

A She was a sister of Miss Janie.

Q Have you been corresponding with Miss Janie Rice?

A Well I have ever since I have been in the family, been corresponding together, of course not very regularly, but just in the past six years we have been corresponding more regularly together, and every Christmas she always remembers the children and myself, never has failed, and I have been in the family thirty years, and I have been corresponding previous times together, her and I. Of course when she was here she visited me a couple times she called on me, you know. After that she stayed always with the folks up home up at the Heffner place.

Q Did you get any Christmas remembrance from her this Christmas, 1931?

A Yes, I got a box of handkerchiefs and that was for us all, being they were hardup home I couldn't expect so much because she wasn't able to give so much this year.

Q Do you know her handwriting?

A I certainly do.

Q Have you received any correspondence or any letters from her since Miss Lulu's death?

A I did, yes. Of course after Lulu died I wrote her letters myself. Mother asked me to write.

Q Who is mother?

A Mrs. Heffner, asked me to write and tell her about Lulu's death and I did, and she answered the letter to me, and of course I haven't written since but once and had a letter from her yesterday.

Q Letter from her yesterday?

A Letter from the lady where she is.

Q You didn't get one from her yesterday?

A No, just not from her.

Q (The Court) When did Miss Lulu Heffner die?

A She died the 5th of January.

Q 1932?

A Yes sir.

Q (Mr. Storm) Would you look at that letter and tell the Court whether or not that is Miss Janie Rice's handwriting?

A This is Aunt Jane's handwriting because it is very much like she writes. She was a very poor correspondent. Very often we couldn't really make it out ourselves, but this is really her correspondence. The letter goes to show you, the letter I received yesterday is quite a different hand from the writing.

Q Yes, that was signed by somebody else.

(Letter dated May 31, directed to William M. Storm, filed in evidence marked Exhibit Letter No. L.)

(Objection; objection overruled; exception noted)

Q Now I hand you letter dated May 18 addressed to Mr. Donald Rice, in an envelope postmarked May 18, Indianapolis, Ind., 1932, 12.30 p. m. Whose handwriting is that?

A That's her handwriting.

Q And you have been corresponding you say for thirty years?

A Yes, off and on.

(Letter referred to filed in evidence marked Exhibit Letter No. 2)

(Objection; objection overruled; exception noted)

Q Now, Mrs. Rice, you know the name of Miss Janie's father?

A Perry Rice from what I have heard.

Q Do you know the name of Miss Janie's mother?

A No more than what I just heard them speak about it today.

Q Just today. You didn't know anything from the family?

A No.