Diaries of John J. Ledbetter, Jr. 1945 through 1961

1945 In Charlottesville, Ann Arbor, El Paso and San Antonio

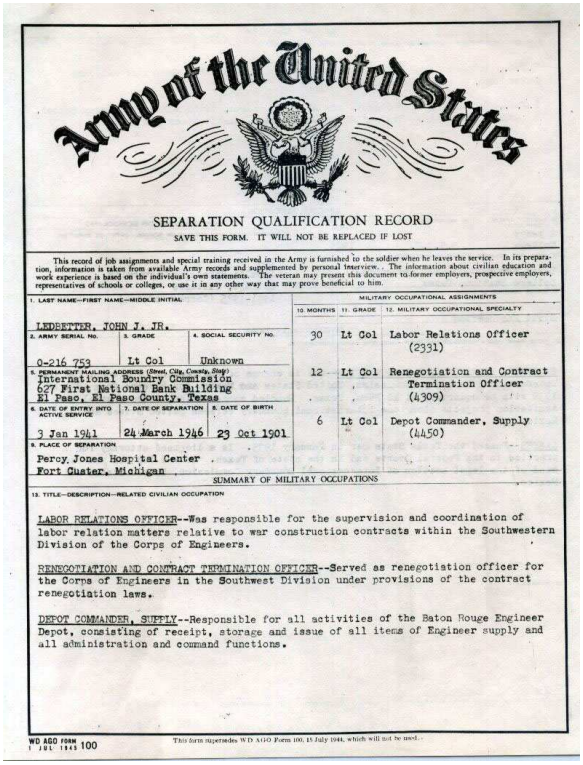
- Tuesday, January 2, 1945. Began classes today at School of Military Govt., Univ. of Va., Charlottesville, Va.
- Thursday, January11, 1945. By notice posted on Bulletin Board it was indicated that I would be assigned to Civil Affairs Training School at Univ. of Michigan upon completion SMG at Charlottesville. Va.
- Tuesday, January 16, 1945. Got to bed at 3:00 a.m. this morning. Working on problem solution at SMG.
- Wednesday, January 17, 1945. Got to bed at 1:30 a.m. this morning.
- Monday, January 23, 1945. In bed today with bad cold and stomach trouble.
- Tuesday, January 24, 1945. In bed today with bad cold and stomach trouble.
- Saturday, February 10, 1945. Graduated from School of Military Government, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. Received Diploma and letter advising that my rating for the course was "Superior."
- Wednesday, February 21, 1945. Began today regular schedule of instruction at Civil Affairs Training School, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan, including study of Japanese Language and Japanese, area, economy, etc.
- Thursday, February 22, 1945. Rented apartment at 811 W. Huron, Ann Arbor, Mich., this evening. Leonora and Bill Ledbetter arrived in Ann Arbor by train this evening.
- Friday, March 16, 1945. Remained at home today because of stomach trouble.
- Saturday, March 17, 1945. Remained at home today because of stomach trouble.
- Sunday, March 18, 1945. In bed most of day with stomach trouble.
- Saturday, May 5, 1945. Class II Civil Affairs Training School, Univ of Mich. graduated today. My stomach trouble became more serious today and I went to bed this afternoon.
- Sunday, May 6, 1945. In bed all day with stomach trouble.
- Monday, May 7, 1945. Entered Univ of Michigan Health Service (Hospital) at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 14, 1945. Class III left for Fort Sheridan this morning. I remained at home.
- Wednesday, May 16, 1945. Had fluoroscopic stomach examination and numerous stomach x-rays taken today at Univ. of Michigan Hospital.
- Sunday, June 2, 1945. Jack Wallace arrived in Ann Arbor by train at 9:45 p.m.
- Friday, July 27, 1945. Today had final type physical exam at Army Dispensary, Buell Bldg, Detroit, Michigan, to determine my fitness for overseas duty.
- Saturday, August 11, 1945. Leonora, Jack, and Bill left Detroit, Mich., tonight at 11:30 p.m. by train for Dallas, Texas.
- Tuesday, August 14, 1945. President Truman announced by radio at 7:00 p.m. that Japan had accepted surrender terms.
- Saturday, August 18, 1945. Graduated today from Civil Affairs Training School, University of Michigan. Members of my class left by train at 1:30 p.m. for west coast.
- Monday, August 20, 1945. Left Ann Arbor by car about 10:30 a.m. EMT. Arrived Battle Creek Michigan about 12:30 a.m. CWT. Entered Percy Jones General Hospital.
- Tuesday, August 28, 1945. Major Simons old me that x-rays showed that I had an active ulcer and that I would have to go to bed and on diet tomorrow morning.

THE CIVIL AFFAIRS TRAINING SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
DIVISION FOR EMERGENCY TRAINING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
LT. COL. JOHN J. LEDBETTER, JR., C.E.
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE OF
THE CIVIL AFFAIRS TRAINING SCHOOL
AS PRESCRIBED BY
THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY
AUGUST 18, 1945

Director, Division for Emergency Training
Associate Director, Civil Affairs Training School
Director, Civil Affairs Training School

- Wednesday, August 29, 1945. In bed today. Moved to Sec 3 Ward 23. Treatment:
    - In bed.
    - Mixture of milk and cream every two hours 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (one glass at a time).
    - Belladonna 3 times a day.
    - Sippy powder every two hours 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 28, 1945. Went before Disposition Board, Percy Jones Gen Hospital this afternoon. The board recommended that I be retired from the Army.
- Wednesday, November 14, 1945. Met Army Retiring Board, Percy Jones Hospital Center, Ft. Custer, Mich., at 9:00 a.m. today. Board found that I was permanently incapacitated from active military duty by reason of duodenal ulcer and that such disability was a result of incidence of the service.



Army of the United States

SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

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This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL: LEDBETTER, JOHN J. JR.
2. ARMY SERIAL No.: 0-216 753
3. GRADE: Lt Col
4. SOCIAL SECURITY No.: Unknown
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State): International Boundry Commission, 627 First National Bank Building, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: 3 Jan 1941
7. DATE OF SEPARATION: 24 March 1946
8. DATE OF BIRTH: 23 Oct 1901
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION: Percy Jones Hospital Center, Fort Custer, Michigan

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
30	Lt Col	Labor Relations Officer (2331)
12	Lt Col	Renegotiation and Contract Termination Officer (4309)
6	Lt Col	Depot Commander, Supply (4450)

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

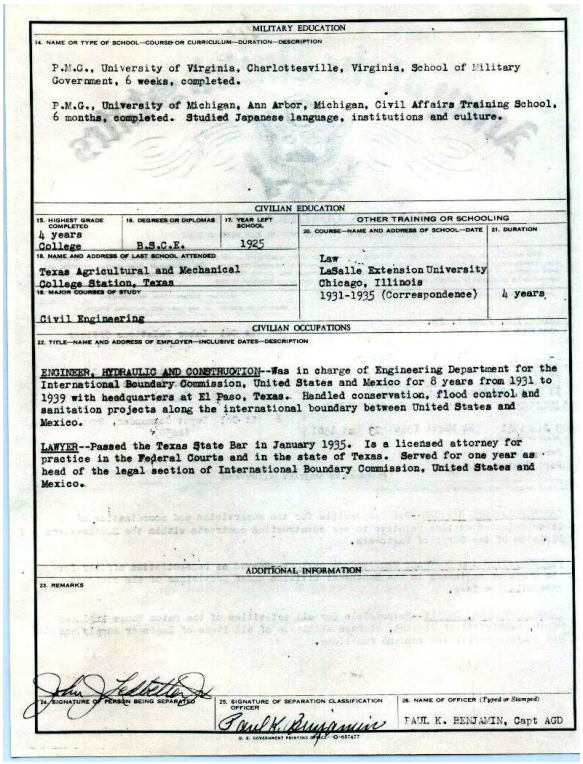
13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

LABOR RELATIONS OFFICER--Was responsible for the supervision and coordination of labor relation matters relative to war construction contracts within the Southwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers.

RENEGOTIATION AND CONTRACT TERMINATION OFFICER--Served as renegotiation officer for the Corps of Engineers in the Southwest Division under provisions of the contract renegotiation laws.

DEPOT COMMANDER, SUPPLY--Responsible for all activities of the Baton Rouge Engineer Depot, consisting of receipt, storage and issue of all items of Engineer supply and all administration and command functions.

WD AGO FORM 1 JUL 1945 100 — This form supersedes WD AGO Form 100, 15 July 1944, which will not be used.



MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

P.M.G., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, School of Military Government, 6 weeks, completed.

