Condolence Letters (1932-03)

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March 17, 1932.

Mr. L. E. Jones, V. P.
Eastman Kodak Co.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Perhaps others have sent you the attached but it is so sincere a tribute I just wanted to be sure you saw it.

With kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Alden B. Baker

AMERICAN BANKERS
Association
JOURNAL

22 E. 42nd STREET
NEW YORK CITY
Ashland 4-8700
March 17, 1932

Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

It was with deep regret and heartfelt sympathy that we learned of the passing away of Mr. George Eastman.

We take this opportunity to offer you our heartfelt condolences.

Yours very truly,

BERKSHIRE DRUGGISTS’ SUPPLIES SUPPLY CO., Inc.

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DEFENDER PHOTO SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

MARCH 17, 1932

Mr. William C. Stuber, President,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stuber:

The directors and officers of Defender Photo Supply Company, Inc., wish to extend to you and your associates sincere sympathy in the loss which your organization has sustained through the passing of Mr. Eastman.

Sincerely yours,
DEFENDER PHOTO SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.

(S) L. Dudley Field,
President

LDF:WP
Detroit
Commercial Photographers
Association

March 17, 1932

The Eastman Kodak Company
Rochester,
New York

Gentlemen:

The members of the Detroit Commercial
Photographers Association wish to express their
sympathy to the Eastman Kodak Company upon the
death of its president, Mr. George Eastman.

We feel that it is not only a great loss
to the photographic profession, but to the world
in general.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. Wilson
Secretary

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Col. A. N. Delbert
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FOLMER GRAFLEX CORP. ROCHESTER, N.Y.

MARCH 17, 1932

Mr. William G. Stuber,
President,
Eastman Kodak Company,
343 State Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stuber:

Few men, to whom have been entrusted the affairs of life, have administered them as has George Eastman. To create as wisely as did he, was most unusual. To dispose as wisely as did he, was more unusual. To have done both as did he, is his eulogy. His creations have benefited his fellowmen beyond measure. His benefactions likewise.

Please accept this, our expression of deep and continuing respect for the memory of Mr. Eastman, and for yourself and your associates our sincere condolences.

Most truly yours,
(S) N. L. Whitaker
President
GRAND LODGE
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, DOMAIN OF NEW YORK
MONROE A. BLUMENSTIEL, DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR
607 TERMINAL BUILDING, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

March 17, 1932.

It is with a sense of grief that we of the Thirtieth District, Knights of Pythias, note the journey of our fellow citizen George Eastman to that unknown land from whence no traveler has returned and join with those whom he held dear in the realization that the house he has left our midst his good deeds and public spirit will live forever in the hearts of our community.

(S) Monroe A. Blumenstiel
D. G. C.
March 17th, 1932

Mr. J. Jones

Eastman Kodak Co.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

It is with deep regret that we learn of the misfortune which has befallen you in the loss of your founder.

We desire to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

A. K. Hawkes Company

S/s

President.

S/s

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Col. Delbert
Vincennes,
Kodak Pathe
17.3.32.

Dear Mr. Bent:

I learned, while on my trip, of the terrible news which has fallen on our Company. I know all the affection which those who like you had lived as long time in Rochester had for Mr. Eastman. I, myself, on my return, must express to you the very great share which we take in your sorrow. I make it with much more sincerity since my trip to Rochester when I had the great honor of being presented to Mr. Eastman and being received in his home. I have been able, myself, to appreciate his character and the pleasure of collaborating in the organization which he created.

Mr. Shilton communicated to me the desire of Mr. Jones that our factory should be closed as a sign of mourning and I had myself taken steps this afternoon that all the services, except those which it was impossible to shut down, should be stopped.

I had the intention to organize this afternoon a ceremony at Vincennes at which we should speak of the work of Mr. Eastman etc, but Mr. Shilton told me that, in his opinion, such a ceremony would not correspond with the character of Mr. Eastman, and that it was preferable not to have it. Desirous of respecting the thoughts of him, the passing of whom we all regret, I therefore did not hold this service as I had intended, but I can assure you that everyone over here joins with me and with you in expressing their sad thoughts.

