

Thursday note -  
[Sept 24, 1992]

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Dear Mil + all,

Just a few lines, We are so tired, Can't hardly put one foot in front of the other - I'm so sick of living like this and my nerves are about shot. So is George's. We have a generator and he has to keep it running, We don't have electric yet don't know when we will get it - They say they hope the phones will be in by Dec. 1. Buster got mine going so I have a neighborhood phone. Sometimes there is 3 or 4 waiting to use it. But thank god we have one. Everyone has been so good - The Red Cross comes every day to see if we want a hot meal or anything to drink - Tonight I was so tired when they came, I took our supper for the first time - We got Corn beef hash, Corn, apple sauce, Cookies, loaf of bread, a large bag of Potato chips - plus a drink didn't think it was bad - (for free). Then they brought in 3 Danish pastries for our breakfast - Today was mail day - We go down twice a week - there is so many there, you wait in the heat for 3-4 hours. You have to take water as it gets so hot - It's up in the 90<sup>th</sup> every day - I'm sure be glad when we get mail delivery again - We do have a contractor to do our inside work He has done the roof already and will start on the inside next week - We have a moving Co. come and store our belongings. They will pick up everything next week also - We won't know how to act when we get electric as all you hear day and night is generators - We have two more checks to get from the insurance Co. that will make a total of \$57,540.00 - and it will take every bit to put this place back like it was.

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and that's all I ask. They have been good, and we think very  
fine. They have to gut this whole house, walls and all - even our  
AC ducts. Everything got wet. our dry wall is falling down -  
Even my kitchen cabinets and bath rooms have to be redone  
all new tile. It's pure a mess - But we feel lucky as  
some right around us has to bulldoze they place down -  
and in town it looks like a bomb was dropped. It's really  
hard to believe there is so much damage and so few killed  
They say (14) - But everyone has been great - All the service  
men and women and all the cities that sent there light  
Co's and help to get up all the trash - They was 19 different  
electric Co's here - They work 3 weeks at a time, 7 days a week.  
and at least that many trash haulers - Police from everywhere.  
We can drink our water now, so they don't bring water  
but we still get ice - and free food - This AM a car came  
with all kinds of stuff, I got paper towels, toilet paper, soap  
tooth brushes & paste - Cookies & donuts - Then this afternoon they  
brought our supper - The Red Cross people today was out of Tenn.  
Buster & George is rebuilding George's shed out back and they  
should finish it this weekend - George hasn't helped too much  
on it as it's just so hot and his job is keep the generator going  
Buster and George is young so they can take it better -  
They have sure been a big help. Well I hope this finds  
you feeling better, take care of your self and I'll write as  
often as I can - Thought you might like some of my  
Andrew Stew - Let Cholie to make copies and give to  
everyone - I hope you never have to make any - This  
is awful - Keep in touch Love you all

Gerry & George

My Belly.  
MSS  
SC 369a

## ANDREW STEW

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- MIX - LARGE PORTIONS OF BROKEN GLASS,  
SOGGY CEILING, PLASTER, STEEL, TABLES, CHAIRS  
BEDS & DRESSERS -
- ADD - DRAPES, CLOTHS, NOTIONS, DISHES, POTS AND PANS  
WITH A GENEROUS PORTION OF WATER.
- STIR - 200 MPH FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND SERVE.
- GUARANTEE: - TO GIVE YOU STOMACH CRAMPS, HEADACHE  
AND A DIRTY DISPOSITION.
- ANTIDOTE - DETERMINATION, CUTS, HARD WORK  
AND LOTS OF MONEY.

5-2-93

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11/2/92

Lisa,

We need some biographical information on Gurry, George, <sup>same person</sup> Gorgie and Sister Hayes, also Mildred Gipson.

Give us as much as you can. The letter was great!!

Thanks

Sissy

P.S. Please sign down my Pldg form & return to us.  
MSS  
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7-5-93 <sup>26</sup>

Betty,

Sorry this has taken so long! My uncle George became quite ill shortly after the devastation of the hurricane (nothing hurricane-related), and he died in ~~March~~ <sup>February</sup>. We were all saddened by his death, but we are happy that my aunt Gerry is spending the summer in Kentucky with our family. She's quite an amusing and amazing woman!

Here are everyone's vitals for your records:

Geraldine Page Hayes, b. 10-7-28  
George Lee Hayes, 3-8-29 ~ 2-16-93  
Curtis Gerald "Buster" Hayes, b. 4-26-49  
Mildred Arena Jagers Gipson, b. 12-17-24

Thanks! You