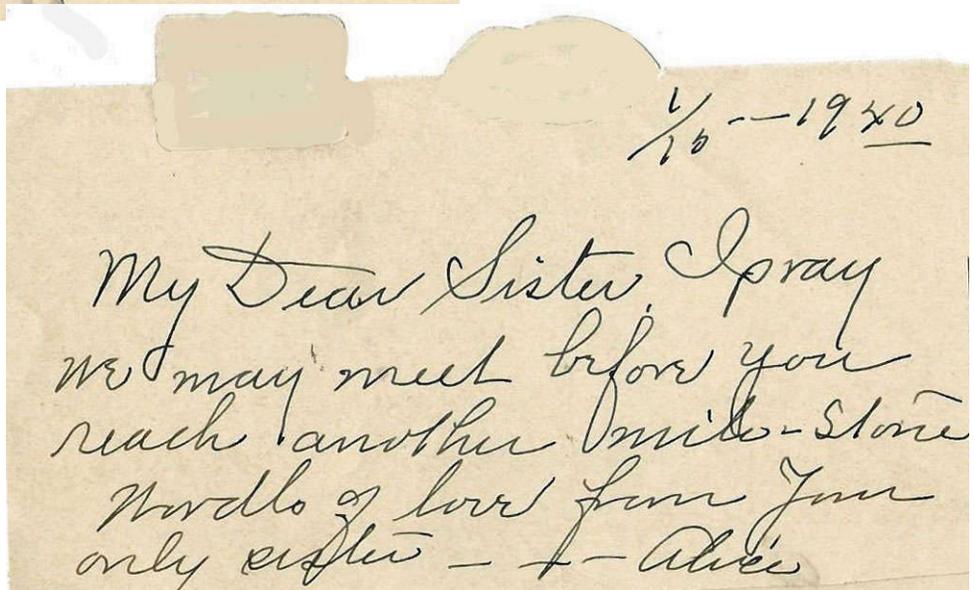
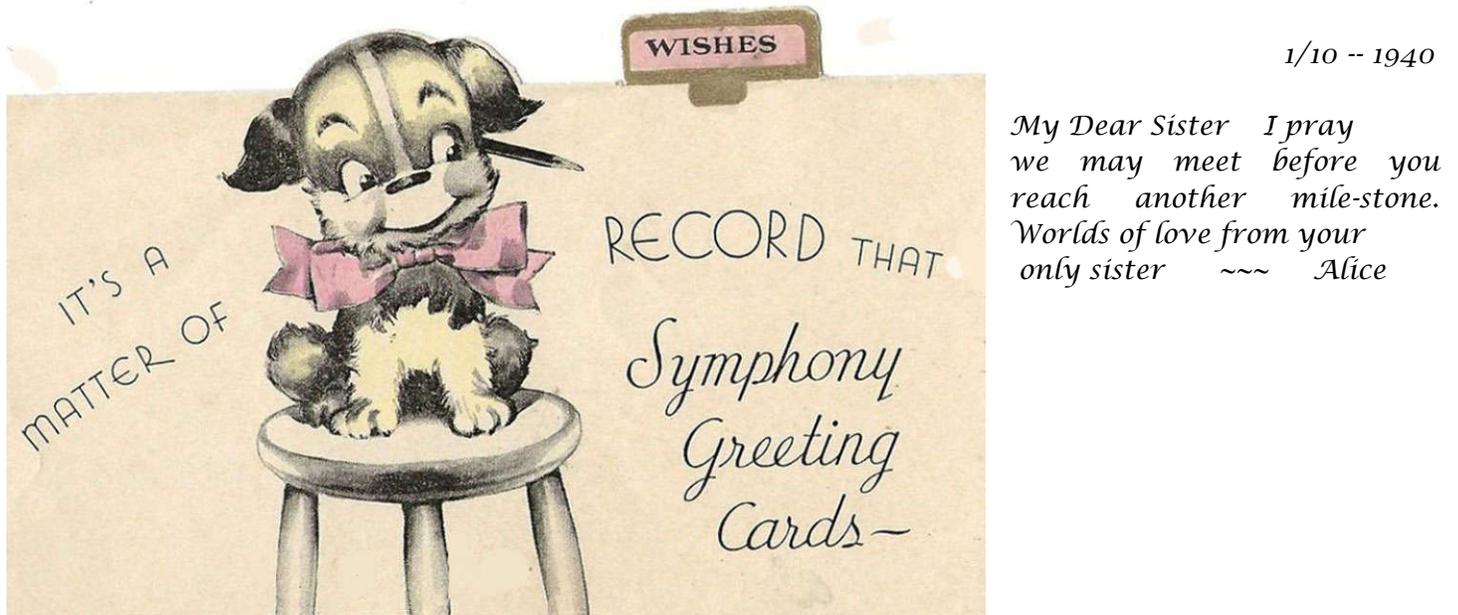


