

Martin Leroy Shumway and family



*Martin Leroy and George
Lorin Shumway 1875*

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7/31/1893 to Herbert P. Shumway, Wakefield from M. Leroy Shumway

Dear Bro

Mother and father will be with you this evening and as they have got the blues pretty bad just now all through faults of mine I feel it my duty to write you just how it stands, and if they bring it up in conversation with you, as I feel sure they will, I wish you would put as bright a face on it as possible.

During the winter and this summer until Saturday last a beer wagon from Bancroft has been visiting Lyons and I was in the habit of patronizing it. Last Saturday he was arrested through the work of Fremont and several others, and is now out on bail awaiting for court to convene. Mont through the arrested man or someone learned of my visits to the wagon and went straight to mother and father with it. Not only this but everything he hears he carries to them whether he has foundations for suspicions or not until at last they feel as bad as any one could feel. You know what blue streaks father has and he feels now as though I, and all the world for that matter, was going to wreck and ruin. Try and say

something to raise father's spirits. Mont would drive him mad in less than a year and he would think he had the most worthless family of sons in the universe.

Yours, as ever, Roy

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10/14/1897 to Herbert Shumway from M. Leroy Shumway, Denver

Dear Bro

I send you inclosed check for sixteen dollars (\$16) which please hand to Dr. Wasson to pay my bill. I am sorry this was delayed as I could have paid it as well last month as now, but it was partly Ed mund's fault as I left it with him and supposed he had sent it long ago. I wouldn't say anything after letting a bill run this long but actually I don't see how Dr. makes it so large. I was to pay one dollar each for fillings and I had but nine fillings and cannot remember of having any thing else done to my teeth. I know I offered to pay him once when he said my bill was nine dollars, but he was expecting to cap a couple teeth for me then and wanted me to wait until he finished before we settled. I am not surprised at anything, in the shape of bills coming from Wakefield any more. I have surely learned a lesson that I will not forget the rest of my natural days. If you ever hear of my owing a cent in Denver or any other place you may depend upon it, that I made the debt with the full intention of never paying it because as long as I live with the intention of being honest I will never ask to be trusted for another cent. When I see anything I want if I haven't got the money in my pocket to pay for it with, no matter how much money I may have somewhere else, I will wait.

I am glad to hear that business prospects are looking so much brighter and sincerely hope that you can soon arrange your business so as to throw off some worry and care and live with more comfort.

I shall always regret that I ever came to Wakefield because I know that the worry you have had over me and

business while I was running it has shortened your life by years, and I can't do anything to repay you. I am just the same in most every way that I was when I left W. and probably always will be and think that the best thing for me to do is to start out in the spring and go away by myself and leave Edmund before I ruin his business and cause him any trouble.

Your bro, Roy

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2/26/1898 to Herbert Shumway from M. Leroy Shumway

Dear Bro

Haven't heard from you for a long time and see it is very evident that I will not unless I write occasionally myself.

Trade has been fair with the Ry. Mt. all winter but since they disposed of the Mitchell mine it has been very unsatisfactory. The service is bad and margins are close. It has been almost impossible to get coal enough and when they do get it they have to take anything that is on the market. The Ry. Mt. will have to get control of another mine or make very different arrangements for coal.

I haven't decided what I will do this summer but think it will be very quiet here after about April although Edmund thinks he will have plenty of work for me. I want to go to the mountains and spend the summer looking around. I haven't made up my mind yet.

Mother is getting along very nicely and think she will be better for her trip if she didn't hurry back too soon.

Edmund sent father a pass yesterday. Love to all

Roy



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5/27/1898 to Herbert Shumway from M. Leroy Shumway

Dear Bro

I don't know how to answer you, or what to say. I fully realize under what conditions I come back to Wakefield and what changes I will have to make in my self to make a success there but for that matter I know perfectly well I would have to do that before I can succeed anywhere in an honest way.

I imagined when I went to work here that I had made up my mind to do differently, but I have made another sad failure of it and find myself no better than when I started, and possibly worse.

There is no use of me writing you that I will do this or I will do that, or making you any promises. You would not be able to feel after you read it whether I meant it or not, and I don't remember of ever making you a promise that I kept.

If you want me to come back and help you through the buisy part of the season, say for 3 mos, I will come. I can do you no particular harm for that length of time and perhaps help you some. You will know by that time whether you want me to stay or not, and I will know whether there is any use of me trying or not.

Will know tomorrow whether I get the position at the mine or not, and will probably have to leave for there by

Monday, so send your answer by telegram as soon as you receive this letter and I will hold that awaiting your answer.
Your bro Roy



Wedding Picture - Jan 1900

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7/11/1903 to Herbert Shumway from M. Leroy Shumway

Dear Bro

I can't possibly come up next week. We were just rushed to death here this afternoon and it will be worse next week, & week after. The boys will be out in the country every day and I am worth more to business here for the next 20 days than the difference between you & Milligan will amount to.

Try & get some one else if you cant I can get away by the 1st of August

your bro

Roy

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1/06/1906 to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Neb; from M. Leroy Shumway

Dear Bro

Can you give me Dr. Wasson 's address at Sioux City? Jay has been wanting him to do some work on her teeth for some time and I thought if we could get a date with him during the Ben Her show there week after next we would go up and take it in. Finished our invoice which was very satisfactory. Sales was \$51,000 about \$5,000 larger than we ever had. Net to be divided between C has & I after paying father \$1,700, 10% on his money, a trifle over \$7,000. Guess we will need it to help on our next years business from the prospects ahead of us now.

Yours truly Roy Shumway



*Jessie & Marian Shumway
abt 1915*

•Roy Shumway is in Chicago this week looking after the sale and shipment of cattle made by L. G. Shumway to the Chicago market. Fritz Loppnow and Geo. Classen accompanied him to see the sights in the "Windy City." May 17 1906, Lyons [Ne] Weekly Sun

•Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shumway are now occupying their handsome new home. Their old residence which was sold to Wm. Newell, is being moved to his lot near the Enfield park. Nov 4 1909

This marriage was not successful – Jessie left Roy about 1920 and went to Los Angeles. Roy died very young – aged only 56.