



Georgena Aloysius Hendy

1866–1927

great-grandmother



Georgena Aloysius Hendy was born in October 1865 in Newport, Kentucky, when her father, Samuel, was 36, and her mother, Catherine, was 37. She had an older sister, Sally, and a brother, Frank, four years younger than she. Georgena and Frank were very close their entire lives.

The Hendy family lived in Springfield, Missouri, for a time, according to a 10 Aug 1890 letter from Albert Fischer. They then moved to St. Louis, where Georgena and Frank attended school. At the age of 22, Georgena became reacquainted with Albert Fischer, a former classmate, who had traveled to St. Louis from Springfield on business. When Albert returned to Springfield, they continued their courtship by mail, writing to each other almost daily.

Several months later, they became engaged, and Albert sent Georgena a ring through the mail. She wrote back, "Ma and Frank were here when I put it on. I could only have been happier if you had been here to put it on my finger."

After a courtship of ten months, Georgena and Albert married in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 1, 1890. He was 26 and she was almost 23. At that time, a Catholic who married a Protestant could not be married in the Church, so their wedding took place at the Hendy home with a Catholic priest performing the ceremony. Several years later, much to Georgena's delight, Albert became a Catholic.

After their marriage, Albert and Georgena moved to Springfield, where they lived with the Fischer family. After a couple of months, Albert brought his business to St. Louis.

They had three children during their marriage. Their daughter Leona was born in St. Louis. After a year or so, Albert and Georgena moved back to Springfield. A June 8, 1892 letter from Albert in Springfield to Georgena in St. Louis indicates Albert moved before Georgena to get the business set up. In the letter, Albert describes his progress and begs Georgena to join him soon. The other two girls--Virginia and Gertrude--were born while the family was in Springfield.

While living in Springfield, Georgena often went to St. Louis to visit her Ma and Pa and Frank. Albert was very lonely for Georgena and the children and wrote her every day. Eventually, they moved back to St. Louis.

In 1900, census records show Georgena's husband Albert had moved to Oklahoma City and was living in a boarding house while Georgena and the children stayed with Albert's mother and sister in Missouri. While the girls were school age, Georgena and Albert moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma. By 1910, the family was living in Duncan, Oklahoma, and Georgena's mother, Catherine, was living with them.

Georgena's niece and Frank's daughter, Sister Eugenia Clare (Edith) Hendy, remembers "To me, Aunt Georgena was the boss. I listened to her and usually obeyed. If I didn't, she gently scolded me. I loved her so much. She sent me dimes by letter to El Reno and gave me pennies to spend. I can still hear her say one time when Mary Wade had some paper dolls I liked, and wanted some. 'I saved ten pennies for you. Do you want them one by one or all of them at once?'"

"I must have been a poor eater as I can once remember my mother telling my dad that I ate a half of an egg. I felt so proud of myself. So in Duncan they would fix up something special to entice me to eat. I can remember a chocolate drink with beaten egg whites on top and chocolate shavings on it they would fix. I didn't refuse their good cookies and I can recall Virginia making divinity. They told me it wasn't ready and would make me sick if I ate it. Then I spied Gertrude sampling it. When she saw me, she pretended to be dying."

"The girls (Leona, Virginia, and Gertrude) were good to me. They would read to me. I especially loved 'The Little Lame Prince' in the white leather cover. Gertrude taught me elocution. I remember especially two--but not much of the first one:

'I can't go to your party, Nan. I really cannot go. When folks are in affliction (sniff-sniff) they don't go out you know.'

'Coke and ice cream you say! I really should not give way . . . !

"And the other one I've used over and over in the classroom.

'I've studied my tables over and over but I can't remember 9 x 6 till my sister said, "Take your favorite doll and call her 54 until you know it by heart," she said.

'So I took my favorite Mary Ann and called her "my dear little 54" a hundred times or more till I knew 9 x 6 as well as 4 x 4.

'Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth who acts so smart said 9 x 6 was 48. I nearly laughed out loud till the teach said, "Tell me if you can."

'I thought of my doll . . . and yell out - "Mary Ann."

Georgena died in 1927 at the age of 62, and was buried in Duncan, Oklahoma.

1866 Birth

Georgena Aloysius Hendy was born on October 29, 1866, in Newport, Kentucky, to Catherine (Kate) Hart, age 36, and Samuel Hendy, age 37.