P.M.G., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Civil Affairs Training School, 6 months, completed. Studied Japanese language, institutions and culture.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED: 4 years College
16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS: B.S.C.E.
17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL: 1925
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED: Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Station, Texas
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY: Civil Engineering

OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING

20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE: Law, LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Illinois, 1931-1935 (Correspondence)
21. DURATION: 4 years

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION

ENGINEER, HYDRAULIC AND CONSTRUCTION--Was in charge of Engineering Department for the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico for 8 years from 1931 to 1939 with headquarters at El Paso, Texas. Handled conservation, flood control and sanitation projects along the international boundary between United States and Mexico.

LAWYER--Passed the Texas State Bar in January 1935. Is a licensed attorney for practice in the Federal Courts and in the state of Texas. Served for one year as head of the legal section of International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER: Paul K. Benjamin

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped): PAUL K. BENJAMIN, Capt AGD

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: O-657477

- Thursday, November 16, 1945. Received orders relieving me from active military duty for physical disqualification & placing me on terminal leave. 8 days travel time & 120 days leave. SO No. 195 PJHC Fort Custer, Mich., 15 Nov 1945, para. 23. Orders effective 16 Nov 1945 & relieved me from active duty on 24 March 1946.
- Tuesday, December 4, 1945. Leonora and I drove from Dryden to El Paso today.
- Wednesday, December 5, 1945. Had talk with LM Lawson about returning to Boundary Commission.
- Saturday, December 8, 1945. LML indicated this morning that he would expect me to return to IBC at 4960 PA which is my old P4 grade plus automatic and other authorized salary increases.
- Sunday, December 9, 1945. Left El Paso about 4:00 p.m. (MST). Stopped in Marfa about 8:00 p.m. (CST).
- Monday, December 10, 1945. Arrived San Antonio about 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 12, 1945. Too Bill to Ft. Sam Houston for eye examination.
- Saturday, December 29, 1945. Went to see County Judge Chas W. Anderson this morning and obtained his approval of Drivers License for Jack Wallace. Took Jack to Texas Dept Public Safety to take driver's license examination. He didn't pass.

1946 In San Antonio, Dallas and Austin

- Tuesday, January 8, 1946. Received by mail today:
  - Ltr from Col Han.
  - Ltr dated2 Jan 46 GAL/kal, signed by G.A. Lindsay Jr, 2d Lt F.D. Chief, Receipts and Dist. Br., for Fiscal Director ASF, 6th SC, PJHC, Ft. Custer, Mich, subject "Signature of Form 336, inclosing voucher for $100.60 to cover addn pay for prom Lt Col to Col, over 20 yrs service, 24 Dec 1945 to 24 Mar 46 encl.
  - Ltr. AGPO-S 201 Ledbetter, John Jackson Jr, (2 Jan 45 [46?]) WGW/LJS/mve/2325, dated 2 Jan 1946, signed by Samuel J. Cole, AG, by Order of the Sec of War, Subject, "Retirement Pay, to me, Lt. Col 0216753 AUS, 948 Bailey Ave, thru CG, 8th SC, with 1st Ind AG 201 (off) Ledbetter, John Jackson Jr, FK/cn dated 7 Jan 1946. Basic ltr advised that I was that date being certified to Adm of Veterans Affairs for Retirement pay of $284.37 monthly effective 24 March 1946. Basic ltr advised that I was that date being certified to Adm of Vererans Affairs for Retirement pay of $284.37 montyhly effective 25 March 1946.
- Friday, January 11, 1946. Wrote and mailed letter of resignation for position as Asst Gen Counsel, IBC.
- Sunday, January 13, 1946. Answered Ad in SA Express for Public Relations position. Sent photograph and experience record. Answered ad in SA Express for position with McGraw-Hill Co. Sent photo and experience record.
- Thursday, January 17, 1946. Mailed letter to the AG, US Army, thru CG, 8th SC asking about the amt of my retirement pay.
- Saturday, January 26, 1946. Discussed plans for advanced University work in Law & Engineering with Mssrs J.E. Hutzler and Geo D. McLean, and Dr. M.E. Broom of Veterans Adm. in San Antonio. Called Prof W.F. Ransdell of Univ of Mich at Ann Arbor about entering Univ. He will wire me tomorrow.
- Monday, January 28, 1946. Received this evening wire from Prof W.F. Ransdell as follows: "Admission approved subject to transcript. Phone me tomorrow night after ten for details."
- Tuesday, January 29, 1946. Call Prof W.F. Ransdell by phone this evening and discussed the matter of my taking additional work at Univ of Mich.
- Wednesday, January 30, 1946. Left in car for Austin Tex. About 12:30. This afternoon interviewed following individuals at Texas Univ regarding work I might take at Texas U for PhD degree: W.R. Woodrich, Dean of Eng., R.F. Dawson, Assoc. Prof. Phil M. Ferguson, Prof.
- Thursday, January 31, 1946. Today interviewed at U of T same people as yesterday and following additional: Dr Dana Young, Prof of CE, Dean Program of Grad Sch.
- Friday, February 1, 1946. Left Austin about 12:00 noon. Arrived College Sta., Tex. About 2:30 p.m. Talked with J.T.L. McNew and E.E. McQuillen. Left A&M about 6:00 p.m. [enroute to Ann Arbor]
- Friday, February 8, 1946. Today drove from Carmi, Ill. to Ann Arbor, Mich. Arrived Ann Arbor about 11:30 p.m. EST.
- Saturday, February 9, 1946. Spent day with Prof. W. F. Ransdell. Had conference with Dean Ivan C. Crawford of College of Engineering. Went to see Mrs. Hammet, Mgrf Fed Housing Project at Willow Grove Village. Met Col F.C. Rogers, Mgr of Pitttsfield Village. Went to see James Wilson late this afternoon.
- Monday, February 11, 1946. Had conference with Dean Ivan C. Crawford this morning and with Dean W.J. Emmons this afternoon.
- Tuesday, February 12, 1946. Left Ann Arbor about 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 15, 1946. Arrived Dallas about 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 16, 1946. Spent morning at SMU with Dean Potts of Law School.
- Monday, February 18, 1946. Enrolled in School of Law, SMU for Spring Trimester beginning March 4. Saw Mr. T.G. Smith Vets Adm. – Merc Bank Bldg, and executed application forms for educational advantages under GI Bill of Rights.
- Tuesday, February 19, 1946. Saw ;Mr. J.H. Lampkin, Texas Band & Trust Co., and executed application form for Cert. of Eleg. for purchase of home under GI Bill of Rights.
- Wednesday, February 20, 1946. Went to Mssrs. J.G. Loving and T.S. Walker about GI Loan for purchase of house.

- Tuesday, February 26, 1946. Good appraiser would appraise house at 3708 Normandie at $16,000. Made Mrs. Pace, Porter Realty Co., offer of $14,000 for 3708 Normandie.
- Wednesday, February 27, 1946. Mr. Walker, DFS&LA, offers to finance 3708 Normandie for $16,000 with $3,000 cash.
- Monday, March 4, 1946. Started law classes at SMU this morning.
- Friday, March 15, 1946. Moved into Apt. 2488, at 2641 Willacy Place, Mustang Village.
- Friday, March 29, 1946. Today signed contract with Eugene J. Robb to purchase Robb's house at 3226 Amherst. Made arrangements with Mr. Parker at Love & Costa Offices, 707 Rep. Nat'l. Bank Bldg., for GI loan to purchase Amherst St. home.
- Tuesday, April 16, 1946. This afternoon completed purchase of house & lot at 3226 Amherst, Dallas, Texas. Price $11,750.
- Saturday, May 18, 1946. Jack Wallace in competition for best drilled cadet at Dallas Tech High.
- Saturday, June 8 1946. Andy Rollins called me and asked if I would consider position as Executive Secretary Texas Society of Professional Engineers.
- Monday, June 10, 1946. Went to see Andy Rollins about position as Executive Secretary TSPE. Andy said the job would pay $7,500 per annum.
- Sunday, June 16, 1946. Advised Vets Adm by ltr that effective this date I had discontinued law course at SMU.
- Thursday, June 27, 1946. Ex Bd [of TSPE] offered me position as Ex Sec. at $7,500 per An. and I accepted.
- Thursday, July 4, 1946. Leonora, Jack, Bill and I left Dallas in Chev. about 11:00 a.m. Arrived in Austin about 4:30 p.m. I stopped at Austin Hotel. Family drove on to San Antonio.

