

The autograph book of Anna Gibson of West Hebron has been in the possession of Ruth Isabella Huggins Reynolds for over 70 years. This is based on: she had written her name in the back of the book as Ruth I. Huggins. She married Merritt A. Reynolds Sr. in 1924. Ruth, at 92 years of age is a resident at Pleasant Valley Infirmary, Argyle. She was a lifelong resident of Hartford; the mother of Carolyn Getty of Hebron; Merritt and Robert Reynolds and the late Eleanor McClenning of Argyle; Beverly Liddle of Steamboat Springs, Colorado and Shirley Robertson of East Greenwich. It is agreed we feel the book should be preserved in the Hebron Schoolhouse. I hope the Hebron residents have as much pleasure as I did identifying some of the students that attended the West Hebron Union Free School in 1881, through the use of Hebron Cemetery Book and Hebron, A Century in Review. A copy of the enclosed will go to Doris McEachron, Washington County Historian. A special thanks goes to my mother for preserving this precious book.

Shirley (Reynolds) Robertson

October 1, 1996

Anna Mary Gibson, 1864-1944, dau. of George and Margaret (Foy) Gibson buried with her parents; two sisters, Mattie J. and Margaret C. in East Hebron Cemetery (Section B pg.13/56)

"And What is Beauty? Tis as dreams to quickly pass away. And what is Worth? Tis what it seems and never will decay. True worth will live beyond the grave and pierce Death's Shadowy Mist, And near the Throne of God on High, Eternally Exists." With Kindest regards of J.A. Speer, West Hebron, NY March 1, 1881
Rev. James A. Speer installed pastor July 25, 1875 and remained until 1888 at Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of West Hebron. (Washington County History, pg.396-7 and Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.80)

Friend Anna, Always B natural; sometimes B sharp, never B flat. Yours, musically, Molly Dodds, New Galilee, Beaver County, Penna.
West Hebron, Jan. 28, 1884

Anna: In the book of life God's album. May your name be pened with care And may all who have written here, Write their names forever there.
Ever your friend, Emma Hague, West Hebron, NY Dec. 7, 1882

O for grace our hearts to soften, Teach us Lord at length to love, We alas forget to often what a friend we have above; But when home our souls are brought, we will love thee as we ought.

Bertha Chamberlin October 18, 1882

Anna: When I, poor elf, shall have vanished in vapor, May still my memory live - on paper. A Friend, W.J. Kilmer, Argyle, NY Sept. 24, 1888
W.J. Kilmer, 1864-1948, buried South Argyle Cemetery, pg. 125 cemetery records, township of Argyle (Historical Data Services)

"May your life have just enough clouds to make a glorious sunset."

Your friend, Alida Hanna, West Hebron, NY Oct. 7, 1882

Alida Hanna, dau. of William Scott Hanna and Betsy McMillan, b 1864 West Hebron, d 1896 (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 240)

Anna: "True friends are like diamonds, Scarce but precious."

Your friend and school mate, Ida M. Rea, West Hebron, NY Oct. 10, 1882

Ida M. Rea b 1865, d 1942, married Addison McKnight, 1865-1932 (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 250)

Anna: Not like the rose may our friendship wither, But like the evergreen live, forever. Yours truly, Hattie McKnight, West Hebron March 1, 1881

Harriet Agnes McKnight, dau. of Joseph and Jane E(McDougall)McKnight, b Jan. 4, 1865, married Alba C. Barkley, funeral director, carpenter (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 215)

When you are old and can not see, Put on your specs and think of me.

Harvey Qua, West Hebron Oct. 5, 1881

"As in the sweetest bud the eating canker dwells, so eating love, In habits in the finest wits of all" Your friend, Sarah Anderson, Waupaca, Wis.

"m Stewart"

Anna: When years and month have glided by, And on this page you cast your eye, Remember it was a friend sincere that left this kind remembrance here.

