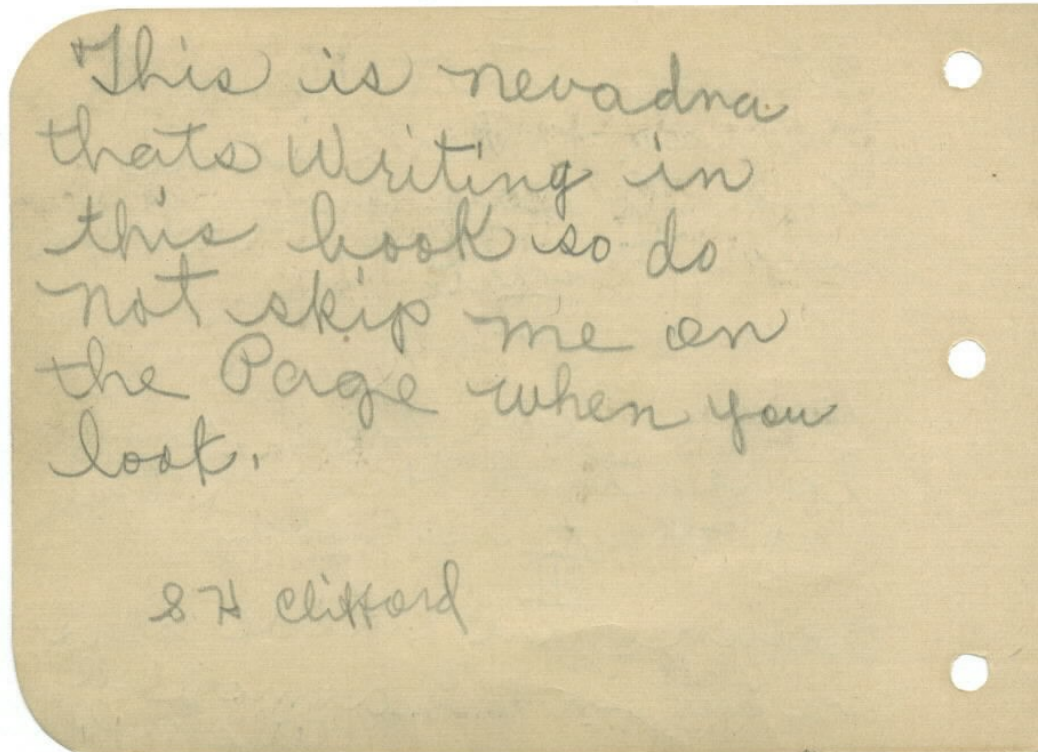
II
Some love one some
love two, I love one
and that is you.

III
Oceans are wide seas
are deep in C.G. arms I fell
asleep.

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asleep.*



*This is Nevada
that's writing in
this book so do
not skip me on
the page when you
look.*

SH Clifford

SH stood for SweetHeart
Nevadna Branch was a first cousin.

Warren Mo.
August 4, 1929.
Dear Clifford:
Ever remember ^{when} us kids
went to Palmyra to the
show and back to the
dance, sure had a good
time and "hot dog" ready
to go again. Sure do have
a fine time when I am
down here. Will ring
off as you can't hardly
read this
(Over) Opal Branch

Warren Mo.
August 4, 1929

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went to Palmyra to the
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(Over) Opal Branch

Opal was a first cousin.

As sure as the grass
grows round the
stump you my
darling sugar lump
will always remember
that
(O. G. B.)

*As sure as the grass
grows round the
stump you my
darling sugar lump
will always remember
that.*

(O.G.B.)

Opal Garnett Branch was a cousin.

Dear Clifford:

When evening draws
her curtain and pins it
with a star I'll think of
you sometimes and wonder
where you are.

Forever
L. B. M.

Dear Clifford:

**When evening draws
her curtain and pins it's
with a star I'll think of
you sometimes and wonder
where you are.**

Forever

L.B.M.

Lucy Bell Mook was a school mate.

Warren Mo,
July 2, 1930.

Dear Sweety,

I hope what I write to
won't shock you but it is so
and always will be.

I
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happy heart I often wish you and
I would never part.

(over)

