

Paul was coming home.

We had written letters daily for over a year, but now we could actually see each other. My friends had predicted doom. No relationship, they said, could exist on letters, even daily letters, for such a year. World War II was happening. Young men were leaving daily, sometimes leaving sweethearts behind but more often marrying and hoping that they could be together a while.

But our situation was different. Paul was a cryptanalyst in government service and was frozen in a job he couldn't talk about. But he was in the country and very likely to stay here.

And he was coming home. His leave was short, but he'd be home, in person.

We met joyously. We covered all the topics, or most of them, that we hadn't confided to endless pieces of paper. We visited family, his and mine; we saw the friends who remained; we even had lovely minutes alone as we traveled from one place to another or as we awaited visitors. We forgot we'd been separated for a year.

The day came when we went alone to the campus where we had met and studied together for two glorious years. The day was an early Dallas spring wonder: the sun was shining benignly, there was a gentle breeze on the hill, the redbuds were outdoing themselves in their magenta hues. We visited a few former professors, but mainly we just wandered along the old familiar paths, from building to building, settling down on a bench at the mid-quadrangle fountain, not yet activated for the season. For a few moments we talked of future plans without being very specific about anything. With his work, it was hard to be definite about the future beyond tomorrow. He found a brown velvet box and opened it. He spoke no word but looked at my face and placed the dazzling ring on my finger. I spoke no word, but the ring was there, and we both looked at it in awe and joy.

Paul returned to his work in Washington, and we resumed our daily letters, which were destined to continue for another year. Their substance changed. He was transferred to the west coast. I went to summer school in Mexico. At last, we were able to start making definite plans, and as the year of separation approached its end, we had a date to end our long wait.

June 5, 1943, was not a benign spring day in Dallas. The redbuds had finished their blooming. Rain during the day totaled more than seven inches, most of it during our wedding service. It was a wonderful day as we set forth in the strong winds and drenching rain for the train that was to take us to Portland, Oregon, for the beginning of our great adventure.

Mr. and Mrs. Willett J. Hickman
announce the marriage of their daughter

Mary Frances

to

Mr. Paul Dixon Minton

on Saturday, the fifth of June

Nineteen hundred and forty-three

Dallas, Texas

Mary Frances Hickman
and
Paul Dixon Minton
June 5, 1943

The Wedding—

Maid of Honor

Martha Hickman

Best Man Willet Hickman

Pianist

Louise Bomar

Vocalist

Dick Webster

Candle Lighters

Ruth Hickman

Roland Hickman

House Party

Margaret Allen

Billy Wilds

Jerry Brown

Betty Wolfe

Margaret Friedel

Caroline Cage

Bea Smith

Minister

L.H.D. Wells

Wedding Guests—

Egbert Lewis & Wilds

Mrs. Crabtree

Ralph Crabtree

Louise Bomar

Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Syron

Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morgan, Jr.

E. E. Smith

Bill Cage

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Luke

Martha Craig

Roma Craig

Mrs. W. O. Craig

Mrs. Evelyn C. Minton

Ora M. Bomar

Eli Smith

M. J. Hickman (Cousin)

Reception Guests -

Paul Pope
Mrs. Paul Pope
Mrs. J. Henry Ball
Glenn Ball
Mr. & Mrs. Norman G. Hardy -
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Ford & Judith
Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Horton
Bette Ruth Horton
Mr. & Mrs. David LeRoy Mantle
Ruth Mantle
Mrs. R. Jullis Cofer
Margaret Cofer

WEDDINGS

A beautiful little home wedding was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hickman when their daughter, Mary Frances, became the bride of Paul Divon Minton. Mr. Minton is connected with the FBI. He has been living in Dallas a number of years and both contracting parties are graduates of Southern Methodist University.