Your true friend, Florence Kilmer, Argyle Oct. 1, 1888

Florence Kilmer, Argyle, 1870-1902, 1st wife of Herman Barbur, page 120, Argyle cemetery book (Historical Data Services)

To Anna: All earthly friends may deceive and forsake us but one there is who sticketh closer than a brother, one who will never leave or forsake us, Seb us choose him for our friend, his service for our employment and heaven for an eternal home. Truly your friend, Minnie Hayes, West Hebron, NY

West Hebron Seminary March 9, 1881 "m Barden"

To Anna: Work as if you would live forever, Live as if you would die today.

Your friend and schoolmate, Maggie Marin, West Hebron, NY U.F.S.

"m Mitchel"

May all your years in joys be passed. And each prove happier than the last.
Your true friend, Mary Copeland, West Hebron March 17, 1884

Mary Copeland, dau of Theodore and Clara Copeland, b 1868, married in 1888
Dr. Aden Gates (Information from their grandson, Parran A. Gates of Lake
Katrine, NY) (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.122)

Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, "It might have
been." Your friend and schoolmate, Libbie J. Irwin, West Hebron, NY June 5, 1881
Elizabeth Irwin married Elijah Chapman Oatman, son of Isaac Henry and Charlotte
(Chapman) Oatman, 1863-1945, undertaker in Cambridge (Hebron, A Century in Review,
pg.254)

Anna, When you reflect on absent friends, And those you dearly prize, Let him
who doth these few lines pen, upon your memory rise. March 1, 1881

Your friend and schoolmate, J. Grant Chamberlin, West Hebron, NY
J. Grant Chamberlin, son of James and Elizabeth (Fitzpatrick) Chamberlin,
Sept. 11, 1864-Nov. 26, 1937, town clerk, Hebron, married Jennie Irwin (Hebron,
A Century in Review, pg.225)

Yours in friendship, Retta J. Beatie, East Greenwich, Washington County, NY
Jan. 30, 1884 "Remember the hard seats, Jan. 29."

Anna: Not like the rose may our friendship wither, But like the evergreen
live forever. Your friend, Hattie Dunlap, West Hebron, NY Feb. 25, 1881

Dear Anna: The years grow rich as they grow old. And life's latest sands,
are sands of gold. Your true friend, Lydia Oatman, Hebron, NY Feb. 21, 1884
Lydia Lodice Oatman, dau. of Isaac Henry and Charlotte (Chapman) Oatman,
b April 10, 1870 married Archie McEachron, brother of Rev. Willard McEachron.
Archie ran the store in West Hebron (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.254)

To Anna: The union of lakes and the Union of lands, the union of states
forever. But the union of hearts and the union of hands is a union that none
can sever. From your friend, Mary Shaughnessy, West Hebron Feb. 25, 1881

May you walk through life's road, As every noble woman can with a pure
heart unto God and a true heart unto man.

Your friend, Nita Paterson, Putnam, NY March 12, 1884 "m McArthur"

Anna: "Honor and fame from no condition rise, Act well thy part there all the
honor lies." Your friend, Jennie M. Irwin Feb. 9, 1881, West Hebron, NY

Jennie M. Irwin, dau. of Dr. Samuel B. Irwin and Anna M. Stewart, b May 18, 1866
d July 22, 1932, married J. Grant Chamberlin (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.122)

"May your life have just clouds, enough to make a glorious sunset."

Yours truly, Anna Williamson, Argyle, NY

To Mifs Anna: "Be good, sweet maid and let who will be clever; Do noble things, not dream them all day long. And so make life, death and that vast forever. One grand sweet song." Helene McCloy, West Hebron March 5, 1881

Some friends may wish the happiness. And others wish the wealth. My wish for thee is better far contentment blessed with health.

Your true friend, Libbie Maxwell, East Greenwich, NY Feb. 1, 1884

Elizabeth Maxwell, dau of George Small Maxwell and Margaret Telford, b Nov. 6, 1866, d Oct. 25, 1942, married her cousin, was the 3rd wife of Robert J. Maxwell (from the Maxwell-Telford files of Shirley Robertson)

"Our lives are albums written through, with good or ill, with false or true, And as the blessed angels turn, the pages of our years, God grant they read the good with smiles." And blot the ill with tears.

Ever your friend, Belle Connor Feb. 25, 1881

Anna: Some friends may wish thee happiness, some others wish thee wealth; my wish for thee is better for contentment, blest with health.