In Albert's 18 May 1890 letter to Georgena, he comments that she will be just 23 on her next birthday, making her three years, six months, and four days younger than he. That seems to be at odds with other information on Georgena's birth date.

29 Oct 1866 • Newport, Campbell, Kentucky, USA

1878 Residence

Georgena Aloysius Hendy lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1878.

The Hendy family lived in Springfield, Missouri, for a time before they moved to St. Louis, according to a 10 Aug 1890 letter from Albert Fischer.

Aft. 1878 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890 Letter from Albert to Georgena

Following Albert's visit to St. Louis where he and Georgena became reacquainted, Georgena sent a letter to Albert. We don't have that letter, but we do have Albert's reply, expressing disappointment Georgena will not be coming to see him in Springfield.

12 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert declares Georgena "the nearest and dearest of all my lady acquaintances" and adds "I honor and admire you -- in fact, I would add 'Love You' if I did not fear of making too bold." He begs her to visit so he can confirm his first impression of her.

16 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert thanks Georgena for her Mar 17 letter and says he is "an entire different person" since "receiving a return of sentiment." He adds "Dearest, if you could only come to Springfield, I believe we could decide on our future course in a short time."

19 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Residence**

Based on address of letters from Albert to Georgena

19 Mar 1890 • 807 Rutger, St Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena thanks Albert for his photo: "I can't tell you how delighted I am." When she asks about Springfield, she adds, her parents always say "wait until the summer and we may let you go." She expresses surprise at herself "speaking so plain" to Albert.

24 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am most happy to know you are so agreeable to all my views. Every letter adds renewed hope to my cherished desire. . . . I would be the happiest mortal living if I could only call you mine. . . . Dearest say that you would be happy as mine."

25 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert says he longs to "have you near me. O' wouldn't that be delightful, how anxious I am to know if I could love and adore you as I now feel I could." He asks if Georgena's parents may let her visit if they knew "of the existing state of affairs!"

28 Mar 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert is happy Georgena will be visiting in two months but wishes it could be sooner. He sends "our leading daily paper with a published interview between their reporter and I." He asks her not to share as he's not "especially proud" of being in print.

2 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"You accuse me of flattery when I call you lovely. I judge you do not admire sentimental letters so I am obliged to close as I have answered your questions and fear that I might offend should I write too lovingly."

6 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I have never taken offense at anything you have written. . . . I regret that I could not make myself understood better. . . . Let us put forth our best endeavors to avoid any misunderstandings" and look upon each other's deeds "as inspirations of love."

8 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

We should "become better acquainted with each other. . . . you don't know as much as my age, religion or in fact nothing that you should know." He wonders what Georgena's uncle George [McCann] "would say to your alliance with me" since he is a competitor.

10 Apr 1890 • 53 Spruce, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Apologizing for its "dryness," Albert writes about business. He has a business trip until the 21st but hired a factory manager, so may be able to visit St. Louis soon. He says how busy they are with their "traveling men" & "drummers" with samples to show.

13 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert encloses proof of new portrait and says he hopes to get one in return. "I may have the photo of a Beauty in the estimation of some (when I have your Photo) but in my estimation it will find no equal in the galleries of the most famous Beauties."

14 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert complains of the difficulty of writing letters while traveling "owing to lack of accommodations and publicity of Hotels." He has "only time to say 'howdy'" and hasn't "as yet wrote the house a letter or my folks, have only written to my love."

17 Apr 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"The contents [of your letter] are such as to inspire one with almost complete happiness. I could have omitted the use of the word 'almost' if you was now mine." When we meet, "I don't think I could avoid embracing you" for I feel "we are already one."

5 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert is disappointed Georgena hasn't set a date for her visit to Springfield but is glad her brother Frank will come too. Adds there may be feelings between Frank and his sister Lillie. Says he told a friend he expects "to be a married man by next fall."

7 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert wishes kisses sent by mail "could impart the same thrill and pleasant sensation as the kiss created by a combustion of 'two-lips.'" He describes "happy days" as a child but says they can't compare to "the days when you will be Mrs. A. G. Fischer."

11 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert begs Georgena to visit him soon. He would come to her except business does not permit & he would "incur the displeasure of my partner." If her parents won't relent, Albert "may break away from the common rules of discretion" and write them himself.

