

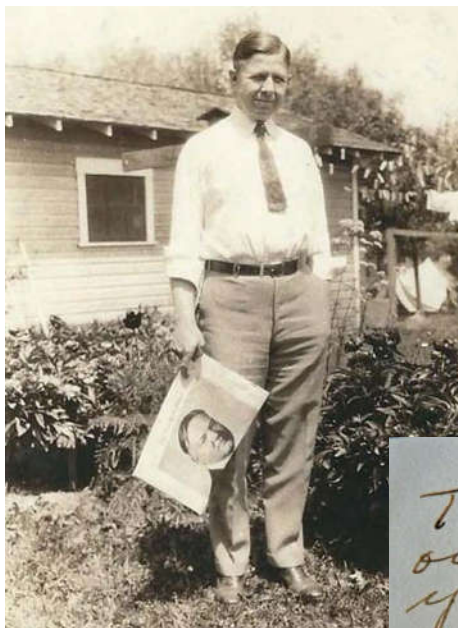
LETTER FROM ROY ERNEST SEITZ TO HIS SISTER, JENNIE FLORENCE SEITZ HENDEE, AND
JENNIE'S SON-IN-LAW, CLARENCE HUZZEY

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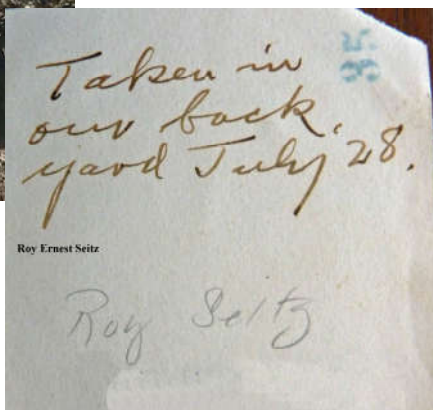


Roy Ernest Seitz
1928

Roy Ernest Seitz was Linda's and my great uncle. He was the brother of Grandma Hendee (Jennie Florence Seitz Hendee). There was also a third sibling, Enoch Beery Seitz. The parents of these three were George Washington Seitz and Mary Elizabeth Larimer Seitz.

This letter was saved in the family history documents of Grandma Hendee, which were passed on to me after her death in 1962 at age 96.

Linda and I met Uncle Roy and Aunt Rosa around 1952 when I was 7 or 8. (Another record indicates 1954.) We drove to Bozeman and visited with them in their apartment. I remember sitting in their stately living room and that they took us on a day trip to beautiful Gallatin Gateway.



The people mentioned in the letter are:

- Jennie Uncle Roy's sister She was born in 1866, a year to the date after the Civil War ended.
- Clarence H. the husband of Jennie's daughter , Mary, who died in 1957 Aunt Mary and Uncle Clarence lived with Grandma Hendee, tending to her, and Clarence stayed on after Mary died. They did not have children.
- Chester Linda's and my father, Frank Chester Hendee He was the son of Jennie and the nephew of Roy.
- "industrious wife" Linda's and my mother, Laura Louise Moore Hendee
- "two fine girls" Linda and me
- Ann Seitz wife of Stanley Seitz
- "three children" Sally, Kay, and Greg
- Stanley son of Roy and Rosa

I wonder who "H" is who typed the letter for Uncle Roy.

Below is my transcription of the letter, with a scan of the original following. Several of these people are pictured in this story. Family photos are below that.

MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of
R. E. Seitz, M.D.
Bozeman, Montana

7th March '59

Dear Sister Jennie and Clarence H.:

Clarence's letter of some time back was recd and read with interest.

I know, Jennie, that you would have written ere now, but it is a trifle difficult to sit down and use so many glasses to write with. I am not holding it against you one bit. When you feel able, I know you will send me at least a few lines.

We have had a real Montana winter, but I believe the worst of it is behind us and that spring is just around the corner. Have had more sub-zero weather this winter than for several winters past---but,--we can take it. We are winding up our 50th year in this great state. We both enjoy fairly good health, for which we are very thankful. If we both live until Oct. 7th, this year, we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. No presents, please, if and when.

Get a card every now and then from Chester when he is away from Denver and has a few minutes to spare. He has a mighty efficient and industrious wife who is busy every moment of her waking day. With her school work and two fine girls to look after she has no idle moments to loaf.

Ann Seitz and her three children are in from the country today. They all keep well. Stanley is so busy feeding his cattle that he gets to town very seldom during the winter. He has one right bad drawback. When he was quite young, he had a fall, and it is now affecting his right leg. Medication has helped it some, but every now and then he is found limping a bit.