Your friend, Anna Graham, West Hebron, NY Feb. 22, 1883

Dear Anna: "Lay this unto your breast, old friends, like old words, still are trusted best." Elizabeth McCloy March 3, 1881

Libbie McCloy set up a dressmaking business in 1884 next to Dr. Madison's office in West Hebron (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 133)

"Choose your course, pursue it grandly, and achieve what you pursue."

Your friend and schoolmate, Retta E. Brown, North Hebron Feb. 11, 1884
West Hebron Union School

Retta E. Brown b Oct. 1866, d 1911, married John Jay Getty, 1867-1935
(Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 236)

John H. Barkley, West Hebron, NY

John H. Barkley, son of James Barkley and Nancy Patterson, b Aug. 12, 1864, married Ora Williamson (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 215)

Anna: In that day, when Christ shall garner, All his jewels rich and rare, May you be among the number, In the realms of peace so fair.

Your friend, Mattie Graham, West Hebron, NY Feb. 22, 1883

Mattie Graham, March 4, 1862-Jan. 23, 1950 married Daniel M. Murdoch
(Hebron Cemetery Book pg. 16/59)

Remember me when far away, Remember me at dawn of day, And when to God you bend the knee, Oh then dear friend remember me.

Your friend Elle H. Flellmich

Sincerely your friend, Carrie W. Gee, Brooklyn, NY Aug. 2, 1885 "m Buned"

Kindness gives always pleasure, Yours respectfully, Siegmund W. Enberg
Feb. 18, 1881

Anna: "Live for those that love you, for those whose hearts are true,
For the Heaven that smiles above you, And the good that you may do."
Your friend, Anna Kilmer, Argyle, NY Sept. 26, 1888 "County Fair."

Anna: The road the gate the eternal city - Life - Death - Heaven - May you
tread the first happily. Pass through the second peacefully and enter the
last triumphantly. Jennie Madison Dec. 13, 1881

Jennie Madison Aug. 1866-June 1899, dau. of Dr. John Henry Madison and
Margaret A. Brown (Hebron Cemetery Book pg.4/81)

Yours truly, R. Cha lletcher, Albany, NY Aug. 9, 1882

Enjoy life and be happy, speak little, think much, be careful in selecting
your friends, is the wish of your brother, G.A. Gibson Feb. 18, 1881

"Your sincere friend." Jennie Huggins, Hartford, NY Feb. 15, 1884

Jennie Huggins, 1866-1956, dau of Samuel and Margaret (Deacon) Huggins,
married Thomas D. Black (Argyle Cemetery records, Historical Data Services)

Yours sincerely, Jennie R. Willett, West Hebron, NY Oct. 27, 1881

"m McEachron) Jennie McEachron, W.T., Officer of Hope Lodge No. 295, I.O.G.T.
Charter members: P. McEachron, Edward McEachron. Could one of them be
Jennie's husband? (Washington County History, pg.398)

Annie: "Mayst thou live in joy forever, Nought from thee true pleasure sever,
from thy heart arise no sign and no tear be dew thine eye, Joys be many,
cares be few, Smooth the path thou shall pursue, And Heavens richest blessings
shine, Ever on both thee and thine." Your cousin, Mary
Remember August 10, 1877 C. Lilly "Caramels (chocolates)"

Annie: "That our love is that which liveth, when from earth, friends pass
away; and the tear affection giveth; on the sorrowing parting day.
Ever your friend, Hester Speer, N.C.O. Feb. 28, 1881

Anna: When he (the Lord) cometh to make up his Jewels, may you be found among
the most precious. E.B.I. July 11, 1885

Frank Marvin

Ever remember your friend, Roana Huggins, Greenwich, NY
West Hebron, March 9, 1881. Roana Huggins, b 1863, dau of Samuel and Eliza
Huggins, married Joe Henderson (Washington County Census records)

Dear Anna: Zealously work for the master, Labor while yet it is day, Soon
may the night gather around you, Swiftly the hours pass away.