WBL and JWL in 1946

- Saturday, July 6, 1946. Looked at houses with Leonora.
- Sunday, July 14, 1946. Leonora and I drove to YMCA Boys Camp at Hunt, Tex. To see Jack & Bill.
- Tuesday, July 16, 1946. Made application with First Fed Sav & Loan Assn. for loan on house at 2007 Hopi Trail, Austin.
- Thursday, August 15, 1946. Moved furniture into house at 2007 Hopi Trail.
- Saturday, September 28, 1946. Obtained new Army Service Certificate to show my grade as Colonel.
- Monday, October 28, 1946. L.W. Lackey died at Nix Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, Texas at 2:50 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 29, 1946. Funeral Services for L.W. Lackey held at 10:00 a.m. at Porter Loving's. Internment at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

1947 In Austin

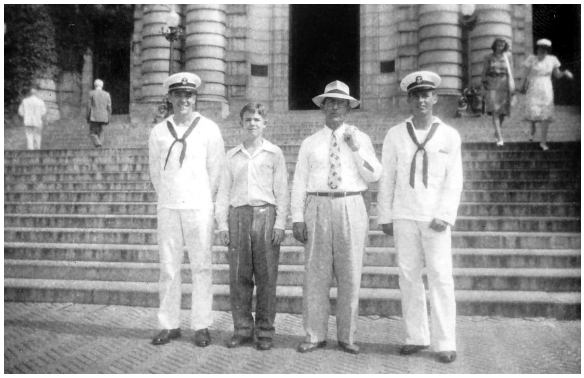
- Saturday, January 11, 1947. Bill bitten by dog this afternoon. Dr. Archer consulted. He gave Bill booster ??? + Tetanus shot. Dog belonged to Mr. E.P. Thomas 1701 Scenic Drive, phone 5037.
- Monday, January 13, 1947. Arthritis in my hands and right hip today.
- Tuesday, January 28, 1947. Leonora and I went to see Dr Terry Watt. It was decided that Leonora would enter Hospital on Feb. 25 and have gall bladder operation on Feb 26.
- Sunday, February [2, 1947]. Mesdames LW and HD Lackey drove over from San Antonio.
- Tuesday, February 4, 1947. Beginning to have sensations of stomach trouble from ulcer today – more than ordinary acid trouble.

- Monday, February 17, 1947. Talked to Bennett and a Mr. Goodman about finishing room upstairs and painting house at 2007 Hopi Trail – Austin.
- Tuesday, February 18, 1947. Mr. Goodman offered to:
    - build upstairs room complete for $537.00
    - Paint house and garage 170.00

  Mr. G.H. Bacon offered to do elec work for 70.00
  Burnet offered to do insulation for 373.00
  $1150.00

  Agreed to above offers and filled out FHA forms for loan of $1100.
  Jack Wallace elected President Senior Class Austin High School.
- Tuesday, February 25, 1947. Leonora entered Seton Hospital about 6:00 p.m. for gall bladder operation.
- Wednesday, February 26, 1947. Leonora operated on this morning. Gallstone about 1 inch long and egg shaped removed. 2 night nurses with Leonora.
- Thursday, February 27, 1947. 2 nurses on 8 hr shifts each with Leonora tonight.
- Friday, February 28, 1947. 2 nurses on 8 hr shifts each with Leonora tonight.
- Tuesday, March 4, 1947. Leonora went thru night without special nurse.
- Wednesday, March 5, 1947. Brought Leonora home from hospital about 5:00 p.m. today.
- Saturday, March 8, 1947. Jack Wallace left Austin at 10:45 am by train for Dallas, Texas to appear before Naval Board for examination for NROTC program.
- Tuesday, March 11, 1947. Jack Wallace returned from Dallas by bus at midnight. He passed Naval ROTC physical exam subject to results of x-ray of chest and blood test.
- Monday, April 7 [1947]. Jack Wallace received wire from Lyndon B Johnson offering second alternate appointment to U.S. Naval Academy in July 1947. Jack answered by wire accepting and expressing appreciation for appointment.
- Wednesday, April 16, 1947. Jack W. taking entrance examination for Annapolis today.
- Friday, April 18, 1947. Mrs. Bales, Leonora's grandmother died today at 6:00 p.m. in San Antonio, Texas.
- Friday, May 16, 1947. Jack Wallace reserved notice from Navy Dept of his apptmt to Naval ROTC to attend Texas University.
- Monday, May 26, 1947. Jack W received today notice from Navy Dept that he had passed entrance exam to Annapolis.
- Friday, May 30, 1947. Commencement exercises for Austin High School class of 47 held this evening at Gregory Gym. Jack Wallace, as President, Senior Class, made welcoming address. Jack also awarded Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Award.
- Wednesday, June 4, 1947. Jack Wallace registered at the Texas Univ in Mech Eng today for Summer School. Reg fees both terms $42.00.
- Thursday, June 5, 1947. Left for Dallas in car about 11:00 a.m. Riddle, Bill, Aunt Birdie & Mary Frances Siedo with me. Stopped at Adolphus Hotel after leaving Bill to visit Garrett Briggs.
- Friday, June 6, 1947. Fever and chills last night. Went to see Doctors at Medical Division – Vet. Adm. – Love Field this morning. Dr. Deacon had blood count made & Dr Jameson checked prostate. Blood count showed 25,900 and Dr. Deacon sent me to Vet Hospital at Lisbon.
- Saturday, June 7, 1947. Dr. Daily gave me thorough examination. Blood count – 15,000. Called Leonora about 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 8, 1947. Blood count taken today. Dr. Daily said about the same as yesterday.
- Monday, June 9, 1947. Bad night last nite, fever & aching. Samples for blood tests taken. Dr From examined prostate & massaged it. Said was 4 plus ??? & should be massaged about once a week for 5 or 6 weeks.
- Tuesday, June 10, 1947. Called Leonora about 4:00 p.m. She had just had automobile collision at Hopi Trail & Gilbert – in Austin with car driven by Mrs. Mary E. Hopson, 1307 Travis Blvd – Austin. Bill and I left Dallas about ….
- Wednesday, June 12, 1947. Reported automobile damage to Commercial Credit Co – Austin and to Dallas office by wire. Took 4 sulfa tablets today.

- Thursday, June 12, 1947. Took 4 sulfa tablets today. Took Leonora to see Dr Watt this afternoon. He had Dr Richardson make x Rays for Ins Co. Report. X Ray showed one fractured rib. I had talk with Mr. Curtis, investigator for Insurance Co carrying publ liability insurance for Hopsons.
- Friday, June 13, 1947. Went to Vet Adm Office in Austin this afternoon to see about medical treatment for prostate.
- Monday, June 16, 1947. Jack Wallace on KNOW Radio program at 8:00 p.m. discussing on open forum "Juvenile Delinquency."
- Thursday, June 17, 1947. Went to see Dr John Smith, Vet Adm. Doctor in Austin. He examined prostate and found it ok. Executed Oath of Office as Colonel, Hon Res, at Hq 4th Mil Area.
- Friday, June 18, 1947. Took Leonora to Corpn Court at 2:00 p.m. in case growing out of accident on June 10. Judge found Leonora not guilty. Found Mars Hopson guilty and fined her $8.00.
- Sunday, June 29, 1947. 1) Took Bill to Boy Scout camp this afternoon. 2) James Duke III called Leonora and advised that he had notified Navy Dept that he would not accept appointment to Naval Academy. 3) Jack W. received wire from Lyndon B. Johnson advising that Duke had withdrawn and that Jack principal appointee to Annapolis. Jack answered wire accepting appointment.
- Thursday, July 3, 1947. Jack W gave dinner party at home for about 20 teenagers. Jack W rec'd orders to report to Annapolis at 8:30 a.m. on July 10, 1947, for final physical exam. RR fares Austin to Wash DC & return:
  - 1st class one way 59.65
  - 1st class round trip 99.48
  - L. berth 1 way 15.35
  - Single B. Rm 1 way 27.54
  - Double B. Rm 1 way 30.59
- Monday, July 7, 1947.Jack Wallace and I left Austin on Mo. Pac. At 10:50 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 8, 1947. Arrived St Louis about 8:30 a.m. Left St Louis about 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 9, 1947. 1) Jack W and I arrived Washington 8:30 a.m. (EST). Registered at Statler Hotel. 2) Went to NSPE Hq. and saw Robbins & staff. 3) Went to House Ofc Bldg and saw Lyndon Johnson. 4) Took bus for Annapolis at 2:30 p.m. (EDST). Jack W. registered in for physical exam & then located Dick Childs. 5) I arrived back in Washington about 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 13, 1947. Went to Annapolis this afternoon and saw Jack Wallace. He was sworn in yesterday as a midshipman US Naval Academy.
- Monday, July 14, 1947. Left Washington on C&O at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 13, 1947. Rented room to two students – J.B. Oswalt, Jr., and Billy Joe Sietz - $$20.00 each paid by check.
- Friday, August 22, 1947. Leonora, Bill and I left Austin in Black Chev (42) car about 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, August 29, 1947. Drove to Annapolis, Md. Stopped at Carvel Hall. Visited with Jack Wallace this afternoon.