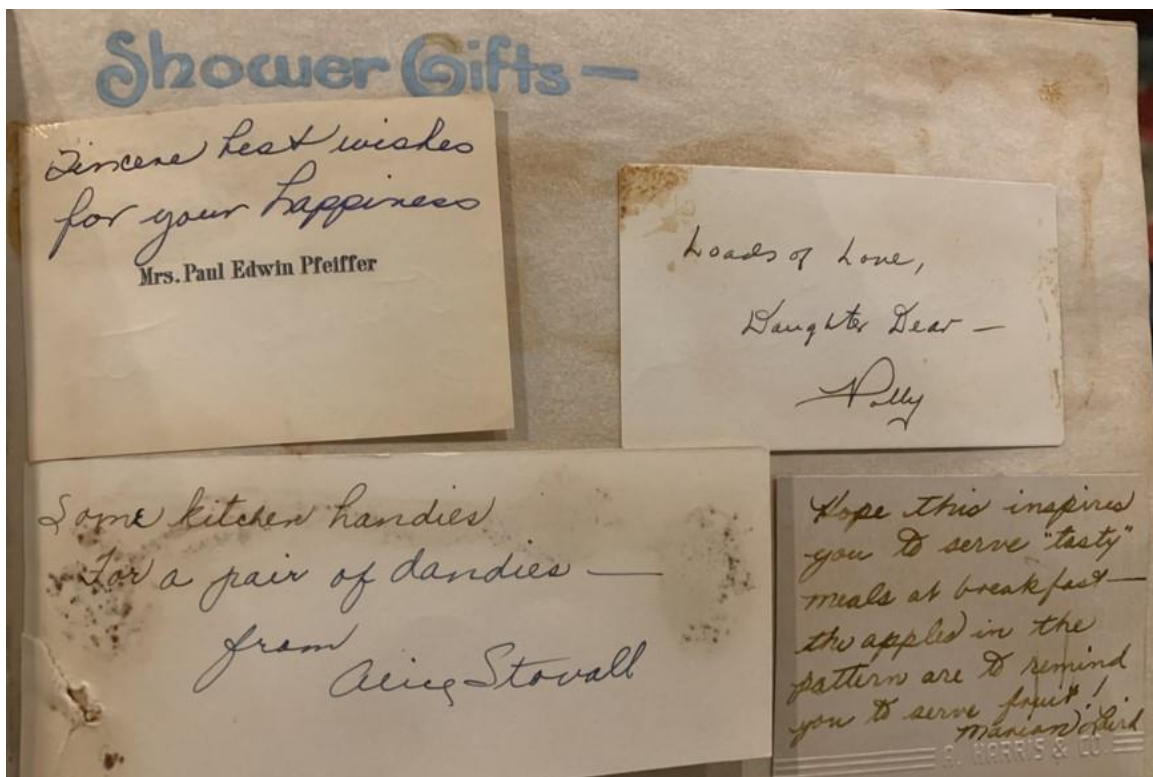
The bride is not only one of our most charming but is also one of our most brilliant young women. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended.

Best ever -
Polly

Best Wishes
always
to a sweet
"momma"
Betty

Marriage Licenses

Ed H. Steger, County Clerk.
 I. S. Lathan, 3007 Edgewood, and Dovie Cole, 4931 Spring.
 C. M. Hendricks, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Frances Marie Brewer, 4810 Gaston.
 A. Gibson, Vickery, and Miss Mary Kathryn Lawrence, Gerland.
 James Vaughan, 3115 McDermott, and Ferdinand King, 4702 Collier.
 I. R. Grace, Cherry Point, N.C., and Mrs. Anna Pearl Grace, 1714 Garza.
 W. T. Beazley, 719 North Windomere, and Miss Barbara Elizabeth Whitaker, 719 North Windomere.
 Marshall Leroy Sorrell, 3612 Worth, and Miss Dorothy Mae Sorrell, 2904 Junius.
 Mayrant T. Smith, 4112 Bowser, and Miss Ruby Lee Gregory, 4112 Bowser.
 Frank B. Ramirez, Sacramento, Calif., and Miss Trennie Jauregin, 1816 Magnolia.
 Thad R. Schultz, Houston, and Mrs. Mary Virginia Henriches, 3008 Knight.
 T. I. Shaw, Wichita Falls, and Miss Pearl Christine Crisswell, Forney.
 Roy Mosely, 3423 Keating, and Pennie Taylor, 5105 Keating.
 D. E. O'Connor, Providence, R.I., and Miss Genevieve Bernadine Jenkins, 113 South Ewing.
 Sammie Maikon, 3422 Booth, and Cleo Brooks, 3422 Booth.
 P. G. J. Eisele, 7033 Woodard, and Miss Marcella Marie Byrd, 7033 Woodard.
 H. L. Hunt, Kilgore, and Barbara Genevieve Victoria Livingston, Forney.
 C. B. Smith, Love Field, and Miss Alice Joyce Hayes, 5302 Ross.
 A. D. Rylander, 3008 Pacific, and Marion Hawkins, 3014 1/2 Elm.
 Arthur Newsome, 1830 Watkins, and Lillie Mae Stowers, 2022 Clark.
 J. L. Mellin, Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Dorothy Cerveny, Hopkins, Minn.
 R. R. Richardson, Stockton, Calif., and Miss Gracinda Grace, 122 North Beckley.
 W. W. Moss, Forney, and Mrs. Lynn Beedle, Terrell.
 P. D. Minton, Portland, Ore., and Miss Mary Frances Hickman, 5446 Belmont.
 E. B. Morbee, 728 Third, and Miss Irene Ellen Meyer, 728 Third.
 William Clarke, 1528 Fairmount, and Minnie Irene McDuff, 2818 State.