18 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert uses Groff & Fischer letterhead as "my stationery for love letters was exhausted." His sisters will deliver the letter at the St. Louis depot en route to Alton to meet Carrie's husband, but "how I wish I could be the bearer of this letter myself."

21 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert is happy Georgena loves his nephew (Carrie's son) Roy. Frank is visiting Lillie in Springfield, and Albert thinks "of the pleasure I could have in your company." He complains of teasing from his folks & says he must "invest" in cotton for his ears.

25 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert writes "I am in trouble and don't know how long before I can be relieved." He would tell more "if it benefited either you or I." If he can release himself in time (without great financial loss), "I will be in St. Louis and tell you all about it."

29 May 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Writing from Mammoth Spring, Ark., Albert complains of the malarial diseases common in the Arkansas swamp: "every time I come here, I take fever." He says his "trouble" is not serious though it makes him "feel very blue" and hopes it ends soon.

5 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Albert - it would be my greatest wish to be married in church"--but that wish cannot be granted--"when you are not of the same religion as I am. . . . How I wish you believed the same as I do"--but we must marry at home with family & close friends only.

8 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Mollie will be in St. Louis for treatment of her ears, and Lillie is already there. Albert ran into Georgena's cousin Will and had a friendly conversation, but "I don't know what he would have said if I told him I was in love with Cousin Georgena."

8 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Returning from a visit with Georgena, Albert says "never in my life did parting give such pain. . . . Mother sends her blessings She would write if you could read German. . . . I managed to find time to select a Ring which I have forwarded today."

18 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Dear Albert, I received the ring and I just think it is a beauty. . . . I think our initials look very pretty in the ring. I only wish you were here to place in on my finger." Though Ma and Frank think it's beautiful, "it made Ma feel sad."



20 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert

"Mother wants us to live with her when we are married. I think that would be best" for now. "The Groff's may vacate our house" so we could take over their premises and keep house. "Mother depends on me to protect her interests"--a "pleasant duty for me."

22 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am happy that I possess the love of Purity and Virtue, but I am miserable without her by my side. . . . When you come, you must remain longer than 10 days--why that wouldn't be no visit at all. . . . You must stay for at least a month."

27 Jun 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

Georgena says "I am glad to hear you think that you are a better man since we are engaged" and teases about going to Duns Commercial Agency to check on Albert's "good record." But no--"I trust you more than that. Where there is love--there is trust."

1 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Well Albert, I have thought of the 1st of October all day. At last I came to the conclusion that I am satisfied to appoint that day as the date of our Nuptials. Everyone says - October is a lucky month and Wednesday is a lucky day to be married on."

5 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Albert - it would be my greatest wish to be married in church"--but that wish cannot be granted--"when you are not of the same religion as I am. . . . How I wish you believed the same as I do"--but we must marry at home with family & close friends only.

8 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Georgena can plan the wedding as she chooses "just so I marry you." For now, living with Mother is the "best I can do," but we'll have a parlor, dining room, bedroom & kitchen. "You can take charge of the household affairs or leave them to Mother."

9 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890

Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Frank wants to take Flora, Jennie, and I to a lawn party tonight I have not decided on going yet But - Oh! How I would enjoy it, if you were here to go with me. . . . Oh: Albert, How naughty you were to make me think of no one but you."

25 Jul 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

"My Aunt - Mrs. Fryar (the one you met while here) moved out opposite to Tower Grove Park today. (Don't you remember we spent two of those happy evenings at that park.) I will miss the girls. We all had a pleasant time while they lived so near."

1 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"The past week was an unusually busy one. . . . for two or three days after we marry I will hafta work as I did the past few days. . . . I am reading Stanley's Explorations of Africa . . . If you have not read the work, you must not fail to."

2 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert mentions the "good news of the Filkins-Fischer family arriving at St. Louis" and is pleased "Mr. Filkins received financial aid and I trust a business partner with some financial ability." He also relates a dream where Georgena saved him from peril.

6 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890 **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena has an aunt and little cousin visiting from Pittsburg, Pa. She mentions a visit from "your cousin Geo and Roy" and gently berates Albert for saying he would fight her cousin Will McCann for sending his love to her. "That is only cousinly love."