Birthday Card from Alice to Mary
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There are currently no photos in my files of sisters, Alice Leona Holwell Sartain and Mary Louisa Desdemona Holwell Holwell, taken together. I have Alice with their sister, Bertie, and Alice with their brother, John Logan. I even have Alice with the family dog, Dr. Bull! There are also numerous individual photos of great-great-Aunt Alice, as Grandma noted she liked to have her picture taken. But it would be nice to have other pictures of the siblings together.

I went searching for any such pictures of Alice and Mary (though recalling there really weren't any) because of a 75th birthday greeting from Alice to Mary. Mary was my maternal great-grandmother.



This picture of Aunt Alice was taken about 1934 in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, the closest date I have to when Alice sent her greeting to Mary.

Sadly, Alice and Mary did not see each other again, and, in fact, Alice's desire to visit with her sister (and others) led to her death, just ten months after this card was sent.

Sometime after the passing of Mary's husband (Robert Emmet Holwell, my great-grandfather), Mary sold the Holwell farm outside Adrian in Bates County, Missouri and moved to Colorado Springs, along with her own mother (Mary Louisa Desdemona White Holwell Jenkins) to end their days with family there. Mary had lost one daughter, (Minnie Nadine Holwell Moore, my birth grandmother) to tuberculosis, but her remaining three children lived in Colorado. These were Willard Henry Holwell, Raymond Virgil Holwell, Sr., and Sallie Marie Holwell Moore (my great-aunt and step grandmother). Minnie had been married to Percy Lee Moore (my grandfather), and they had one child (Laura Louise, my mother). After Minnie died, Sallie married Percy, and it was this Moore family that Mary and her mother now lived near. So, there were a number of relatives, as referenced below, for Alice and husband Henry to visit in Colorado, but they did not make it that far.

Alice and Henry died in an automobile accident when they were traveling from their residence in White Sulphur Springs, Montana back home to Missouri to visit friends and relatives. They were planning to return through Colorado to visit relatives there. While driving through Nebraska, near North Platte, Henry tried to pass a car, hitting an oncoming auto head-on. Henry and Alice were killed, as was the woman in the other car. They did not have children.

How special that Grandma (Sallie) saved the sweet greeting card and message sent by her beloved aunt to her mother, and so we share it to this day.

Here is Mary Louisa Desdemona Holwell Holwell with her four children.



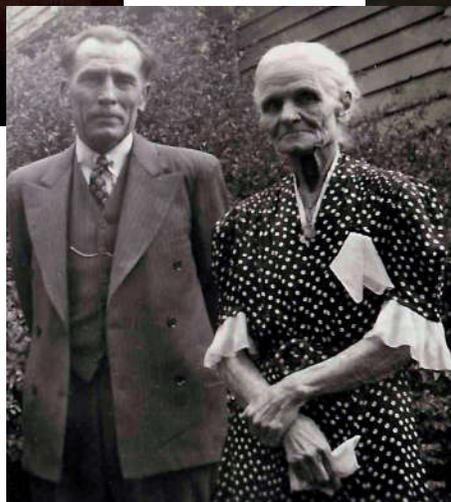
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