

The Move to California

In 1942, Herbert Jordan traveled to California without his immediate family to find employment. His mother and his brothers Art, Eddie, and possibly Chuck and sister Francis had been in California for a number of years. Herb had recently been unemployed in Chicago and he must have liked it there as he decided to move. In early 1943 his wife, who was still in Chicago fell on the ice and broke her leg. Herb returned from California to take care of her as one son was in the Army Air Force, another about to be and the other working. In the fall of 1943, it was time to move from their 6934 S. Throop St. home in Chicago and he hired a moving company to pack up their goods and ship them to California. By January 13, 1944 the goods had not yet arrived.

Herb then wrote the following letter which has been transcribed for easier reading. Following the letter is the Moving Company packing list and then Herb's handwritten personal checklist of what was moved. The letter is probably a copy of his original so that he had a copy of what he wrote. Hence the cryptic inside address. On the heading of the letter, possibly Holly, is Holly Holinshead, the husband of his sister Frances, along with part of an address. As many of us do with the changing of the year, he wrote the wrong year for January. I corrected the January 13 1943 date to 1944.

Dave Jordan

4/22/2010

Original Document Location: Green metal box at Tim Jordan's

Geil Movers

January 13, 1944

Holly 1411

Spring

1629 [can't read]

Miller,

On Oct. 30, 1943, Geil Mover's furniture truck called at 6934 So. Throop St. and picked up furniture and household goods and took same to your warehouse.

At that time, [the] man who packed [the] dishes and that was in charge was told to send [the] furniture immediately and you were to insure same as per my conversation in your office with your [can't read] an additional all coverage insurance to the extent of \$2000. I had not heard from you and on Dec. 13, 1943 I sent a telegram and on Dec. 17, 1943 received your answer by mail stating [the] furniture would be sent immediately. To date January 13, 194[4], one month latter I have heard nothing with regards [to] this shipment from you.

By return mail, I would like an explanation to the delay in this shipment, also my copy of insurance coverage additional [can't read] on same and if it has already been shipped, copy of waybill and itemized weight of same and to what furniture warehouse company same will be shipped care of.

Yours truly,

H. Jordan

Geil Delivery

North Hollywood

California

Sent Air Mail

Reg and R.R.¹

Then follows:

1. General Movers, Inc Inventory for 10/30/1943 move from 6934 S. Throop, Chicago
2. Two pages of handwritten checklist of items moved written by Herbert Jordan. It is interesting to see the list of items that were shipped.

¹ Registered and Return Receipt

Leil Movers.

Wm Miller

Jan 13-1943
Holly 1410
Spring 1629 Room

On Oct 30-1943 Leil Movers furniture truck called at 6934 So Throop St and picked up furniture and household goods and took same to your warehouse.

At that time man who packed dishes and that was in charge was told to send furniture immediately and you were to insure same as per my conversation in your office with you with an additional all coverage insurance to the extent of 7000⁰⁰, I had not heard from you and on Dec 13-1943 - I sent a telegram and on Dec 17-1943 received your answer by mail stating furniture would be sent immediately. To date Jan 13-1943 one month latter I have heard nothing with regards this shipment from you.

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Yours truly

H Jordan

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North Hollywood
California

sent
air mail.
~~the bill~~
Reg + P.M.

GENERAL MOVERS, Inc.

2433 WEST 14th STREET :: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS :: MONROE 4870
 LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE MOVING

INVENTORY

ABBREVIATIONS

B—Broken L—Loose T—Torn
 C—Contents Unknown M—Marred W—Worn
 G—Good Condition S—Scratched X—Soiled
 Z—Cracked

3-1216

Date 10/30/43

Con No. _____ Shipper
 Van No. _____ Driver

H. Jordan

6934 So. Troop St

LOADING

UNLOADING

Date 5:35 _____ Hour _____
 Street _____
 City 2010 _____ State _____
 Instructions _____

Date _____ Hour _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____
 Instructions _____