7 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert mentions he too has aunts and cousins in Pittsburg but was not aware until told by his St. Louis cousins. He says a hotel Georgena knew when she lived in Springfield came close to burning down--and describes how he and Mr. Groff aided in the rescue.

10 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890 **Letter from Georgena to Albert**

Georgena agrees with Albert that cousins sometimes fall in love and marry, adding "nearly all Pa's folks married in the same way." An aunt in Springfield married her first cousin "but I think it is entirely wrong." (Look at source for evidence of this!)

11 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert asks if Georgena has read "A Golden Heart." If not, she should. "My love and reverence" for you "is as great, sincere and honest as that of 'Sir Karl' to Lady Rhysworth." Read it and "believe me to be breathing such words of love" as Sir Karl.

12 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert says he had trouble falling asleep last night because "my mind was so charged with an enterprise that I am considering. . . . If it materializes, I will have better prospects of making money," but anxiety makes me uncomfortable for the time being.

14 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I often pass a greater portion of the night thinking of you and how to succeed in business ventures, so I can add wealth to our happiness. . . . I hope to be in a position soon to make more money," though I am doing better than most men my age.

17 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"When I was going to school - I always wished I was a man so I could make money and be independent. . . . now I realize the days of my childhood were the happiest. . . . When you Darling are with me I shall always shoulder my burdens with a light heart."

20 Aug 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Missing Georgena, Albert says he kisses her photo, "which does not shrink from me as you do," but he doesn't blame her doing what she thinks is right, adding he regrets he does not share her faith since it has "a good influence over its subjects."

1 Sep 1890 PM • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Writing after visiting Georgena, Albert says "Pet I feel miserable without you" but will do the best he can until they next meet on the 25th. He doesn't know Mr. Groff's intent but hopes for immediate possession so things are ready for Georgena's arrival.

1 Sep 1890 AM • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"My only hope is that we may live long to enjoy the happiness in store for us. No matter how long life lasts - it's always too short in happiness." Albert says he is having a suit made "by my favorite Tailor" and will ask Frank to be his best man.

4 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert reports business enterprise is approved by all parties. He will make \$20/week plus an equal share of profits. The firm will be named "The Groff-Fischer Cigar Co." He will be measured for Prince Albert suit "of the very latest style" for the wedding.

6 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am almost positive that we will make St. Louis our home shortly. . . . I am glad your Mother feels relieved. . . . I will be the smallest Stock Holder in the Co., but will receive an equal share of profits" because of my practical experience.

10 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Just think - after sixteen days from today, we will be one - how much happier I will be I ordered our announcement cards from St. Louis yesterday and my tailor is finishing my Prince Albert and I will be in readiness in a few more days. "

14 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I . . . counted the letters received from you and found 54. The one received this morning makes just 55. That is not many (tis it) but it proved an elegant sufficiency in our case. I think I am cheated - I ought to have as many as you."

17 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I expect this will be the last time I will address you as your Beaux - next time I will sign myself as your husband and ... your answer to this will be the closing of our correspondence as lovers.... I will always do my best to ... be loving and true."

20 Sep 1890 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1890

Marriage

Georgena Aloysius Hendy married Albert George Fischer in Springfield, Missouri, on October 1, 1890, when she was 23 years old.



Albert George Fischer

1864-1943

1 Oct 1890 • Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, United States of America

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Written from Springfield to Georgena in St. Louis: "I found Ma, Mollie and Lillie in good health and the home just looks too lovely.... I am going out on a hunt for Ferneau tonight yet.... How lonesome I am going to be without you and the baby."



1 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert reports that their furniture arrived, and they will be using the downstairs bedroom formerly occupied by the Groffs. He says his mother's house is "the most attractive on South Street. . . . You can smell the flowers for a block away."

2 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert complains that he has written three letters in three days without a single letter from Georgena. Her family is moving, so he hopes that is the reason and that she is not ill. He reports he is laying carpet and fixing up their room.

3 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"It would do you good to be here - the place is so beautiful" with cherry trees, peaches, apples, pears, plums, grapes, gooseberries, blackberries, currants, and a vegetable garden. "The front of the house is entirely covered with honeysuckles."

