

Mary Parsons to Chet Parsons

July 8, 1918

Plainfield Ind.
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Dear Uncle Chet.

How are you? We are all right. I think ~~El~~ Emily will be out next weak. One day a hard wind came and blew our windmill down and we have been having to pump by hand but as ~~it hana~~ happened to blow east. Pap went in to town this morning to get a pump Jack we got one of your Engines to pump water with. The hired man that we have is Ben Perish The other day Fanny went to Indpls to see her folks she said that she was comeing home that night and she didn't and Ben ~~wa~~-waited untill twelve oclock and came down said he was going to go in after her and she said that she came the night before and Ben wasn't there and she ~~wets~~ went back and when she came back she brought her mother home and four or five kids. Aunt Edith says that Emily is fatter than ever.

† Stub has got a pony. We saw him goe by the other day. Nellie has a little colt it is about 6 weeks old. ~~Cox~~ Jacassine has a colt it is about a weak old. I am still in the duck business I have about 17 little ducks. I believe that you will have to send me some wooden shoes because I wear my shoes out as fast as I get them I have had to spend about all of the duck egg money for shoes. This is the threshing weak.

Marp Mary P.

Historical Notes:

Chester "Chet" Adrian Parsons (1887 – 1977), son of Adrian Alkanah (1846 – 1929) and Mary Mariah (Fox) Parsons (1850 – 1922), served during WWI in the American Expeditionary Force in France from April 1918 – April 1919.

Emily may be Chet's niece Emily A White (1908 – 1967), whose parents are Edith (Parsons) White (1880 – 1971) and Harry Taylor White (1878 – 1950) who live in Vermillion County, Indiana.

Ben Perish is probably Ben Parrish (1893 – 1956) who was living in Center Twp, Marion County in 1918 married to Frances "Fannie" Belle (Williams) Parrish (1897 – 1975). Fannie's mother also lived in Marion County with Fannie's six siblings and Fannie's daughter, Letha.

Stub is unknown.

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Mary P is Chet's niece Mary Margaret (Parsons) Rodney (1907 – 2007) who was living with her parents William Nelson "Bud" Parsons (1878 – 1961) and Jessie (Swindler) Parsons (1879 – 1976) in Washington Township.