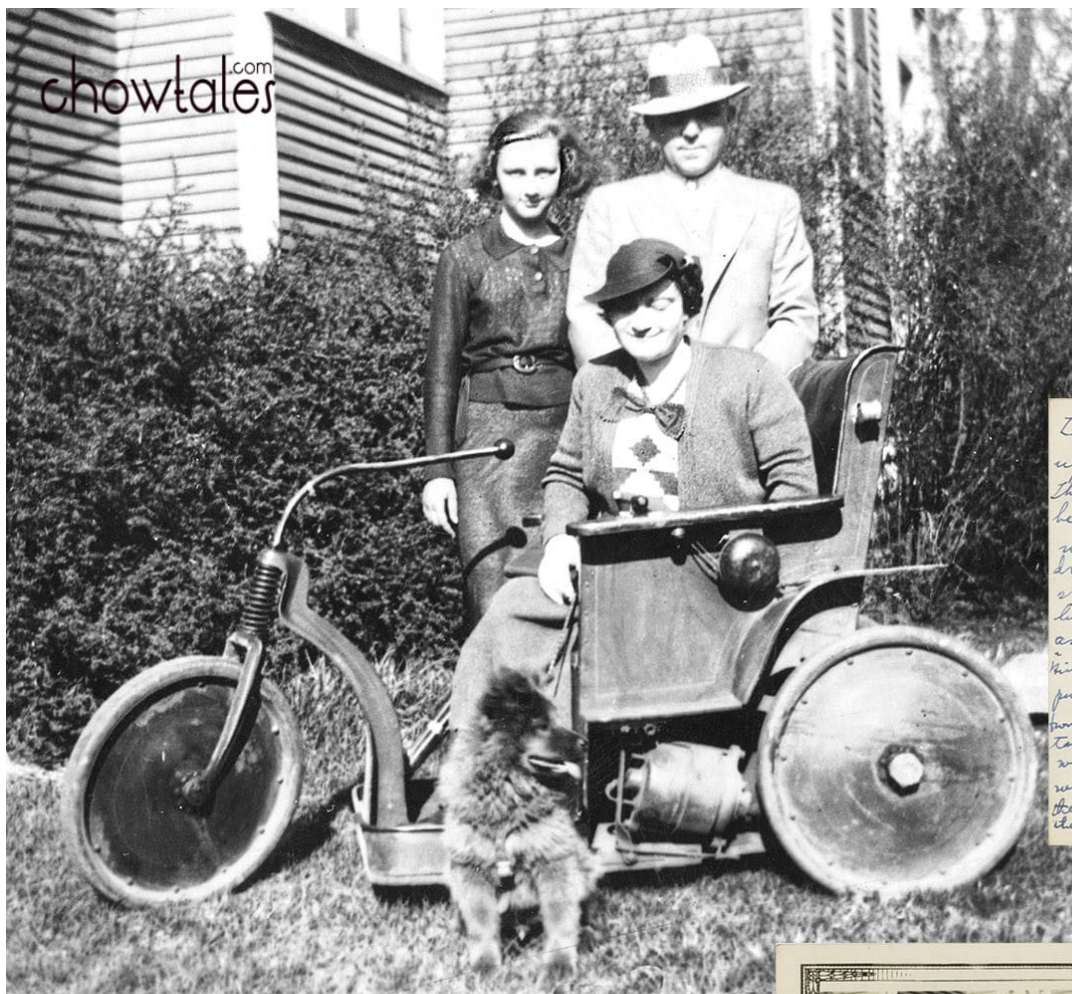


# 1930's Author with her chow puppy and charming notations on the back of the photograph. Need help with ID's



CIRCA 1930s  
Author with  
a chow puppy  
in a 3 wheeled  
transport.

The writing on the  
back tells the  
full story behind  
this charming  
image

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private collection of Sandra Miller

This amazing photograph has been tucked away in my albums for a number of years. Today I rediscovered it and realized I had not scanned this beauty. I turned the photo over and discovered a lengthy caption that opened up a Pandora's box of questions. Of course, as these things sometimes go, they have nothing to do with the adorable chow puppy in the photo.

The note tells of Mabel's trip to DC, her shopping trip for a new dress and hat, and being treated to a D.C. tour. The note was fairly easy to read but I got a bit lost on the section below. "Rep Dirksen", if that is indeed what it says, was a representative from Pekin Illinois in the 1930's which makes perfect sense. If anyone else is reading this differently I would love to hear your ideas in the comments.

Also, I would love to hear if anyone has any ideas as to who this author "Mabel" is, from a "hick town" who was invited to Washington DC in the 1930's. I just adore these kinds of treasure hunts

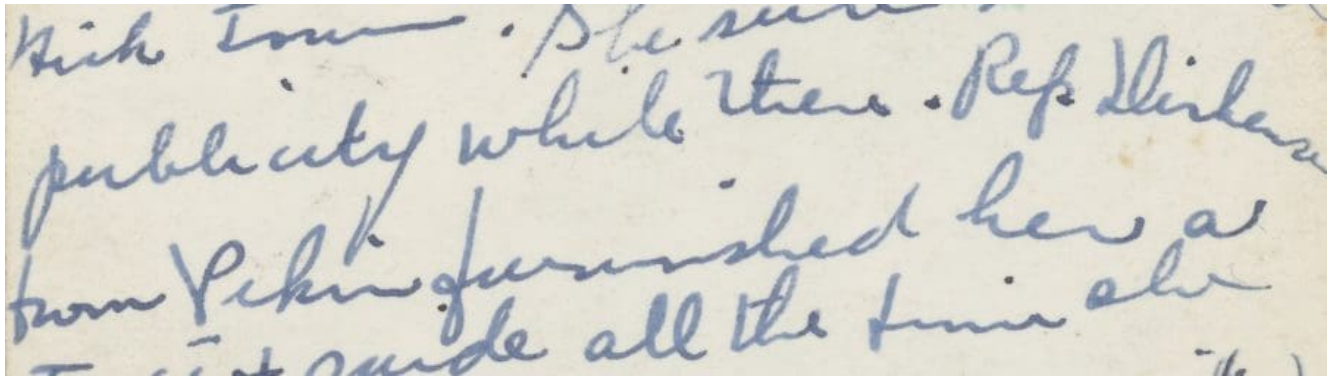
One more question for anyone who knows.....any ID on the vehicle she is sitting in would be MUCH appreciated!!! So far I'm seeing photos online that indicate this is an invalid carriage but want to know more.

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#### UPDATE:

Its hard to tell from these photos in the link, but this could very well be Mabel O'Donnell the children's author from Aurora Illinois in my photo. I'm putting this here for future reference.

<http://kanecountyconnects.com/2018/06/kane-county-history-aurora-mabel-odonnell-author-of-alice-and-jerry-books/Manage>

A photograph of a handwritten note on the back of a photograph. The handwriting is in blue ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The text is written in a cursive, somewhat slanted style. The visible text reads: "Hick Town. She sure", "publicity while there. Rep. Dirksen", "from Pekin furnished her a", "taxi and guide all the time she". The note is partially cut off on the right side.

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