Dick Childs, WBL, JJL Jr., and JWL 1947

- Tuesday, September 2, 1947. Drove from Annapolis to New York City. Stopped at the New Yorker.
- Wednesday, September 10, 1947. Arrived Austin after midnight.
- Monday, September 29, 1947. Went to Bastrop this afternoon to attend funeral of Ruby Moncure Moore. Mrs. L.W. Lackey and Leonora went with me.
- Wednesday, December 17, 1947. Received letter from Virginia Davis advising that Lucy Ledbetter had cerebral hemorrhage.

1948 in Austin

- Wednesday, May 5, 1948. Drove College Station to Houston. Spent afternoon with Lockwood & Andrews.
- Thursday, May 6, 1948. Began having stomach trouble at noon. Continuous flow of acid – appetite completely lost.

- Friday, May 7, 1948. Up good part of night – stomach trouble – continuous acid – gnawing pain – vomiting – appetite gone. Today contacted N.P. Turner and met with Andrews & Wood, and Hall to discuss membership campaign plans. This evening meet with S.J. Chapt. Ethics & Practice Committee to consider Calhoun case.
- Saturday, May 8, 1948. Drove to Austin this afternoon. Sick all nite last nite and all day with stomach trouble, gnawing pain and no appetite. Went to bed when I arrived home.
- Sunday, May 9, 1948. In bed – stomach ulcer trouble.
- Monday, May 10, 1948. In bed all morning stomach ulcer trouble. Trig Twichell and I drove to Houston this afternoon. This evening attended San Jacinto Chapter meeting.
- Tuesday, May 11, 1948. In bed all morning, stomach. Twichell & I drove to Austin this afternoon. Went to bed at home.
- Wednesday, May 12, 1948. In bed today at home – stomach trouble.
- Thursday, May 13, 1948. Went to office today. Appetite coming back.
- Sunday, June 6, 1948. Virginia Davis called by phone from Blytheville, Ark. This evening. Advised that Lucy A. Ledbetter had taken turn for worse, and that Dr. Johnson said she could live only two or three weeks.
- Friday, June 18, 1948. Leonora and I left by car at 7:00 p.m. Stopped at Jacksonville, Tex.
- Saturday, June 19, 1948**.** Today drove Jacksonville to Little Rock.
- Sunday, June 20, 1948. Drove Little Rock to Blytheville, Ark. Arrived Blytheville about 3:00 p.m. Lucy Ledbetter in bed sick.
- Tuesday, June 22, 1948. Left Blytheville by train. Arrived Columbus, Ohio.
- Saturday, June 26, 1948. Left Columbus, Ohio 12:42 a.m. (EST) by train. Arrived Blytheville 3:50 p.m. (CST). Lucy Ledbetter worse.
- Sunday, June 27, 1948. In Blytheville.
- Monday, June 28, 1948. Lucy A. Ledbetter died at 1:50 p.m. (CST). She was born on Oct. 15, 1879. Body taken to Cobb Funeral Home in Blytheville. Called Alvin Ledbetter by long distance at Butte, Mont.
- Tuesday, June 29, 1948. Lucy A. Ledbetter buried in Maple Grove Cemetery – Blytheville, Ark this afternoon. Funeral directions by Cobb Funeral Home. Funeral cost $585.00. Leonora and I left by car about 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21, 1948. Leonora 43 yrs old today. Gave her Sunbeam Mixmaster. Leonora and I had steaks with Rea's this evening at Hoffbrau's.
- Saturday, August 7, 1948. Received word this evening that Harrell D. Lackey had died about 6:15 p.m. today at Aransas Pass, Texas. Leonora, Bill and I drove to San Antonio.
- Tuesday, August 10, 1948. Attended funeral of H.D. Lackey at Porter Lorings in San Antonio. Internment in Sunset Memorial Cemetery.
- Tuesday, August 17, 1948. Had GI series & colon examination and x-rays by Dr H.E. Holty – Austin.
- Wednesday, August 18, 1948. Dr. Neighbors advised me by phone that my heart was ok; I had no growth anywhere in gastro intestinal tract; that my duodenal ulcer was healed over; & that I was in good condition.
- Thursday, August 19 through Saturday, December 12, 1948. No entries in diary.
- Sunday, December 12, 1948. Left by train from Temple, Tex for Chicago to attend NSPE Annual meeting.
- Monday, December 13, 1948. 1. in Chicago. 2. Stomach trouble developed last nite.
- Tuesday, December 14, 1948. Stomach trouble. Vomited blood & acid about 6:00 a.m.
- Saturday, December 18, 1948. Left Chicago by train.
- Sunday, December 19, 1948. Arrived Temple Tex by train. Auto to Austin.
- Sunday, December 26, 1948. In bed severe ulcer trouble – bad cold & sinus trouble.
- Monday, December 27, 1948. In bed at home.
- Tuesday, December 27, 1948. In bed at home.
- Wednesday, December 27, 1948. In bed at home.
- Thursday, December 27, 1948. At home – ulcer trouble.
- Friday, December 31, 1948. At home – ulcer trouble.

1949 in Austin

- Saturday, January 1, 1949. At home – in bed – ulcer trouble.
- Sunday, January 2, 1949. At home – ulcer trouble.
- Monday, January 3, 1949. 1. At home this morning. 2. Went to see Dr Smith – V.A. Doctor this afternoon.
- January 22 through Wednesday, April 27, 1949. No diary entries.
- Saturday, April 30 through Saturday, June 12, 1949. No diary entries.
- Saturday, July 16, 1949. In bed – ulcer + sinus trouble.
- Sunday, July 17, 1949. At home.
- Monday, July 18, 1949. At home.
- Tuesday, July 19, 1949. At home.

JJL Portrait 1949

- Wednesday, July 20, 1949. 1 At home this morning. 2. Went to office at noon.
- Thursday, July 21, 1949. 1 At home this morning. 2. Went to office at noon.
- Friday, July 22, 1949. At home – ulcer trouble & sinus trouble.
- Saturday, July 23, 1949. At home.
- Sunday, July 24 through Thursday, July 28, 1949. At home.
- Monday, August 1, 1949. Went to see Dr. Holty at 8:30 a.m. for fluoroscopic & x-ray examination of gastro intestinal tract. Holty said I had active duodenal ulcer crater.
- Thursday, August 18, 1949. Bought 1949 Buick sedan from Covert Automobile Co., Austin, Texas. Buick ---- $2,816.00.
- Wednesday, December 28, 1949. Leonora and I transferred our church membership to [Terrytown] Presbyterian Church – Austin & Jack and Bill joined the same church.

JWL, LL and JWL at Christmas 1949

LL, JWL and WBL at Christmas 1949

1950 In Austn No diary.

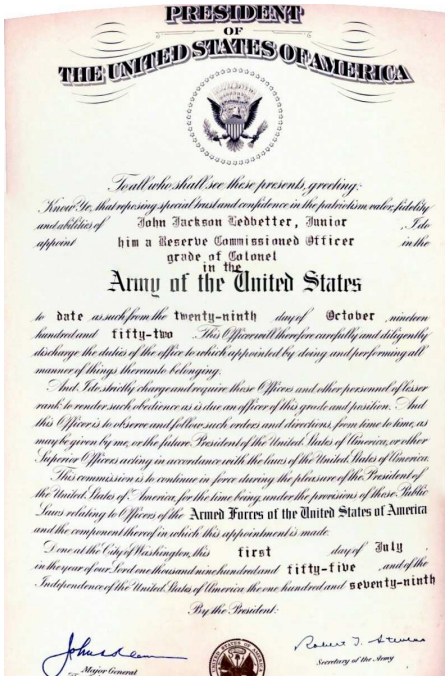
1951 In Austin

- Tuesday, January 2, 1951. Discussed my medical situation with Dr. Kreisle this evening.
- Saturday, January 13, 1951. Spent day at home in bed. Stomach trouble.
- Sunday, January 14, 1951. Spent day at home in bed.