5 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

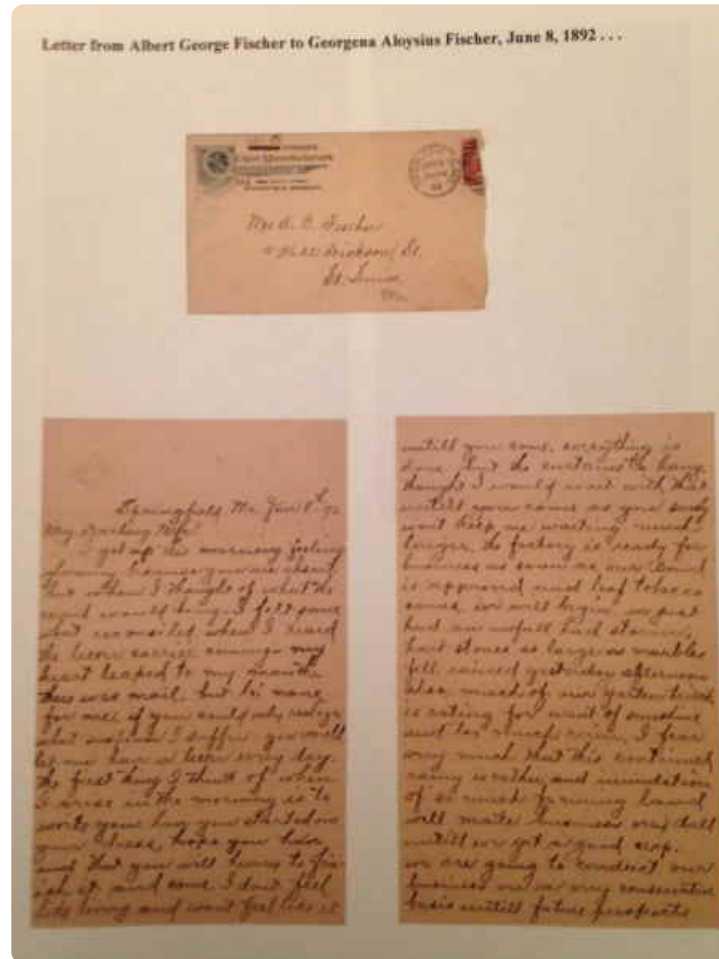
"If you delay coming long, you may come here to find me sick from longing for you Your room will be complete by tomorrow." I had to send "for shades to match mother's.... It would look bad to have two colors of shades showing from the same house."

7 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Residence

Albert, who has already moved to Springfield to set up business, writes Georgena, still living in St. Louis, to say he misses her and wants her to join him as soon as possible.



8 Jun 1892 • 2632 Dickson St., Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert chides Georgena for not writing more. He misses her, and "I miss the good old beer at night. When you come - you shall have your beer whenever you have a desire for it. I will have a case of bottled Anheuser-Busch sent to the house for you only."

10 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Every day brings me closer to a resolution ... Come as soon as you can as I wish to become a Catholic in your presence... My ambitions formerly were for possession of wealth but since we have married I thought more of you than making money."

11 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Am sorry to hear that baby is troublesome, but the poor little thing can't help it. Something aches and of course she must cry - just like you and I done at the same age. I don't think baby would suffer so much here as the house is always so nice & cool."

13 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I almost forgot that the 14th was the 2nd Anniversary of our engagement and the 13th two years ago is the first time I kissed you.... I feel so lonesome without you that I would much rather tire myself out working ...than lay awake longing for you."

15 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I regret very much to be informed . . . you won't be here before the 1st. You promised . . . you would not remain more than two weeks and now you are going to stay over four weeks. " To get revenge, Albert threatens to wear white socks for a year.

16 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Am very sorry to hear Leona is sick. Poor little thing - the city is too warm for her. . . . Start for Springfield Tuesday morning without fail as the babies life may be in danger. . . . Our house is so nice and cool. I am awful anxious about the baby."

18 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Albert got up early "to get shaved before the rush and to my disappointment learned that I could not get shaved in Springfield on Sunday . . . well I . . . made up my mind to get shaved or bust a suspender"--and he tells how he got the barber to do it.

19 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am awfully disappointed that I am not to see you tonight, but since your mother is sick, I will have to excuse you. I hope she is not seriously so, and that she is better by now. . . . I haven't any cigar makers coming yet" so must make them all myself.