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MRS. PAUL MINTON.

Paul Minton, Miss Hickman Wed at Home

Reception Given For Couple Before California Trip

Miss Frances Hickman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willett J. Hickman, 6446 Belmont, became the bride of Paul Dixon Minton, Portland, Ore., son of Mrs. Evelyn C. Minton, 5010 Barlett, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hickman home. Dr. L. N. D. Wells officiated.

Miss Louise Bomar of Fort Worth, pianist, and Dick Webster, vocalist, gave the wedding music. The bride wore a white marquisette gown designed with bouffant skirt, embroidered marquisette bodice and long, fitted sleeves. Her fingertip veil of imported illusion was caught to a headdress of seed pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli and stephanotis.

Attendants were Miss Martha Hickman, maid of honor, and Willett J. Hickman Jr., best man. Ruth Hickman and Roland Hickman lighted the candles.

At a reception Mrs. John N. Friedel cut the wedding cake. Miss Peggy Bryn presided at the punch bowl and Miss Marjorie Allen had charge of the bride's book. Assisting in the dining room were Miss Betty Wolfe, Miss Bee Smith and Mrs. Lewis L. Wilds.

After a trip to San Francisco, Calif., the couple will be at home in Portland. For traveling the bride chose a salute blue suit with white blouse, blue gloves, toast-colored hat, shoes and bag. Mrs. Minton attended Woodrow Wilson High School and SMU, where she was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and the Mortar Board. Mr. Minton attended North Dallas High School and SMU, where he was a member of Blue Key. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, Ardmore, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hickman, Gainesville, Miss.; Mrs. Bomar, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Milford Minton, Malakoff.

MRS. PAUL DIXON MINTON



Paul D. Minton, Mary Hickman Are Wed

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Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white marquisette designed with a bouffant skirt, deep midriff, long, fitted sleeves and an embroidered marquisette bodice. Her fingertip veil of imported bridal illusion was attached to a headdress of seed pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a handmade point lace handkerchief, a family heirloom, and a shower bouquet of gladioli and stephanotis.

Candle Lighting.

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Ruth and Roland Hickman, twin brother and sister of the bride, lighted the candles preceding the ceremony.

Miss Martha Hickman attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore an aqua marquisette dress similar to the gown of the bride and carried a bouquet of Picardy gladioli and Peruvian lilies.

Willett J. Hickman, Jr., attended the bridegroom as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held. The table was laid with a lace cloth and decorated with a ring cake and a centerpiece of white gladioli. Mrs. John N. Friedel presided at the cake, Miss Peggy Bryn at the punch bowl, and Miss Marjorie Allen at the bride's book. Assisting in the dining room were Meses. William Guy Cage and Lewis L. Wilds, Misses Betty Wolfe and Bee Smith.

On Wedding Trip.

When the couple left for a wedding trip to San Francisco and the West Coast, the bride was wearing a salute blue suite, white organdy blouse, blue gloves and toast-colored hat and bag. Her corsage was of stephanotis. Following the trip the couple will be at home in Portland, Ore.

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—Portrait by Parker-Griffith.

MRS. PAUL DIXON MINTON

A happy bride, A lucky groom,
And love - will make a honeymoon,
And then belief and trust sincere
Will make a home that's really dear;
And so Congratulations true -
You have these joys and others, too,
For love is everything in life,
The love that makes you
Man and Wife!
All my love to
each of you -
"Mom"

A small mystery – who is “Mom”?

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PAUL D MINTON

5010 BARTLETT ST DALLAS TEXAS.

JUNE 5 1943.

PROGRESSING WELL HERE STOP HOPE NEW VENTURE SUCCESSFUL.

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CHRIS RANDY .

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MARY FRANCES HICKMAN=

5446 BELMONT DAL=

BEST REGARDS TO YOU AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LUCKY BRIDEGROOM IF YOU RUN YOUR HOME AS SUCCESSFULLY AS YOU HELPED US RUN OUR OFFICE PAUL SHOULD BE A VERY HAPPY MAN AND OUR SELF-SACRIFICE IN GIVING YOU UP WILL BE FULLY VINDICATED BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE HAPPINESS OF YOU BOTH=

THE MITCHELLS AND THE GIRLS IN THE OFFICE=

Mary Frances worked for John E Mitchell – see separate memoir

The Announcement
Friday - May 7, 1943 - Home

Margaret Friedel

Mother

Caroline Cage

Ruth Hickman

Polly Wilds

Bess Smith

Dinner - Girls at the Office
Friday - May 21, 1943 - Oakland Villa

Doris Sabney

Grace Lindsay

Virginia Davis

Elizabeth Sherman

Ernie Canale

Dinner and Crystal Shower
Caroline, Margaret, and Bee
Tuesday - June 1, 1943 - 5820 Richmond