- Wednesday, January 24, 1951. Dr Kreisle reported that Holtz x-rays showed active gastric ulcer as well as active duodenal ulcer.
- Thursday, January 25, 1951. Called Brooke Gen – Ft. Sam Houston, talked to Col Deissner. Advised me to come to Brooke Gen next Tuesday.
- Tuesday, January 30, 1951. I entered Brooke Army Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston [San Antonio] this morning. Assigned to Bed No 9, Ward No 40, Annex IV. Placed on progressive Sippy diet – Banthene [?] & Phenobarb.
- Thursday, February 1, 1951. Gastric analysis this morning.
- Sunday, February 4, 1951. Spoke to Lt Hundly & later to Capt Lee about fact that no record for diet in kitchen for me.
- Thursday, February 8, 1951. Conf. with Lt. Col. Sullivan, Chief G.I. Sec this afternoon.
- Friday, February 9, 1951. Col. Sullivan did Gastroscopy on me this morning.
- Sunday, February 11, 1951. Bill broke out with measles this morning.
- Thursday, February 15, 1951. Had second G.I. Series at Brooke Hosp today.
- Saturday, February 24, 1951. Had Gastroscopy by Col. Sullivan. He said would probably remove my stomach.
- Tuesday, February 27, 1951. Moved from Ward 40 Annex IV to Ward 2 Brooke Gen Hospital for surgery.
- Monday, March 5, 1951. About 80 to 90% of my stomach removed this morning by Col Shaeffer, Col. Collins, Maj. Fisher & Maj. Stroud.
- Monday, March 12, 1951. 1. Silk sutures removed from my incision today. Stay sutures and buttons left in. 2. Incision opened about ¼" wide & ¾" long sometime around midnite.
- Thursday, March 22, 1951. Stay sutures removed.
- Thursday, March 29, 1951. 1. Released from Brooke Gen Hosp. 2. Leonora drove me to Austin.
- Tuesday, April 17, 1951. This morning had stomach x-rays at 8:30, Annex IV Brooke Army Hospital and saw Col. Sullivan. Addn x-ray at 1:30 p.m. Did not throw up all day.
- Thursday, April 19, 1951. I had conf with Col. Sullivan this afternoon. My x-rays indicated obstruction in that stomach had not empted at 5 hrs. Drove to Austin this afternoon.
- Friday, April 20, 1951. Vomited about 10 a.m. Spent afternoon at TSPE Exec Bd meeting. Vomited at midnite.
- Saturday, April 21, 1951. Felt pretty good all day but weak. Vomited at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 22, 1951. Vomited spont. at 9:00 a.m. from sick stomach. Vomited several times between 4 & 5 p.m. Vomited at 10:p.m.
- Monday, April 23, 1951. Vomit at 9:30 a.m. Milk at 9:30 a.m. Vomited spont. at 10:00 a.m. Fluids rest of day. Very weak.
- Wednesday, April 25, 1951. Forced vomit at 4:30 a.m. Forced vomit at 8:00 a.m. Coffee, toast & bacon at 8:30 a.m. Several spont. vomit 9 to 10 a.m. after water. Beef broth at 11:30 a.m. Arrived Ft. Sam Houston at 2:00 p.m. Saw Col Sullivan & he sent me to the admitted to Ward 2 Brooke Gen Hosp. Wt 147# on Ward 2 scales with flannel paj.
- Monday, April 30, 1951. Released from Brooke Army Hospital today. Leonora and I drove to Austin this evening.
- Friday, May 25, 1951. Arrived Annapolis abt 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 26, 1951. 1. Saw Midshipmen's Parade this a.m. 2. Saw Army – Navy La Crosse game this afternoon 3. Went to Dance in Dalgren Hall this evening.
- Sunday, May 27, 1951. 1. Attended Baccalaureate Sermon at Naval Academy Chapel. 2. No BM today. After eating at 6:00 p.m. had trouble from 8:00 p.m. to 9 or 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 1, 1951. Attended graduation exercises for Class of 1951 in Dalgren Hall US Naval Academy. Jack Wallace graduated and commissioned as Ensign USN. Gen George C. Marshall made principal address.
- Tuesday, June 5, 1951. Arrived Austin 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 4, 1951. Left Jack Wallace at Kelly Field this morning to take MATS plane for San Francisco.
- Friday, July 13, 1951. Sold Jack W's 51 Ford to Bill McClellan for $1,500 cash.

- Monday, July 16, 1951. WBL went to work on Survey Party for Marvin Turner.
- Sunday, July 29, 1951. Drank bottle of beer about 5:00 p.m. Ate mixed nuts about 5:20 p.m. Made me sick. Had to vomit. Burned throat.
- Thursday, August 9, 1951. GI System spastic today. 100 cc B1 today by injection.
- Friday, August 10, 1951. GI System spastic this morning. Took 100 cc B1 by injection.
- Tuesday, September 4, 1951. Wt 152 1/2 on Bank scales dressed – without coat.
- Saturday, November 10, 1951. Leonora – Bill and I drove to College Sta. – Attended ceremony presenting Class of 25 Silver Anniv. Gift to College. Saw SMU – A&M football game & returned to Austin.
- Wednesday, November 21, 1951. Woke last nite with stomach fluid in my lungs.
- Saturday, December 8, 1951. Bill took Naval ROTC Exam.
- Monday, December 24, 1951. Did Xmas shopping.

1952 – 1953 In Austin – No diary.



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of John Jackson Ledbetter, Junior, I do appoint him a Reserve Commissioned Officer in the grade of Colonel in the Army of the United States

to date as such from the twenty-ninth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. This Officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require those Officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render such obedience as is due an officer of this grade and position. And this Officer is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as may be given by me, or the future Presidents of the United States of America, or other Superior Officers acting in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.

This commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States of America for the time being, under the provisions of these Public Laws relating to Officers of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the components thereof in which this appointment is made.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth

By the President:

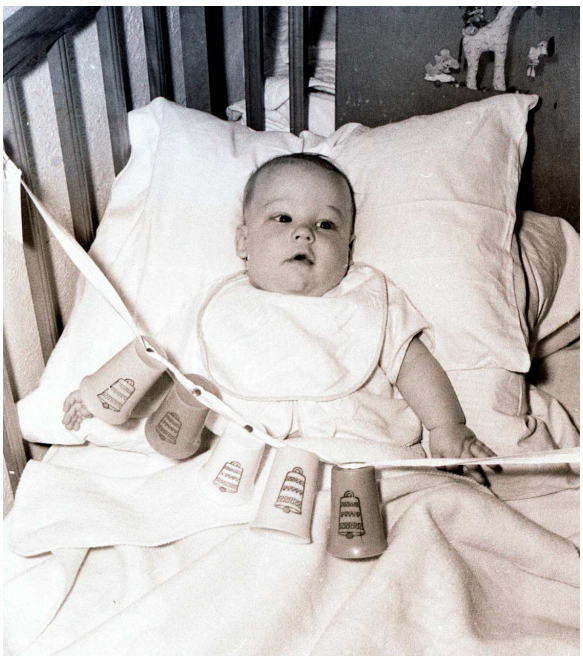
Major General — Secretary of the Army

JWL Wedding September 3, 1952

1954 In Austin

- Saturday, January 30, 1954. Spent morning in conf. with J. Neils Thompson and B.P. Ledbetter at Driscoll Hotel. [There is no B.P. Ledbetter in my genealogy database.]
- Thursday, March 18, 1954. Algee (?) Nuckols & wife from Waco came to see us this evening. [No connection found for any such Nuckols in the genealogy database.]
- Tuesday, March 23, 1954. JWL called from Norfolk about 8:20 a.m. He is now having Phys. Exam and we discussed various aspects of his situation in Navy. JWL Wedding September 3, 1952.
- Sunday, March 28, 1954. Bought 3 paper mate pens and color refills.
- Friday, April 9, 1954. Discussed with JNT [J Neils Thompson] my resignation as Gen Counsel TSPE.
- Monday, April 12, 1954. Had typed & mailed ltr of resig. As Gen. Counsel TSPE – effective Apr. 30, 1956.
- Monday, May 3, 1954. At Dr Jim Kreisle's office 8-10 am and 2-4 pm. Had urine analysis – blood test – liver function test – EKG, lung fluoroscope and complete physical Exam. Everything ok.
- Saturday, May 8, 1954. Late today went to Bull Creek Lodge and rented boat dock.
- Sunday, May 9, 1954. This afternoon late launched and docked my 12 ft aluminum boat at Bull Creek Lodge on Lake Austin.
- Tuesday, May 11, 1954. Went fishing about 4:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 12, 1954. Executed & mailed in Army Loyalty Certificate.
- Saturday, May 15, 1954. Spent morning at home working on fishing tackle. Leonora and I spent afternoon fishing on Lake Austin.
- Sunday, May 16, 1954. This afternoon played golf at Country Club with Wanda and Neils Thompson. Score – 1st 9 – 60.
- Sunday, May 23, 1954. Chills –fever - cramps & diarrhea last nite and all day today. Fever about 102 late this afternoon. Began taking paregoric late today. Took several enemas.
- Monday, May 24, 1954. Spent day at home. Took emperine. Took paregoric about every 4 or 5 hrs. Cramps & diarrhea one time late this afternoon and one time about 8 pm. Took enema (saline).
- Tuesday, May 25, 1954. Left Austin about 7:00 a.m. in 51 Ford. WBL with me. Arrived Ft. Sam Houston about 8:30 a.m. Left WBL at NP Clinic to NP evaluation for ROTC Contract.
- Wednesday, May 26, 1954. Spent day at home with cramps & diarrhea. Called Dr. Jim Kreisle at 2 pm. He called back at 7:00 p.m. Sent out medicine & put me on carbohydrate diet – fat free.
- Saturday, May 29, 1954. Went fishing this afternoon. Caught 2 white bass. Leonora caught 1 perch.
- Tuesday, June 1, 1954. Bought Miracle adjustable golf club from Village Golf Shop.
- Thursday, June 3, 1954. WBL and I played golf at Country Club this afternoon.
- Monday, July 5, 1954. Leonora left on Braniff plane at 10:49 a.m. to go to Norfolk, Va. To be a grandmother. Bill and I went to Country Club and played 15 holes of golf.
- Monday, July 19, 1954. Jack W. Ledbetter called from Norfolk about 5:50 a.m. Reported that son John Jackson Ledbetter II, wt 6 lb 9 ½ oz born in Norfolk at 4:51 a.m., EST, 3:51 a.m. CST.
- Wednesday, July 28, 1954. Left with JNT copy of JWL Naval Academy transcript. Talked by phone to Assoc Dean Hiett re: extension courses for JWL.
- Thursday, July 29, 1954. Went to see Capt. Henry Y. McCown Re: requirements for JWL to earn degree BS in CE.
- Wednesday, August 4, 1954. Leonora arrived home from Norfolk about 2 pm.