2000⁰⁰ - Ins 910

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE	Condition When Received	Condition When Delivered
1 x 1 Sunny Mat		
2 x 1 Cedar Chest		
3 x Mat		
4 x Mat		
5 x Gas Stove		
6 Bed Ends III		
7 x Shirts		
8 x Broken II		
9 Mirror II		
10 Bed sides III		
11 x 6 Chair		
12 x 1 Dining Table		
13 x 1 Sizer		
14 x 1 Rug		
15 1 Mat		
16 x 1 Ice Cream Machine		
17 x 1 Radio		
18 x 1 Book Case		
20 x 2 Baby		
21 x 1 Stair		
22 x 1 Ottoman		
23 x 1 - small 2 color chair		
24 x 1 Pad		
25 Barrel (4) x 5		

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE	Condition When Received	Condition When Delivered
26 x 1 Iron Board		
27 2 Carpers		
28 x Wash Mat		
29 x Fan Mirror		
30 x 1 Case		
31 x Day Bed		
32		
33		
34		
35		
36		
37		
38		
39		
40 Insurance 12 x 4 1/2 units to		
41 1 - Glass mirror 12 x 4 1/2 units to		
42 2 - Large Pictures 12 x 4 1/2 units to		
43 1 - 7 feather ticks wrapped		
44 1 - Metal Lending stand		
45 1 - 3 Piece Bedroom set		
46 1 - 2 Piece Bedroom set		
47 1 - 2 Piece Bedroom set		
48 1 - Broom		
49 1 - Dust mop		
50 1 - Vegetable Bin		
1 - Parhells in lead		

2000⁰⁰ Policy
 H. Jordan

- x Ice Box Frigidair
- x Gas Stove Sears
- x Ironer Mangel Thor
- x Sewing Machine
- x Cedar Chest
- Vegetable Bin
- x Ironing Board

- x 1 End Table
- x 1 Coffee table
- x 1 Smoking stand
- x 1 Wassoock
- 1 metal smoking case
- x 1 Chair - ladder co
- x 1 Vacuum cleaner
- 1 Boat Electric Stove

- Broom
- Dust Mop
- Dishes
- Electric Toaster
- Mix Master
- Pots + Pans

company to pack same
 Check Number of
 Barrels (5)

- 1 - Feather Tick
- Kenmore 1 Washing Machine
- rubber tired x 1 Lawn Mower
- x 1 Hose Reel + 100 ft
- x 1 Day bed cot
- 2 - Large Pictures
- 1 - Glass

- x Harold's Dresser 5 Drawers
- x Bed
- x 90 - Coil Spring orchid color Tiger Brand

2 Pillows
 spread + Blanket
 in drawers

- x Dining Room Set
- x Table
- x 6 Chairs
- x small server
- 2 small lamps Glass
- 3 Lamps in set
- 1 Large floor lamp

Total check
 of Furniture

- Bedroom set
- x Bed
- x Springs
- 2 Pillows
- 2 Blankets

Ironing Board

Broom

Dust Mop

Dishes

Electric Toaster

Mix Master

Pots + Pans

Harold's Dresser 5 Drawers

Bed

90-Pil Spring orchid color Tiger Brand

Dining Room Set

Table

6 Chairs

small server

2 small lamps glass

3 Lamps in set

1 Larger floor lamp

Bedroom set

Bed

Spring mattress innerspring

Dresser - Oval mirror

Shiffers robe

Dressing Table Bench

Small paper shoe cabinet filled

2 rugs ^x 1 Pad

- Book Case - Glass doors

- Radio Sears - metal tubes

x 1 Vacuum cleaner

1 Boat Electric Pk

1 - Feather Tick

Kennmore 1 Washing Machine

rubber tired x 1 Lawn Mower

x 1 Hose Reel + 100 ft hose

x 1 Day bed cot

2 - Large Pictures

1 - Glass

2 Pillows
spread + Blankets
in drawers

Total check
of Furniture

2 Pillows
2 Blank
Pillows Blankets
1 - Feather Tick + 1 spread
in dresser drawers

Company to
Pack same
Check Number of
Barrels
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