Margaret Friedel
Caroline Cage
Bee Smith
Alice Miller
Polly Wilder
~~Forrest and Frank~~
Mr. E. E. Smith
Marian Hardy
Marjorie Allen

Mother
Martha D.
Betty Wolfe

Luncheon - Betty Wolfe
Wednesday - June 2, 1943 - Century Room

Betty Wolfe
Mother
Caroline
Carolyn Wolfe
Martha D.
Margaret

Dinner - Peggy Byrn

Thursday - June 3, 1943 - De George's

Peggy Byrn
 Grace Lindsay
 Louis Sabney
 Mother
 Mrs. E. W. Byrn
 Margaret Friedel
 Betty Wolfe
 Merida D.

Louise Candler

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Mary F. Hickman, Paul D. Minton Will Wed June 5

Mr. and Mrs. Willett J. Hickman, 5446 Belmont, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Frances Hickman, to Paul D. Minton of Portland, Ore., son of Mrs. Evelyn C. Minton, 5010 Bartlett. The wedding will take place June 5 with Miss Martha Hickman as her sister's only attendant.

The bride-elect was graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa, social sorority, and Mortar Board. The bridegroom-to-be also was graduated from Southern Methodist University, where he was a member of Blue Key.

Minton, 5010 Bartlett Street.

The wedding will take place June 5, and Miss Martha Hickman will be her sister's only attendant.

Both Miss Hickman and Mr. Minton were graduated from SMU. The bride-elect was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and Mortar Board, and Mr. Minton was a member of Blue Key.

Miss Hickman to Be Honored at Shower

Miss Mary Frances Hickman, bride-elect of Paul D. Minton of Portland, Ore., will be honored with a kitchen shower given Thursday evening by Mrs. Lewis L. Wilds at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Sadler, 3517 University Boulevard. Mrs. Wilds, a recent bride, is the former Polly Sadler.

Guests will be Misses Martha Hickman, Ruth Hickman, Mary Ella Sadler, Bee Smith, Betty Wolfe, Barbara Rowsey, Marjorie Ann Reagan, Marion Laird, Marjorie Cofer, Louise Johnson, Marion Hardy and Elizabeth Hardy, and Hickman home, Mrs. Willett Hickman, H. W. Sadler, John Friedel, William Guy Hickman, Miss Cage, Jimmy Stovall, Paul Pfeiffer, Miss Mary Ella Sadler, Clyde Funk, Jr., Evelyn C. Minton, Miss Bettie Minton, Herman May, W. H. Dickinson, Jr., and Miss Marjorie Cofer.

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Mrs. Lewis L.

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W. Sadler, 3517

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Attending will

Hickman, Miss

Miss Mary Ella

Smith, Miss Bett

bara Rowsey, M

Miss Marjorie C

Johnson, Miss

Elizabeth Hardy,

Miss Marjorie

Willlett Hickman,

ler, Mrs. Clyde

ham Guy Cage,

del, Mrs. Paul

lyn C. Minton,

ton, Mrs. W. H.

Jimmy Stovall,

Wolfe and Mrs.

Herman Mayo.

Kitchen Shower—Polly S. Wilds

Thursday—May 27, 1943—3517 University

Polly Wilds
 Barbara Rowsey
 Ruth Hickman
 Marian Hardy
 Janet Mayo
 Caroline Cage
 Mother
 Peggy Byrn
 Nina Dickinson
 Mrs. H. W. Sadler

Marjorie Cofer
~~Marjorie Cofer~~
 Mary Ella Sudler
 Ruth Pfeiffer
 Alice Stovel

Mary Hickman Honored

Complimenting Miss Mary Frances Hickman, bride-elect of Paul Dixon Minton, Miss Betty Wolfe entertained Wednesday noon with a luncheon in the Hawaiian Century Room of Hotel Adolphus.

Guests were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Willett J. Hickman; Mmes. William Guy Cage, John Friedel and Lewis Wilds; Misses Martha Hickman, Bee Smith, Carolyn Wolfe, Marjorie Cofer and Peggy Byrn.

Dinner Party Given For Mary Hickman

Honoring Miss Mary Frances Hickman, bride-elect of Paul Minton, a dinner was given Thursday night at DeGeorges by Miss Peggy

Byrn and her mother, Mrs. R. W. Byrn.

Places were marked for the honoree, Miss Martha Hickman, Miss Betty Wolfe, Miss Grace Lindsay, Mrs. W. J. Hickman, Mrs. John Friedel, Miss Doris Dabney, Mrs. Tom Cansler and the hostesses.