JJL II Fall 1954

- Saturday, August 28, 1954. Voted in Dem. Primary runoff at 7 am.
- Monday, October 11, 1954 San Antonio. Up at 5:00 a.m. Went to Brook Army Hospital at 6:30 a.m. Leonora taken up to surgery at 7:30 a.m. Out of surgery at 9:15 a.m. and into recovery room. At 3:30 p.m. she was brought down to ward 12B. She had breast biopsy – no malignancy. Had nausea & vomiting after surgery.
- Thursday, November 25, 1954. Leonora and I went to see A&M parade at 10 am. Went to A&M-Texas football game. Tex. 22 – A&M 13.
- Tuesday, December 21, 1954. Leonora, Bill and I drove to Houston & back to pick up Jack, Gerry and John J II.
- Wednesday, December 22, 1954. Jack and I went to Tex Univ. housing office – registrar's office and Law School to see about housing and registration in June. We also went to VA office to see about Veterans benefits.
- Thursday, December 23, 1954. Jack, Bill and I played golf at Country Club this afternoon.

1955 and 1956 in Austin No diaries.

JJL II Mid 1955

WBL Wedding August 27, 1955

1957 in Austin

- Thursday, January 3, 1957. Golf this morning at Brae Born Country Club [in Houston] with Frank Newman.
- Sunday, January 6, 1957. Leonora and I went to Aus CC abt 5:00 pm & played 5 holes golf.
- Wednesday, February 6, 1957. By tel & pers. Conf. assisted JWL in purchase of house on Greenlee in Austin.

- Sunday, February 10, 1957. Leonora and I to Aus CC at 1:45 pm. – 16 holes golf with Walkers. Dinner at CC.
- Monday, February 25, 1957. Leonora went to see Coleman Gay today & he called me by phone.
- Wednesday, February 27, 1957. Set up temp ofc at room 936 CP Hotel.
- Monday, March 4, 1957. Jack – Gerry – JJL II – Bill & Duffie had dinner with me this evening.
- Thursday, March 7, 1957. According to LL Coleman Gay filed her suit for divorce today.
- Saturday, March 16, 1957. Went see Coleman Gay about 11:30 am. Signed waiver.
- Monday, March 18, 1957. Shifted from Commodore Perry Hotel to Terrace Motel – talked to LL by phone.
- Tuesday, March 19, 1957. Met this morning with Texas Senate Committee on Nominations Re: appmt as Texas Interstate Compact Commissioner.
- Friday, March 22, 1957. Rented from Carl M. Smith – Ofc space at 626 Lamar $65.00 per month.
- Saturday, March 23, 1957. Moved from Terrace Motel to 626 Lamar this morning.
- Monday, April 8, 1957. I was confirmed by Senate today as Interstate Compact Commissioner.
- Monday, April 15, 1957. To Aus Club – To Petite Club (1/5 JW [one fifth Johnny Walker scotch] from pm).
- Saturday, May 4, 1957. WBL and I had lunch at Aus Club. Visited this evening with Jack – Gerry – JJL II & WBL & Barbara Jean.
- Sunday, May 5, 1957. 1/5 Pinch & 1/5 JD from locker to Bar at Aus CC.
- Sunday, May 12, 1957. 9 holes golf this am with John Osorio (57). 6 holes golf this pm with Koch & Wilde (39).

- Tuesday, May 14, 1957. Tel Conf with Jake [Jacobson] – Reports I will prob have to resign as ICC in order to receive pay for AWRB/AC.
- Sunday, June 2, 1957. Rented room and office space at Austin Hotel Room 711 – moved in today. Ofc in Basement will be ready in few days.
- Tuesday, June 4, 1957. Delivered to Jacobson's ofc by special messenger my resignation as Tex Interstate Compact Comm. 2/5 scotch – wards to Aus Club.
- Saturday, June 8, 1957. Visited at 2007 Hopi Trail this evening. Grandson JJL II spent the nite.
- Thursday, June 13, 1957. William Burl Ledbetter Jr. Wt 7 # born 6:00 p.m. at St David's Hospital in Austin, Texas. 20 ½ in. height.
- Friday, June 14, 1957. WBL had dnr with me this evening at Aus Hotel & we then went to hosp to see Barbara and WBL Jr.
- Saturday, June 29, 1957. JWL and Gerry to Ft. Worth this a.m. in 55 Buick for interview with Gulf Oil Atty.
- Tuesday, July 2, 1957. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Moving office from 2007 Hopi Trail to Austin Hotel. Dinner at Aus Club – 3/5 CuttySak from N.
- Thursday, July 11, 1957. 1/5 CS from ACC to Golf Locker. 3/5 CS Harry's No. 1 to Aus Club stock.
- Friday, July 12, 1957. 2/5 CS – Wards to Ofc stock. 2/5 JD – Wards to Ofc stock. 1 carton Winston's from Wards.
- Thursday, August 15, 1957. To Aus CC abt 6:00 p.m. Golf with Wanda & Leonora – dinner at Aus CC. Nite at 2007 Hopi.
- Thursday, August 22 1957. Morning at 2007 Hopi. Afternoon at Hotel Ofc. Evening to 11:00 pm at 2007 Hopi.
- Monday, August 26, 1957. In Hotel Ofc. Leonora started Real Est. course. Jean Siedo prepd Mex Dnr for JWL etc., this evening. Spent nite at 2007 Hopi.
- Thursday, September 5, 1957. Roses to Leonora. Dinner & nite at 2007 Hopi.
- Friday, September 6, 1957. Dnr at Aus Club. Wards – 1/5 CS to Rm, 1/5 CS to Auto.
- Wednesday, September 18, 1957. JWL – Gerry & JJL II came in from Houston for Texas Bar Ceremony. Returned to Houston this evening.
- Saturday, October 5, 1957. Visited for awhile this eve at 2007 Hopi.
- Wednesday, October 27, 1957. Lunch at Aus Club with LL. Nite at 2007 Hopi.
- Thursday, October 31, 1957. Dinner at Aus Club. 2/5 CS – 1/5 JDB Wards to Rm 711.
- Saturday, November 9, 1957. Nite at 2007 Hopi.
- Saturday, November 16. 1957. Nite at 2007 Hopi.

WBL Jr. at about 6 months

LL and JJL Jr. Late 1957

- Monday, November 25, 1957. 1/5 JDB Charlie's to Auto, 1/5 JDB Charlie's to 2007 Hopi. Visit 2007 Hopi this eve.
- Tuesday, December 3, 1957. Even 2007, Nite 711.
- Thursday, December 5, 1957. Fm Davis #1: 6/5 CS, 3/5 JDG, 3/5 Vod. Nite at 2007 Hopi.

