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(Did you always know he was going to be your husband?) I fell in love with him--I don't know. There was something about him. I didn't always know he was going to be my husband, but I loved him. I don't understand, and I can't explain, but there was something about him that I didn't see in other people. If I was at school, if I needed a pencil sharpened, he would do it for me. If there was any little thing that he saw, that I wouldn't ask, it would be done by him. And it must have been that there was something between us that was kind of drawing us together. Because that never left us--I always felt that way. Now, when I went away to teach school--there were some very, very nice young men down there, and I thought. Well, I'm a school teacher. I don't see why I couldn't have a boy friend. I never had one before. Lennox was my only--I didn't think of him much more as a boy friend. I loved him, he did everything for me, he loved me. But believe me, absence makes the heart grow fonder. And when I got down there, I began to think. Well, what is here compared to what I have left at home? There and then I really knew what the bond was between us. It was the bond of love--true love. And we just didn't know it. We didn't realize what was going on. But we loved each other. He was good, honest, respectable. I couldn't ask for a better husband. I couldn't ask....

Left: Ida's daughter Pearl with husband Harry Whittier, behind the house. Above: the front of Ida's house, facing the sea. I got this lovely Easter card (when I was still in St. Esprit). I wondered. Who on earth is sending me an Easter card? It's from down home--oh, I suppose it's from my mother and father. When I opened it up, here was this beautiful card. And I'll never forget the verse, and I'm going to recite it to you. "If I could have my dearest wish fulfilled,/ Or take my choice of all earth's treasures too,/ And ask from Heaven whatsoever I willed,/ I'd ask for you. Lovingly, Lennox." Do you like it? (Oh, I guess I like it.) That's the verse that was on the Easter card. And from then, he knew he loved me, and so did I know I loved him. And when I came home--I taught school just one year (more), and then we were married

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