Sincerely, your friend, Ella Cottrell, South Hartford, NY Jan. 31

Ever remember your friend, Mary J. Huggins, Greenwich, NY March 9, 1881

Mary J. Huggins, b 1866, dau of Samuel and Eliza Huggins, married Edward
Tefft (Washington County Census records)

Direct the ministry of every talent to the development of self.

Your friend, Addison McKnight, West Hebron, NY March 19, 1884

Addison McKnight, 1865-1932, farmer, married Ida Rea (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.250)

Our friendship has budded on earth, may it blossom in Heaven.

Lizzie A.B. Rea, West Hebron March 9, 1881

Elizabeth b 1863, dau of George and Mary Ann(Beveridge)Rea, teacher
(Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 257)

"Learn nothing here that you cannot continue in the other world - do nothing here but deeds that will bear fruit in heaven."

Your friend and pastor, W.S. McEachron, West Hebron March 21, 1882

Dr. Willard S. McEachron, pastor of "North Church", Hebron United Presbyterian Church 1881-1929 (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg.77)

Anna: In your fondest trust, keep just one thread of doubt.

Your true friend, Clara S. Temple, North Hebron March 5, 1885

Clara S. Temple June 22, 1867-Jan. 19, 1894 married A. Eugene Porter (North Hebron Cemetery, pg. 16/192)

To Anna: "In passing these pages names I find, of your many friend with wishes kind, when you again this book look o'er, May you find the name of one friend more. Mary E. Beattie, West Hebron, NY March 9, 1881

Anna: That you may increase in as you increase in years(wisdom) and that your life, may be an unbounded one of happiness is the sincere wish of your friend. Helen Fort Plain Sept. 29, 1881

H.W. Speer, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pa.

To Anna: Friendships chain is quickly broken, when deaths angel bid us part
But kind words by dear friends spoken Make deep impressions on the heart.
Remember the good visit we had (write)

Your friend, Carrie A. Bauder, Hall Surille, NY Sept. 30, 1881

Anna, "Some love one, some love two, But I love one and that is you."

Anna Bullock, West Hebron July 4, 1881

Anna Bullock, b Feb. 29, 1864 d 1937, dau of Hugh and Sarah (Hutchen) Bullock, married Edward Beveridge (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg 216)

Anna, In memory's casket, drop one pearl for your friend. Remember me.

Minnie L. Hall, West Hebron, NY Oct. 1, 1881

Ever your friend, Carrie Brown, North Hebron, NY Feb. 19, 1884

Carrie Brown, July 7, 1868-Jan. 7, 1948 married Julious Cook (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 237)

For get me not, Your friend, Lottie Fletcher Aug. 7, 1882

Dear Anna: May the Lord keep thee and bless thee. Is the prayer of your friend, S.J. Pennie, Albany, NY Aug. 16, 1884

Friend Anna: If wishes of mine can be of worth, Be this the fortune given, A holy, happy life on earth and a future one in heaven, Is the wish of your friend.. Let us play Old Maid. Belle McIntyre, West Hebron, NY Feb. 25, 1881
Belle McIntyre married Eugene Wilson, son of Eli and Julia Wilson, 1853-1931 (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 271)

S.B. Patton, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania Feb. 4, 1884

Anna: Never flirt for it is wrong, Is the burden of my song, Is the advice of your friend, George McEachron, West Hebron, NY March 21, 1881

IS IT? George Edward McEachron, 1865-1948, son of Francis A McEachron and Margaret Ferguson, married 1. Lucy Hogle; 2. Edith Russell OR IS IT? George A. McEachron, 1863-1949, son of James R. and Margaret (Gourley) McEachron married 1. Carrie Williamson; 2. Margaret Hurd (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 249)

Bees will not work except in darkness; thought will not work except in silence. Yours in cause of education, M.S. Speer "m Gibson"

Anna: May you have all the happiness which safely can be given and keep unbroken that bright chain which binds your soul to "Heaven"

Maggie A. Reid, West Hebron, NY March 17, 1881

Dear Anna: "Oh, sometimes come with gentle eye, And o'er these pages kindly bend, then memory will give a sign to each beloved departed friend, My name will there reveal to thee though parted in the wide world, so wide and may I long forgotten be that once starried by thy side." Ever your true friend, Nannie H. Reynolds, Austin, Minnesota

To Anna: May you ever on life's river, Have a light and airy boat, May you gently Oh! how gently, O'er its peaceful water float.

