

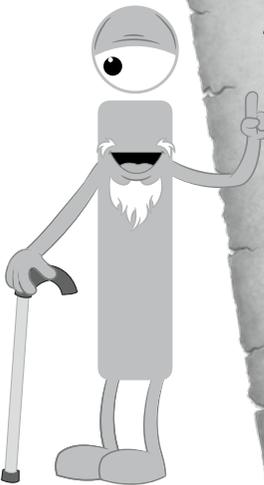
I found another letter to my Great Grandfather's friend, Marshal. It was dated only a year before he died. I wish people today wrote more letters. I think they are kind of cool to go back and read. It tells me a lot about my grandparents' history. It sounds like he made a lot of money off oil.

May 29, 1912

Dear Marshal,

I hope you and Betty are doing well. We would really enjoy a visit. You both should come down and visit the ranch. You can stay in our guest house. I know it's hot here in the summertime, but we'll take good care of you. We'll take you out on the horses. How are the grandkids? I guess it's about time your grandson starts thinking about what he wants to do. He can always come down and work for me in Texas. He'd make a lot of money. The oil industry has been good to me and Martha. We've been drilling going on twelve years now. Our Peggy just had her third little girl. She and George live down the road from us. I reckon George will take over our family business soon. Martha and I would like to travel more to see the world while things are going good. You never know what might happen next.

Your friend, Old Man "i"



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Let's say that Marshal and his wife, Betty, did travel down to Texas to visit my grandparents. Write a story about them.

How did they get there? How long did it take? What was it like for people who lived up north to visit a ranch in Texas?

Write from either Marshal or Betty's perspective. Remember, they aren't used to the heat. They may have never been close to a horse. What do you think wealthy people lived like in Texas?

When Marshal and Betty arrived to Texas,
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