- Friday, December 6, 1957. Houston: To JWL Ofc. Met members of Hutchinson Law Firm. To JWL residence.
- Sunday, December 8, 1957. Austin: Stop 2007 Hopi. Then to Hotel Ofc. LL spent nite at 711.
- Monday, December 23, 1957. Typed resignation as member Austin Club & delivered, with share of stock, to Claude Voyles – President.
- Tuesday, December 24, 1957. JWL & family arrived Aus abt 5:30 pm. Gave JWL – 1 Briefcase.
- Wednesday, December 25, 1957. Gave WBL – 1 Briefcase.
- Saturday, December 28, 1957. Aus to Sneed's lease. Deer Hunt.

1958 in Austin

- Sunday, January 19, 1958. Moved out of Aus Hotel 711 to Basement Ofc.
- Thursday, March 13, 1958. LL & I to Aus CC this even. Mr. & Mrs. EBS [Sneed] as guests.
- Saturday, April 12, 1958. JWL having Confs with Profs' – College of Bus. Adm. UT.
- Monday, April 21, 1958. JWL – Interviews with UT Officials. Back to Houston.
- Sunday, May 4, 1958. LL & I played 6 holes golf at Aus CC late this afternoon.
- Friday , June 13, 1958. JRS called – said JWL appmt approved $6000.00 for 9 mos. effective Sept 16. Wired and wrote JWL at New Orleans & WBL at El Paso. WBL Jr. one year old today. LL and I played 4 holes at Aus CC abt 5:00 pm.
- Thursday , July 3, 1958. JWL closed deal for purchase house & lot 1206 Cloverdale in Delwood 4.
- Sunday, September 7, 1958. Had Sanchez pick up book cases and deliver to Hotel Ofc.
- Tuesday, November 4, 1958. WBL & family arvd in Aus today. Had J. Hubert Lee draw QC deed to 2007 Hopi. Dlvd deed and title cert. to 55 Buick to Coleman Gay. Family dinner this evening with JWL.
- Thursday, November 6, 1958. Divorce decree LLL – vs. JJL granted today. Took LLL to Aus CC this evening. Music by Guy Lombardo.
- Monday, November 10, 1958. WBL to Dallas today Re: Employment opportunities.
- Tuesday, November 11, 1958. WBL accepted position with Tex Hwy Dept.

WBL Jr One Year Old

1959 in Austin

- Wednesday, January 7 to Wednesday March 4, 1959. Almost no entries in diary, other than each date was entered on a blank page.
    - Wednesday, January 14, 1959. NM [Neva Moore] - 2000
    - Thursday, January 15, 1959. Lunch with WBL, LL called. NM – 1900 – 2400 CST.
- Friday, February 6, 1959. Bought 14" Motorola TV sight unseen.
- Wednesday, March 18, 1959. Called Cecil Cabaness AA. He and Willard Connolly came over to see me. After discussion Dr. Walter C. Goddard was called in. After further discussion and arrangements Connolly drove me to Brackenridge & I entered Hosp. in Rm 602 about 6:00 pm.
- Sunday, March 22, 1959. Released from Breck. Hosp. abt noon today. Cecil Cabaness drove me to Austin Hotel.
- Sunday, March 29, 1959. wkng on 58 Income Tax. N.M. called from McAllen. Went to 2007 Hopi to pack books.

- Monday, March 30, 1959. Sanchez moved Law book etc., from 2007 Hopi to Aus Hotel Ofc. Called NM at McAllen this evening.
- Tuesday, March 31, 1959. Aus to McAllen. Stop at Fairway motor hotel. NM & I had dinner at Reynosa Mex. Brought back 2 bottles Kahlua.
- Wednesday, April 1, 1959. About noon today John Jackson Ledbetter was married to Neva Clifton Moore in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Neva and I to Reynosa for dnr this eve.
- Friday, April 3, 1959. McAllen to Aus. 53 Olds – 322 miles. Called JWL and WBL.
- Friday, May 29, 1959. Neva & I met with JWL & family for back yard dinner at WBL home.

Mrs. L.W. Lackey (Tootsie)

- Saturday, September 5, 1959. Went to TCSCO Austin plant then to Georgetown plantt & back with EBS. Left WB Ledbetter and Frank McCullough at Austin Plant to do field work on stockpile inventory.
- December 24, 1959. Neva and I went by to leave Xmas presents for WBL & family then to see Mrs. L.W. Lackey at Nursing home.
- Wednesday, December 30, 1959. JJL spent entire day in hotel ofc – on TCS land title matter. JWL spent morn & lunch period on same matters. Left on emergency call about 1300 CST. Rptd by Tel at 1445 CST that his grandmother L.W. Lackey had just passed away.

1960 in Austin

- Friday, January 22, 1960. LLL brought Karl F Keeler abstract by my hotel room. NCL left and moved into Commodore Perry Hotel.
- Monday, February 1, 1960. Mr. B.J. Sanders Internal Revenue service in ofc today checking my 1958 Income Tax return.
- Monday, February 8, 1960. No entry [handwriting jerky and hard to read.]]
- Tuesday, February 9, 1960. Entered Breckenridge Hosp. about 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 10, 1960. In Breck. Hosp. Jerky and tremors today.
- Thursday, February 11, 1960. In Breckenridge Hospital. Nerves improved but still not steady.
- Saturday, February 13, 1960. Checked out of Breckenridge Hosp.
- Tuesday, February 23, 1960. Signed over to Neva C. Ledbetter Cert. of Title to my 53 Olds.
- Wednesday, February 24, 1960. Talked to Coleman Gay Re: divorce from Neva C. Ledbetter.
- Saturday, February 27, 1960. Grandson Robert Gordon Ledbetter born at St. David's at 5:00 a.m. to Jack w. and Gerry Ledbetter.
- Wednesday, March 23, 1960. This evening JWL drove me to Brooks Gen Hosp in San Antonio & I entered abt 8:30 pm.
- Wednesday, March 30, 1960. This evening attended 1st meeting of AA. Met with & joined Group 12 – SA Tex.
- Thursday, March 31, 1960. This evening went to Terrell Hills – AA Grp.
- Friday, April 1, 1960. NCL drove to SA. Left SA with NCL at 1700 CST, Arr AU s 1830. NCL prepared dinner for me in 711 Aus Hotel.
- Sunday, April 3, 1960. Lunch at Delwood with NCL. Austin to SA. WBL car – WBL drove me. 1500 – 1630 CST. Dnr at Christies.
- Monday, April 4, 1960. SA-BGH-Wd 51B. Conf. with Med Chest Clinic.
- Friday, April 8, 1960. SA to Aus. Bnf Plane.
- Sunday, April 10, 1960. Aus to SA. Bnf Plane. SA-BGH Ward 11A.

- Tuesday, April 12, 1960. 800 – 930 CST had TUR – Trans Urethral Resection (Prostrate Surgery).
- Friday, April 15, 1960. Wt 137# in light pajamas and house shoes.
- Wednesday, April 20, 1960. SA to Austin. Bnf Plane.
- Sunday, May 8, 1960. Bleeding from Prostate surgery today and all night.
- Monday, May 9, 1960. Up all night Sun – Mon bleeding then clotting & blocking urine. Aus to SA. JWL driving his car. Entered Wd 11A at 930 CST [in BGH]. Catheter inserted in bladder.
- Friday, May 13, 1960. Rubber catheter removed.
- Monday, May 15, 1960. Released from BGH this morning. SA to Aus Bnf Plane.
- Monday, May 23, 1960. Aus to SA. JWL Auto. BGH – Wd 12B
- Wednesday, May 25, 1960. Around noon today had surgery for hernia low on right side (Inguinal hernia).
- Wednesday June 1, 1960. Released from BGH this morning. SA – Austin, Braniff.
- Sunday, June 5, 1960. NCL and I drove to Jonestown fishing dock today.
- Monday, June 6, 1960. In Hotel ofc. Tel conf with Dick Dickerson AA Oxford et al.
- Wednesday, June 22, 1960. Bill J. Sanders – Internal Revenue Service completed 1958 audit – says I owe $276.00 plus.
- Monday, June 27, 1960. Returned to ofc at Austin Hotel abt 1100 CST. Found that fluorescent light fixture in ofc had burned out causing extensive damage.
- Saturday, July 2, 1960. Capital Light Hauling Service spent all day moving my office from Austin Hotel to 203 East 2nd St.
- Saturday, July 23, 1960. In 2nd St. ofc. WBL and I completed rept on TCS stockpile inventory. WBL-Barbara & Jr. had lunch with us. Neva bought coffee table for $5.00 & had it delivered. Colored boys cleaned up yard. JWL came by this a.m.
- Wednesday, August 24, 1960. at 815 CST – Conf with Joe W Horne IRS Re: 58 income Tax.
- Friday, September 16, 1960. Dr. Goddard out to see JJL this morning. JJL paid Bills. JJL checked into Austin State Hosp abt 1400 CST.
- Thursday, September 22, 1960. JJL in Aus State Hosp. JWL – auto to see JWL & we went to 203 E 2nd St. Talked to NCL by Tel. She had prev. moved out of 203 E 2nd St. to Comm. Perry Hotel. Very poor reception.
- Monday, September 26, 1960. JJL Released from Aus State Hosp at 1200 CST today.
- From Check Records 11/1/1960. Check for $100 to IRS for payment on 1958 Income Tax.
- Friday, November 4, 1960. CM & I to Suburb Grp meet this eve. CM's 1st birthday.
- Tuesday, November 22, 1960. In 2nd St. ofc. No sleep last night. NCL returned home this afternoon.
- From Check Records 12/1/1960. Check for $50 to IRS for payment on 1958 Income Tax.