I do sincerely trust that you are both quite well, up and about every day and doing some good for yourselves, as well as others. It will be a year ago next week since I first underwent surgery. I am not as good a man as I was a year ago, but spend a couple of hours A.M. and P.M. in my office and see a few patients now and then.

Rosa and the rest join me in the very best wishes to you both. God bless you.

Fondly, your little bro.

Roy

RES/H

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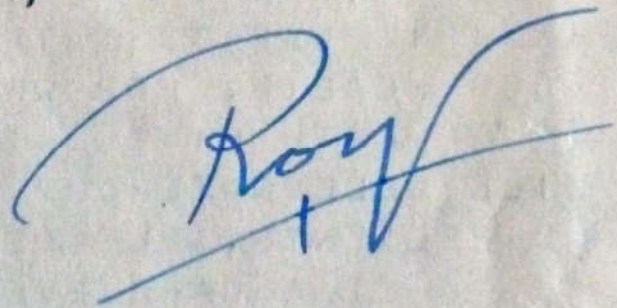
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I DO SINCERELY TRUST YOU BOTH ARE QUITE WELL, UP AND ABOUT EVERY DAY AND DOING SOME GOOD FOR YOURSELVES AS WELL AS OTHERS. IT WILL BE A ~~MAX~~ YEAR AGO NEXT WEEK SINCE I FIRST UNDERWENT SURGERY. I AM NOT AS GOOD A MAN AS I WAS A YEAR AGO, BUT SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS A. ~~M~~₁ AND P. M. _{in my office} AND SEE A FEW PATIENTS NOW AND THEN.

ROSA AND THE REST JOIN ME IN THE VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH. GOD BLESS YOU.

FONDLY, YOUR LITTLE BRO.

RES/H

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a horizontal line underneath the name.



Taken at Bozeman, Mont.
 Aug. 11 1929.
 Harold H. Hendee
 Mrs R.E. Seitz,
 Mrs H. H. Hendee
 Stanley Seitz,
 Elizabeth Seitz.
 Dr. R.E. Seitz



Harold Harlow Hendee (nephew of Roy and Rosa and brother of Frank Chester Hendee, above); Rosa Seitz; Ethel Hendee (wife of Harold); Stanley Seitz, Elizabeth Seitz (daughter of Roy and Rosa); Roy Ernest Seitz
 1929



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| 1. Roy Ernest Seitz | (son of George Washington Seitz; brother of Enoch and Jennie) |
| 2. Rosa Seitz | (wife of Roy Seitz) |
| 3. Matilda Larimer Wright??? | (possible descendants of Mary Elizabeth Larimer Seitz, wife of George) |
| 4. Stanley Randolph Seitz | (son of Roy and Rosa Seitz) |
| 5. Carl Wright??? | (husband of Matilda) |
| 6. Frank Clark Hendee | (husband of Jennie Florence Seitz Hendee--died December 1940) |
| 7. Jennie Florence Seitz Hendee | (daughter of George Washington Seitz; sister of Roy and Enoch) |
| 8. Enoch Beery Seitz (E.B.) | (son of George Washington Seitz; brother of Roy and Jennie) |
| 9. George Washington Seitz | (a fifer in the Civil War; father of Roy, Jennie, Enoch) |



Linda Jean Hendee; Cynthia Ann Hendee; Clarence Huzzey; Jennie Florence Seitz Hendee; Laura Louise Hendee; Alice (housekeeper/caretaker)

This was taken in summer 1960, the year after Uncle Roy wrote the letter. We lived in Denver and would go out to Los Angeles periodically to visit Grandma Hendee. Aunt Mary had passed away in 1957. This is at the home of Grandma Hendee, with Uncle Clarence tending to her and to handyman upkeep of the house. Alice (above) was hired after Aunt Mary died, living in the home. The home was at 4227 Halldale Avenue. I will remember the palm tree, signifying that I was in California, my dream place. I knew I would live here someday, which I accomplished in 1968. I also wanted a palm tree to remind me I met my goal; however, that did not happen until the year I retired--a retirement gift from my colleagues--a sago palm, which I still treasure in my front yard these 14 years later.

I loved our California visits, as we would go to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and the ocean. We also toured around the state, reinforcing my future plans of moving here.

Well, back to Uncle Roy---I am so glad that Mother and Daddy took us to Bozeman to meet him and Aunt Rosa.