Yours, etc.

(S) C. Lair
PORTRET PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco, California

March 17th, 1932.

Under date of March 16th, 1932 a special meeting was held by the officers of the Portrait Photographers Association of San Francisco and the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted and a copy of the resolution ordered sent to the Eastman Kodak Company.

"We deeply regret the passing of Mr. George Eastman, who has been for many years a great leader in the advancement of photography, not only as an art but as a science as well. As the Head of the Great Company that bears his name he has been able to produce materials used in photography which are accepted as standard wherever used — in fact the entire world accepts them as such.

A good man and true; — his gifts of money to Institutions with which he became interested prove his acts were inspired by love of his fellow man. The world at large is the greatest mourner at his bier, and his memory in the hearts of mankind will be a memorial more lasting than any monument of stone or bronze.

A Great Man has lived; his works remain — a household cherished memory throughout the world."

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UNION TRUST COMPANY OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

MARCH 17, 1932

Mr. William G. Stuber, President,
Eastman Kodak Company,
345 State Street,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Mr. Stuber:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Union Trust Company of Rochester held this morning, the following resolution was adopted, and I was directed to send you a copy of the same:

"The Officers and Directors of the Union Trust Company of Rochester share in the sorrow which has come to the world, and especially to the people of his home city, in the passing from life of George Eastman.

He contributed incomparable strength and leadership to all the affairs of our City. Industry, Philanthropy, Education and the Artistic Enjoyment of Our People were advanced and promoted by him in a measure and with a liberality unequalled in our history.

We extend to his associates in the Eastman Kodak Company this inadequate expression of our regret that his earthly career has been finished."

Very sincerely yours,

(s) D. M. Rose

Vice President and Secretary
The University of Chicago  
Yerkes Observatory  
WILLIAMS BAY, WIS.  

March 17, 1932.

Dr. S. E. Sheppard,  
Research Laboratory,  
Eastman Kodak Company,  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Sheppard:

It was a great shock to the members  
of our staff to learn of the sudden passing of  
Mr. Eastman. We offer to you and your associates  
in the Research Laboratory our very sincerest  
sympathy in the loss of your distinguished leader.  
This observatory has had many benefits and court-
sees from your laboratory on questions of astro-
nomical research involved in photography. We  
believe that Dr. Wees is in England at this time  
and we sympathize with him in this shock which  
he must have felt deeply.

Very truly yours,

Edwin E. Frost, Director

ANSWERED  
MAR 24 1932  
SOLBERT
West Virginia State Board
of Dental Examiners

March 12, 1932

Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen: Please send me the names and
addresses of the best camera slide material.

I also want to express my deep appreciation
for the wonderful work of George Eastman
and my sincere regret that such a man as
he was could not have been blessed with
sufficient health to make his stay with
us much longer.

With best wishes for the continued success
of the business which he built up.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK M. FARNDWORTH

Col. Robert

MAR. 19, 1932

8:00 A.M.

Original now in the George Eastman Legacy Collection
George Eastman Museum

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River Campus Libraries
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CARL ZEISS, INC
485 Fifth Avenue,
New York

March 17, 1932

Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

May we express the sympathy of our organization with your bereavement.

With the decease of Mr. George Eastman the industry lost its great pioneer and leader and mankind a great benefactor.

Yours very truly,

CARL ZEISS INC.

(S) K.A. Bauer
President
THE BROOKLYN & LONG ISLAND ELECTRIC NOVELTY CO.

EASTMAN KODAK CO.,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

March 18, 1932

Gentlemen:

It was with deep regret that we learned Mr. George Eastman, passed away.

We feel that the Nation has lost one of their "select" friends.

We take this opportunity to offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Very truly yours,

BROOKLYN & LONG ISLAND ELECT. NOV. CO.