1961 in Austin

- Sunday, January 15, 1961. In 2nd St ofc. Took last drink today until (19 Aug 61 – added later).
- Monday, January 16, 1961. NCL and I went to AA meet this evening.
- Tuesday, January 17, 1961. NCL and I went to AA.
- Friday, January 20, 1961. This evening NCL and I - to AA meet.
- Sunday, January 22, 1961. Stopped at AA – Surb. Grp – afternoon then to downtown grp t his even.
- Sunday, January 29, 1961. NCL and I went to AA downtown meet this evening.
- Tuesday, January 31`, 1961. NCL and I to AA town Grp this evening. 16 days [since last drink].
- Friday, February 3, 1961. NCL and I went to Surb. Grp AA this afternoon & this evening. On way to town abt 4:30 p.m. going S on Lamar Blvd – blinded by sun I did not see red lite at 29th & struck, with Rt Front of 53 Olds, the L Rear fender of Desoto going E on 29th.
- Monday, February 6, 1961. Pd - $10.00 Corp. Ct Fine for Feb 3, 61 accident – 53 Olds.
- Tuesday, February 7, 1961. This evening NCL and I went to downtown club – AA.
- Thursday, February 9, 1961. Attended first class spoken Japanese at Univ Tex – Batts Hall.
- Friday, February 10, 1961. NCL & I to AA – Downtown Grp meet this evening.

- Friday, February 17, 1961. NCL & I to Town Grp AA this evening.
- Tuesday, February 21, 1961. NCL & I to AA – this evening.
- Thursday, February 23, 1961. NCL & I attended S. Aus. AA Gp meet this evening.
- Friday, February 24, 1961. This evening NCL & I to Aus No. 1 Group meeting.
- Sunday, February 26, 1961. NCL & l drove to San Antonio and Return. Visited AA Gp 12 at Brack. Park.
- Tuesday, February 28, 1961. NCL & I to Town Grp AA meet this evening.
- Thursday, March 2, 1961. Attended UT Japanese class this evening.
- Friday, March 3, 1961. NCL & I went to Town Aus Gp AA meet this eveng.
- Sunday, March 5, 1961. NCL & I to Town Gp AA meet this eveng.
- Thursday, March 9, 1961. NCL left by train at 1559 CST for Chicago. This eveng went to AA Aus Gp – Aus CC & So. Aus Gp AA meet.
- Friday, March 10, 1961. Visited Surb Gp AA this afternoon. WBL had lch with me at noon. He has been accepted for Ford Found. PhD scholarship. This evening went to downtown Gp AA meeting.
- Friday, March 16, 1961. NCL & I to So Aus Group.
- Sunday, March 19, 1961. NCL & I went for drive this afternoon & to AA meet this evening.
- Tuesday, March 21, 1961. Was chairman program at downtown group this evening. 65 days [since last drink].
- Thursday, March 23, 1961. NCL & I to S Aus Gp this even.
- Saturday, March 25, 1961. JWL – WBL & I played Golf.
- Tuesday, April 4, 1961. Attended Aus DT – AA meet this evening.
- Thursday, April 6, 1961. Bought 2' x 3' oval ofc rug from Sears. WBL brought his vacuum cleaner to 204 E 2d St.
- Friday, April 7, 1961. NCL & I to Town Gp AA.
- Tuesday, April 11, 1961. I attended and spoke at Aus-Downtown Alanon meet this evening.
- Friday, April 14, 1961. Downtown AA this evening.
- Sunday , April 16, 1961. AA Downtown meet this evening.
- Monday, April 17, 1961. Pain in chest – both sides – this evening. Somewhat relieved by 10 pm.
- Sunday, April 23, 1961. Attend meet DT-AA Grp.
- Friday, April 28, 1961. Downtown AA Grp this evening.
- Sunday, April 30, 1961. NCL and I attended AA fish fry at Buchanan Dam today.
- Friday, May 5, 1961. US Navy Commander Allan Sheppard launched into space & recovered – Ht – 115 miles, Length – 290 miles. Eveng AA Meet – DT.
- Sunday, May 7, 1961. NCL & JJL to ACC then to DT AA
- Friday , May 12, 1961. AA-evening.
- Sunday, June 11, 1961. WBL & JJL – 9 holes at Aus CC.
- Thursday, June 15, 1961. 5 months [since last drink].
- Friday, June 30, 1961. NCL & I to AA meet this evening.
- Sunday, July 2, 1961. NCL & I to AA meet this evening.
- Tuesday, July 4, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet this evening.
- Friday, July 7, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet this evening.
- Friday, July 14, 1961. NCL & I to AA meet.
- Saturday, July 15, 1961. 15 Jan – 15 July = 6 mo [since last drink].
- Sunday, July 16, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet this evening.
- Tuesday, July 18, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet at UT at 2:00 pm.
- Tuesday, July 25, 1961. NCL & I to AA this eveng.
- Tuesday, August 1, 1961. Attended meeting Bd Dir Georgetown Railroad. Was elected Director –Sec & Treas of GT RR. McLain transferred to JJL one (1) share stock in GT RR.
- Saturday, August 5, 1961. NCL & JJL visited JWL & family this afternoon. Brought JJL II cannon for birthday present.

- Saturday, August 19, 1961. Houston to Angleton. 53 Olds – JJL & NCL. Angleton to Freeport & return. 1 beer at Glenda Moore Cabin near Angleton. First alcohol since Jan 15, 61.
- Thursday, October 12, 1961. JJL & NCL delivered wrist watch to JJL II.
- Friday, October 13, 1961. Last drink at 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, October 14, 1961. Began medication schedule and took no alcoholic drink today.
- Friday, October 20, 1961. JWL & WBL gave Dad – JJL – 2 books for 23 Oct birthday present (60 yrs).
- Sunday, October 22, 1961. NCL & I to AA meet this evening.
- Thursday, October 26, 1961. JWL moved today from Cloverleaf to 4702 Valley Oak Drive in Austin. NCL left by Mo Pac Eagle at 3:40 pm for Chicago – Memphis (Mo.) – Austin.
- Friday, October 27, 1961. JJL to AA meet.
- Sunday October 29, 1961. 3 or 4 scotch & soda this evening.
- Thursday, November 2, 1961. NCL arvd from Memphis at 11:40 am by train.
- Monday, November 6, 1961. Took last drink this evening.
- Friday, November 10, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet at 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- Wednesday, November 22, 1961. Granddaughter Brenda Jean Ledbetter, son of J.W. and Gerry Ledbetter born at 1:00 am at St David's Hosp in Austin – wt 7 lb – l1- oz.
- Friday, November 24, 1961. No alcoholic Bvg today.
- Sunday, November 26, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet this evening.
- Friday, December 1, 1961. NCL & JJL to AA meet.
- Saturday, December 2, 1961. Had Apricot Brandy this evening.
- Sunday, December 3, 1961. Had beer before late afternoon lunch & dinner.
- Monday, December 4, 1961. Beer at noon. Highballs in Evening.
- Tuesday, December 5, 1961. Beer at lunch. Highballs in bedtime.
- Wednesday, December 6, 1961. Beer & highballs today.
- Thursday, December 7, 1961. Beer & highballs today.
- Friday, December 8, 1961. Beer & highballs today.
- Saturday, December 9, 1961. B & HB today.
- Sunday, December 10, 1961. B & HB today.
- Monday, December 11, 1961. B & HB.
- Tuesday, December 12, 1961. B & HB.
- From Check Records December 15, 1961. Check No. 424 - $52.05 to Charlie's No.3 for Bvg.
- Wednesday, December 20, 1961. No Alch Bvg today.

COMMENTS

The 1961 diary is the last diary I have from John Jackson Ledbetter Jr. He passed away on July 19, 1963 and is buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX, Section PE, Grave 421C.