Warren Mo,
July 2, 1930

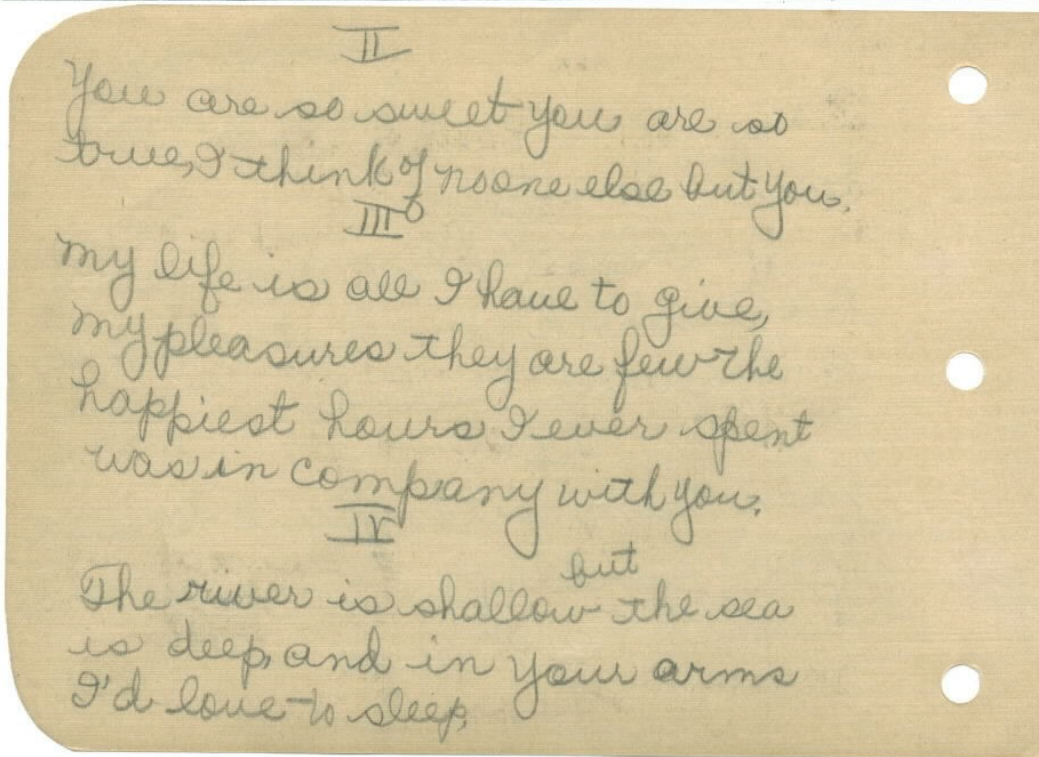
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II

*You are so sweet you are so
true, I think of no one else but you.*

III

*My life is all I have to give,
My pleasures they are few the
happiest hours I ever spent
was in company with you.*

IV

*The river is shallow but the sea
is deep and in your arms
I'd love to sleep.*

I

I am a girl full of joy and I
love a blue eyed boy (and that
is you).

II

Some boys are very short, some are
very tall, but I like you best of all.

III

Do not look so sad sweetheart
you and I will never part.

IV

Sitting in the parlor sitting on

V

*I am a girl full of joy and I
love a blue eyed boy (and that
is you)*

VI

*Some boys are very short, some are
very tall but I like you best of all.*

VII

*Do not look so sad sweetheart
you and I will never part.*

VIII

Sitting in the parlor sitting on

the rug, get a little closer and
have a little hug.

IX

I'll buzz you up I'll buzz
you down for you're the
sweetest honey in town.

Your Sweetie.

Helen B.

P.S. When ever you look into my eyes
you set my pulses dancing. But when
(smiling) you smile at me my love tis
(hug) then your most entrancing

*the rug, get a little closer and
have a little hug.*

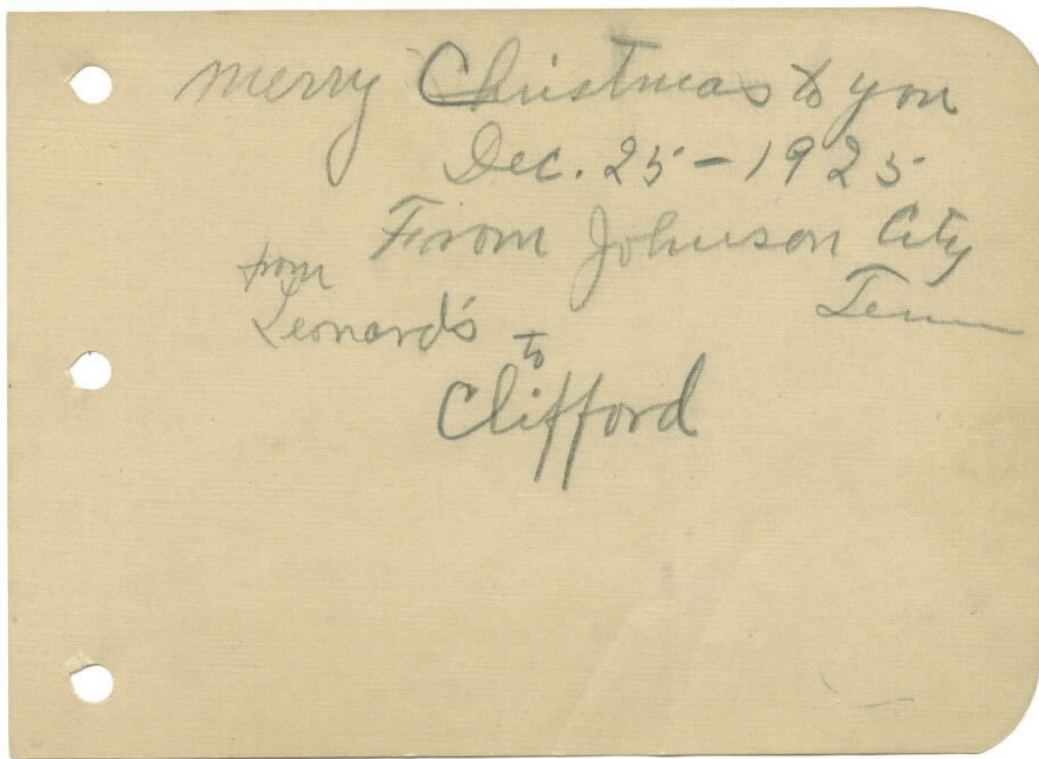
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Your Sweetie

Helen B. (Branch)

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*Merry Christmas to you
Dec. 25-1925
From Johnson City
from Tenn
Leonard's
to
Clifford*

The Leonard's were Arthur and Bessie, Iona Hope (Branch) Gander's cousin.