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T. Eaton Co. Limited,
Toronto 2,
Canada.

March 18, 1932.

Mr. W. G. Stuber, President,
Eastman Kodak Company,
545 State Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stuber:

It is with sincere regret that the
President and Directors of the Company have learned of
the passing of the Chairman of your Board, and they wish
me on their behalf to express to you our deepest sympathy
in your sad loss.

Yours sincerely

(s)
H. McGee
Vice-President

Condolence Letters (1932-03)
March 18, 1932.

Mr. F. W. Lovejoy, Vice-President,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

Thanks for your letter. There was a profound
spirit of reverential sorrow at Kingsport yesterday, as we
thought of Mr. Eastman’s death and funeral. I am quite
assured I never felt anything like it.

I don’t believe I could make you understand how
the whole community felt, not only the employees of the
Eastman Company, as much as they did, it was everybody.
There was little else discussed. As I walked along the
streets laboring men, merchants and professional men, desirous
of expressing their respect and affection for Mr. Eastman,
took me by the hand and said they were sorry to hear of his
death and the way of his going seemed to deepen their under-
standing and appreciation of him. They knew he was tired.
They seemed to feel like he had just lain down to sleep when
he couldn’t go any further or longer. The people here know
how he held the life-line for us when it wasn’t easy and
as they should do, and only should do, they are affectionately
grateful, and I think always will be, to his memory. Perhaps
the last time he was here -- I wrote him recalling it only
a week or so before his death -- at luncheon at Motherwood
Mr. F. W. Lovejoy -2-

only a few moments after his arrival he turned to me and said, Johnson, it looked as if we would have to stop, didn't it? I answered, yes, Mr. Eastman, but I didn't believe you would. As I know you have seen him do many a time, he rather sharply challenged the statement, as he asked, why didn't you think I would? Out of the very depths of my heart and with a profound sense of gratitude and obligation, I said to him, I thought Mr. Eastman you knew that if you stopped it would ruin us. I hope I can always remember as long as I live the kindly, sweet expression that came into his eyes as he softly replied, that was it, Johnson. It was just a glimpse of his great, warm heart -- I doubt if he intended I should have, but I didn't need to have it to know it was there.

The first thought that was in my mind this morning as I awoke was that all that was mortal of him is gone -- the world would have to adjust itself to his being gone -- and what a loss it is, and then the comforting and reassuring thought of how indestructible and eternal are the forces of good and happiness that he has initiated and created and put in motion to bless and comfort humanity as long as it shall be in the world to need it.

Please forgive me for writing so much. I have just felt like I wanted to talk to someone who loved him as I know you do.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

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EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

March 18, 1932

EXTRACT FROM Letter dated 3/15/32

Name Wm. M. Reid

Street

City Bishopville State S. C.

"Sorry to note Mr. Eastman's death, a big loss to America."

MAIL DEPARTMENT

By RN:BG

ORIGINAL TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Condolence Letters (1932-03)
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

March 18, 1932

EXTRACT FROM Letter dated 3/15/32

Mr. L.B. Jones

Name: Joseph Gherard
Street: Lovell Ave.
City: Windsor State Conn.

"I am sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Eastman, and it would be better if the world had more like him."

MAIL DEPARTMENT
By R.N.EG

ORIGINAL TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Condolence Letters (1932-03)
John J. Pershing  
Washington  
March 18, 1932.

Colonel Oscar M. Solbert,  
332 State Street,  
Rochester, New York.

My dear Solbert:

Your letter commenting upon the passing of  
that wonderful man, George Eastman, has just come to me  
at Walter Reed Hospital, and I thank you for it.

Of course it was with very deep sorrow that I  
read a day or two ago the sad news. It shook me  
greatly, as it must have thousands of his other friends  
the world over, and as yet I can hardly realize its full  
meaning.