21 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1892 **Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Glad to hear your mother's better. Always makes me feel uneasy when anyone is sick. Frank will be in Chicago in time to congratulate Grover Cleveland upon his nomination for the Presidency by the Democrats. That was good news to me."

23 Jun 1892 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Georgena to Albert

Georgena writes Albert to let him know she arrived safe and on time, though she saw a train wreck on the way. "All of the cars were in splinters. The sight of it unnerved me for a time." She closes by saying, "I just kissed Leona and baby for you."

2 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I feel deserted. Wouldn't be near so bad if I was on the road. Must make 2800 cigars before I start if I am going at all. . . . Don't let the children forget their Pap and above all don't forget your inferior half, even if you do have a flying time."

4 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 The Mystery of St. Louis's Veiled Prophet

Read more about the Veiled Prophet organization, parade, and ball here:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2014/09/fair-st-louis-and-the-veiled-prophet/379460/>

5 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert muses on the hard times afflicting himself and people he knows but expresses hope for his ambitions. "This winter is going to be awfull on the poor. . . . I am determined . . . I am going to make that \$5000.00 which you say we will never have."

5 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Georgena to Albert

"I didn't go see the Veiled Prophet parade. I was afraid to leave the children - until they are better acquainted with Pa. Frank wanted to take me to the V. P. ball (that is - to view it from the gallery.) But I . . . could not leave the children."

5 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I fell from Grace today. I was so determined that I would be goody good, but I eat a small bit of pigeon . . . and never thought of what I had done until I sat down for a Friday dinner of eggs - well, the just man falls seven times a day . . ."

6 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893 Letter from Georgena to Albert

"Hope you will . . . do what is for the best so that you can make that \$5000 right soon. We rush the growler every day, but I don't grow any fatter yet. Leona is more fond of beer than I am - she goes to the sideboard for the pitcher and says Me - beer."

8 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"If business was only good, I could put in the time working, but its getting worse all the time. I think it will be a dead stand still in cigars If I was in the chicken business I would be right 'in it' as there is a strong demand for eggs."

10 Oct 1893 PM • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1893**Letter from Georgena to Albert**

After visiting your Aunt Sophie, "I had Pa to come for me about 10 o'clock. Then he insisted on me going to one race at the south side race track. It was so nice to see them race at night by Electric Light. It was after 11 o'clock when we got home."

10 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1893**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"Ain't you getting a little tired of visiting. You have been gone 10 days now. It's been a year to me. . . . This visiting might be alright for you but its tough on me. I'm going to get myself a temporary wife until you return. Of course you won't mind."

10 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri

1893**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

Fighting loneliness, Albert writes, "Fortune may smile on us some day. We are not going backward - that's some consolation in these stringent times. A person ought not complain no how as long as they are in good health - in that respect we are Blessed."

12 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1893**Letter from Georgena to Albert**

"I am sorry you are so lonesome. Still I won't consent to you getting a temporary wife - if you do - I will be home on the next train - then you will have more wives than you can manage. . . . I feel it might be sometime before I would see Ma again."

13 Oct 1893 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I am already missing my best half. . . . I fear I will be asking you to come back before you have had your stay out. If you drink any water - you better boil it . . . but I hardly expect you will drink very much water. Beer you know, is already boiled."

11 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894**Letter from Albert to Georgena**

"I expect you did not realize you were in St. Louis on your arrival due to the new Station. I think I am right good as I haven't done anything other than read the papers when I got through working - go to bed - get up in the morning and go to work again."

13 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Mollie got a letter from Carrie . . . She said she hadn't a nickel in the house. She made a dress for a neighbor for \$1.50 . . . She worked so hard her old trouble returned and that she would now have to . . . buy medicine. Ma cried over the letter."

16 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

Albert says Mollie and Ma decided to "stand for" \$5.00 he sent to help Carrie since they can afford it better. "I never expect any return of favors . . . as long as Filkins lives. I was about as hard up as I'll ever be after Groff done me . . ."

19 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am still broke so much so that I can't go on the road until I get some money. . . . If I had the money you can just bet that I would have been in St. Louis before this. . . . I couldn't feel worse were I in Jail."

24 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Now that I have paid insurance and interest - I haven't money enough to go on the road or to buy tobacco. I am going to do my best to sell all my Jersey Creams to Springfield Grocer Co. If I succeed I can buy more tobacco and go to work again."