John T. McClellan, West Hebron, NY Oct. 8, 1881

John Thomas McClellan, March 27, 1856-June 14, 1942, son of William James McClellan and Hannah Maria Cummings, married Florilla Elizabeth Gammon (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 249)

Ever your friend, Lydia M. Strever, Kamrar, Hamilton County, Iowa Apr. 18, 1882

May you ever be the same, changing nothing but your name. Remember me.
 "Oyster supper and washing dishes." Orrie Williamson, West Hebron, NY
 Feb. 19, 1883. Ora Williamson married John H. Barkley (Hebron, A Century
 in Review, pg. 215)

Anna, Remember your friend and school mate. Emma McIntyre, West Hebron, NY
 Feb. 25, 1881

Many happy returns of the day. Sincerely yours, G.H. Downing, New York
 Aug. 30, 1884

Anna, Remember your friend and school mate. Mary I. Randles, West Hebron, NY
 Oct. 19, 1881. Mary I. Randles, b Nov. 5, 1866; dau of James F. Randles and
 Nancie Reid, married Thomas A. Stewart, a teacher (Hebron, A Century in
 Review, pgs. 135 and 257)

One by one you turn these pages, names of absent ones you see, Pause one
 moment and think kindly, Of one who will a true friend be.

Lottie Oatman, Hebron, NY Feb. 21, 1884

Charlotte Oatman b Dec. 26, 1865, dau of Isaac Henry Oatman and Charlotte
 Chapman, was the second wife of Dr. Aden C. Gates (Hebron, A Century in
 Review, pgs. 122 and 254)

When distant, when absent, when others you see, then Anna let friendship
 Remind thee of me. Emma Carey, West Hebron, NY March 21, 1881
 Emma Carey, March 7, 1862-April 6, 1890, dau. of John and Margaret (Pollock)
 Cary graduated with honors from Mt. Sinai School of Nursing in NYC in 1889.
 She died soon after having contracted a disease from one of her patients
 (Hebron, A Century in Review, pg. 223)

In memorys leaf Oh may I share an empty vacant spot among the names
 recorded there, Let mine be not forgot. W.C. McClellan Oct. 8, 1881
 William McClellan, b March 6, 1859 d 1939, son of William James McClellan
 and Hanah Maria Cummings, married Cornelia Morris (Hebron, A Century in
 Review, pg. 248)

One of your "For get me nots." T.J. Speer, West Hebron, NY

May faith, hope and charity anchor thee safely on the shore of eternity.
 Annie, dear it pains one to think we soon must part but you know. Oh! yes
 of course that it is all for the best. You will remember the many advices
 I gave you. Please bear in mind I shall expect those to be strictly obeyed.
 Henrietta Willett, West Hebron, NY Nov. 22, 1881

"May your life be showered with Heavens choisest gifts."

Emma E. Downing, New York Aug. 29, 1884

Your friend, E. Edward Marsh, West Hebron, NY Sept. 5, 1881

Dear Anna: Live in sunshine while you live, And unto all your sunshine
girl. Ever your friend, Alma Parker, West Pawlet, Vt. March 8, 1885

Anna: May your joy be as deep as the ocean, And your sorrow as light as its
foam. Yours truly, Fannie Hogle Oct. 4, 1881

"Small service is true service while it lasts; of Friends, however humble
scorn not one" Your friend, Sallie G. Johnston, West Hebron March 21, 1883
K.K.K.Ia

Love me while we are together, For our love friends we must sever, And
while life shall remain May time never blot my name From the least that
once I cherish. Florence Tempest, West Hebron, NY, Washington County
Oct. 4, 1881 "m Harvey"

"Health, Wealth and Happiness to you and yours."

Your cousin, Jennie S., North Argyle March 22, 1881

Could she be Jennie Shields, 1862-1949, buried in North Argyle cemetery
with Alexander Shields and wife, Eliza Gibson; Mary 1857-1941

On this last page near out of sight, I write my name just out of spite.

Yours very truly, W.A. Lloyd Nov. 22, 1881