The whole thing is truly tragic, and you will  
understand, I feel, my inability to express my feelings  
in words. I can only think of his enduring work, the  
evidences of his constant interest in his fellow-men, and  
the extent of his charity and philanthropy. Of my con-  
tacts with him, at his home in Rochester and when we  
crossed the Atlantic together, I shall always cherish  
fondest memories.

With best wishes always, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

John J. Pershing
Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, N.Y.

March 18th, 1932

In writing to the Eastman Kodak Co., I cannot proceed without expressing my own sadness on hearing of the news of Mr. Eastman’s passing. As a photographer, I feel grateful for the many things he has done to make our profession pleasanter and easier and more of an art. His reputation as a man and a philanthropist, lover and promoter of so many fine and uplifting and helpful activities, makes the world realize it has lost a splendid spirit.

I am sorry to have to change from the spirit of the above paragraph to business of a critical nature tho not at all unfriendly. I am not at all pleased with the way Opal Curls. It curls in the box before printing, curls so badly that it pushers the covers off the boxes exposing the paper. If prints happen to be dried on the racks, they curl almost double. When delivered as sheet prints, the middle of an eleven by fourteen prints edge will rise an inch from the mount. Unless mounted on heavy stock they curl the mounts in. The prints crack easily when being straightened. One of the great needs of photography now is portrait printing paper that will lie flat. Can something be done about it?

From: [Signature]

Condolence Letters (1932-03)
March 22, 1932.

Mr. Trevor Teale,
203 North Aurora Street,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to that portion of your letter dated March 18 we regret very much to know that you have recently experienced some difficulty with Vitava Opal Paper on account of it curling badly as described in your letter. While all grades of developing-out paper are more apt to curl during the winter months on account of heated rooms, it should not give you difficulty to the extent of pushing the covers off the boxes or the prints showing a buckled effect when being properly mounted. We are pleased you referred this matter to us as a copy of your letter is being referred to our Manufacturing Department for their consideration. We feel very sure that we can supply you with material which will work out to your entire satisfaction and if you have any paper on hand at the present time which you cannot satisfactorily employ we shall be glad to have you return it to us for replacement; or, if you have sustained a loss of material due to the curled result, kindly notify us of the size, grade and quantity involved as we shall be pleased to forward other material to you to cover the loss of material you have sustained.

The reporting of this matter to us is appreciated and we trust we will hear from you regarding any unsatisfactory material which you may now have on hand.

Very truly yours,

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

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Dear Mr. [Name]

We are very sorry to hear of the death of your father. We understand he was a very kind and gentle man, and we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

May God grant you peace and solace in this time of mourning.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
March 16, 1932

Eastman Kodak Co.,
Rochester, New York

Gentlemen:

I am very much grieved to hear of the
death of Mr. George Eastman as the result of his misfortunes of
ill health.

It is to be regretted that ill health had to
overcome such a wonderful career and a man who demonstrated his
ability to attain great wealth. However money is of no avail if
health fails.

Mr. Eastman has been a standing figure in
business circles as well as the unlimited good which he has done
both here and abroad to mankind.

I have been in active photographic business since
1888 and have never used any material except Eastman products.
I am now using Eastman portrait panoramic film and super
sensitive panoramic. However I do only commercial business and am
now on the staff of the Terre Haute Tribune-Star.

Hoping the management of the business will
continue to live and prosper.

Respectfully,

R.B. Hape.

813 Wabash Ave.,
Terre Haute, Ind.
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
DENVER, COLORADO

O R A N D O  P R E S T O N  
Vice President

March 21, 1932

Dear Mr. Jones:

The officers and directors of The First National Bank join with the entire world to deplore the untimely end of the useful and honorable career of your late Chairman, Mr. Eastman.

Especially in these troubled times will his wise business leadership and boundless philanthropies be sadly missed.

Our sincere sympathy is extended.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Claude Suter
Vice President

Mr. Lewis B. Jones, President
Eastman Kodak Company
Rochester, New York

MAR 21 1932

Col. Doebert