25 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am almost sick - it seems the harder I try to get along the more misfortunes occur. Have lost \$50.00 this month in bad accounts. . . . I hope that you don't get blue too - I can get blues enough for both. "

26 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I haven't sold my Jersey Creams yet - but will know tomorrow. . . . If I get rid of those cigars I will be enabled to go right to work again. . . . I am not as blue as I have been. Have reconciled myself, but I do feel awfull lonesome at night."

28 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Had more bad luck - J. W. Hardesty broke again . . . making \$15.50 I loose on him. They say too much Beer broke him both times - I rarely ever have a loss but what several more follow. . . . I am going to . . . get out of debt this coming year."

30 Sep 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am sorry to inform you I could not sell the Jersey Creams . . . I have made arrangements to go on the road with a Springfield liquor drummer and I am going to stay on the road until every cigar in the house is sold," so you should remain in St. Louis.

4 Oct 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

A. B. Crawford Guilty

Albert writes to Georgena with news of the trial of A. B. Crawford for embezzlement. This article provides details, if interested.



7 Oct 1894 • Springfield, Missouri

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I know I will sell the cigars in a much shorter space of time since your promise to come home as soon as they are sold - I will now have something to spur me on.... I will have to inaugurate a system of most rigid economy ... to catch up with my losses."

7 Oct 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I am going to work like a tiger and I hope that I can have you start by next Monday for home. I may be dissappointed - for if I am not in good luck - it may take me ten days to sell out so don't get ready to come untill I write you to."

9 Oct 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"Pet! I sold just 2000 cigars today and if I continue to do this well I will ask you to come home in a few days as I haven't but 4900 more to sell. . . . Will leave here early in the morning."

11 Oct 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1894

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I wrote you last night to come home by next Wednesday . . . I still have 1900 cigars to sell and I'll do my level best to sell them tomorrow. . . I am feeling well enough - but so anxious to see you and the babies that I feel just like homesick."

14 Oct 1894 • Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

1895

Letter from Albert to Georgena

"I now, at the 5th anniversary of our happy marriage - renew the avowal of my love for you, and feel happy to say that I love you better than ever, although when we married I thought I could not love you more than I did then."

1 Oct 1895 • Springfield, Greene Co., Missouri

1900

Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Daughter in Law. Georgena's husband Albert had moved to Oklahoma City and was living in a boarding house while Georgena and the children stayed with Albert's mother and sister in Missouri.

1900 • Springfield Ward 1, Greene, Missouri, USA

1903

Fischer and Breen Cousins (?)

Mildred & Dorothy Clarkson identified the girl to the far right as Leona Fischer. The girl sitting near the horse's head could be Virginia Fischer. Wondering if the other girl on the horse is Aeolian Breen and the one standing is Stella Breen, cousins whom Virginia mentioned in her later years. This photo is the companion to the one of Georgena, Albert, Grandma Hendy & Aunt Mollie or Sallie Breen?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1903

Hendy and Fischer Family

This photo & one of girls with a horse were printed together so were most likely taken at the same time. Catherine Hart Hendy, Georgena Hendy, and Albert George Fischer have definitely been identified. Could the woman to the left be Mollie Fischer or Sarah Jane (Sallie) Hendy Breen, who Catherine frequently visited in Cincinnati, and the girls in the other photo her daughters, Stella and Aeolian?



Abt. 1903 (?)

1910

Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head of House: Wife



Leona, Virginia, and Gertrude Fischer

1910 • Duncan Ward 2, Stephens, Oklahoma, USA

1918

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fischer Guest of Mrs. O'Brien

Mrs. J. J. Mayes left this morning for Tulsa to attend the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which meets there three days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fischer of Duncan are the guests for the week of Mrs. Dennis O'Brien. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have many friends in the city having lived here at one time.

8 Apr 1918 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1924

Fischer Family Portrait

Back row: Virginia, Leona, Gertrude; Middle row: Albert, Georgena; Front row: Robert and Pete Clarkson, Marion Robinson



1924

1927

Death

Georgena Aloysius Hendy died on February 3, 1927, in Duncan, Oklahoma, when she was 60 years old.

3 Feb 1927 • Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, United States of America

Burial



Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, United States of America