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TOPEKA, KANSAS

Jan. 18, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going with us back here since my last letter of some-time ago. I am very pleased to report that in the over all picture Mother continues to improve in every way thanks to the Vitamin B. shots.

W^{ere} were in K.C. yesterday for the day where I got myself another Suit from Woolf Bros. & in the evening we had Dinner at the K.C. Club & now they have another Orchestra there which is very much better than the last one in our opinion.

Last Sunday Night we had a Recognition Service at our Church for Dr. Jones & it was also sort of an Installation Service which was very lovely & there were quite a number of Congregational Ministers of Kansas who officiated in it.

At this letter writing I do not have much new Family data to report except to say that I have dropped our Vail Cousin Mr. Congdon up in Danby, to see if by chance we have any Rogers Cousins left in that section of the Country who could tell me the relationship of our Sarah Rogers to John Rogers the English Martyr through John Rogers of Marshfield, Mass. from whom we descend according to the Rogers Book that I have. If I am able to establish that then as I told you in a previous letter we will be in some way related to Miss Redd, my principal in Phila. & also my old friend Claudia. When I hear from Mr Congdon I will let you know what he says.

The weather around here lately has been kind of Mild for Winter but last night a Cold Snap set in but there was no snow as yet. Please Laura Jane when you have a chance drop me a line & let me know what you are doing these days as I like to hear from my various Cousins over the Country once in a while.

Mother & Lyal send there Best Regards

Sincerely your Cousin,

Guilford

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TOPEKA, KANSAS Feb. 12, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going with us out here since my last letter, in the first place I am very pleased to report that Mother continues to improve in every way thanks to her Vitamin B. shots which have made her a new person.

The other day we were down in K.C. for the day & got the news that our Circular Couch for our Parlor will be here in a Couple of weeks. It is to be Torquois in color & should be very lovely for us.

Now for Politics I do not know how you feel about it but we out here are certainly fed up with Truman & his Administration & feel very strongly that it is high time to wake up & realize what is going on around us. We must get the Govt. back in the hands of the G.O.P. with Sane Sensible Govt.

It was brought home to me very strongly through the News Papers & the Radio plus the Address given at The Kansas Day Banquet by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, of Ill. who is a very fiery Speech. He took the New Deal Issue by issue & tore them to pieces showing how Truman & his Advisers through Soft sounding Phrases are leading us very fast down the ROAD TO SOCIALISM"

Really Laura Jane everything I read or hear on the Radio about our Govt. just makes my Blood Boil. Look for example the way that our Govt. is shot through with Communists & Russian Sympathizers of course I refer to the recent Hiss Case & the way Dean Acheson came out & said that I WILL NOT TURN MY BACK ON HISS. We should certainly get rid of him. We heard last night on the

Radio ~~by~~ Mr. Gabrielson address he went to town & torn the New Deal to bits in a FIGHTING ADDRESS it was on N. B.C. so I wonder if you heard it.

As for the Family History these past 2 weeks I have been busy on the typewriter getting letters out to people over the Country who have data on ~~very~~ various Family that I am in need of & from time to time will let you know what I get on certain Families on our side. Please Please Laura Jane when you have a chance drop me a line as I like to hear from my various Cousins so please pass the word on to Cousin Mary if she has a chance to do so.

When you write her,

Mother & Lyal join me in Best Regards to you,

Sincerely Your Cousin,

Guilford

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Mar. 10, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are with us out here since my last letter of sometime ago.

I am very pleased to report that in the over all picture Mother is certainly a new Woman thanks to her Vitamin B. shots which have done her a world of good as far as the nerves are concerned.

We are now in the midst of negotiations with the Mclellam Stores Co. to expand their present store & they want to take over Grandfather's Building next door to ours for their new store & there has been so much going on these past few weeks that Mother was quite nervous today over the whole thing.

We were in K.C. the other day for the day & had a swell time we saw Mr. Roy Roberts of the Kansas City Star having lunch at the K.C. Club with a group of men & it was the first time that we had ever seen him.

The weather around here recently has been quite Cold & rainy which has not been very pleasant but it has moderated some today but it is still cloudy.

As for the Family History I do not have very much to report in this letter except to say that we have just sent an order of Books on the Briggs Family back to Boston after looking them over pretty thoroughly for our 2 Briggs lines which they did not contain however it did have some data on other lines that I was in need of.

The other day I received a long letter from my Cousin Doris Dudley Walters who lives in Rochester, N.Y. who is very much interested in Family History & she sent me some additional data as well as a number of Dudley Cousins to write to for data which I have done. So far I do not have anything definite on my Atwood, Longfellow & Turner Lines but am still working on them.

By the way Laura Jane sometime when you have a chance please drop me a line as I like to keep in touch with all my Cousins over the Country in one of your letters you spoke of Alice who is she & what is she like? How are you getting along with your music these days & what have you been doing lately?

Mother joins me in Best Regards to you

I am Sincerely Your Cousin,

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1 Apr. 25, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Justt a few lines to let you know how things are with us out here since my last letter. In the first place I am very pleased to report that in the over all picture Mother seems very much better but she still gets nervous at times.

We are going to get a new Cadillac in June & we already have it ordered it is to be French Gray in color & from all reports should be very lovely.

This Spring we have a great many new Hyacinths & Tullips in all colors which I ordered last Summer & they are all in bloom & are lovely in all colors I wish that you & your Family could see them.

Please please Laura Jane drop me a line once in awhile as I like to keep in touch with my various Cousins over the Country & please tell Cousin Mary to do the same as I would like to hear from her when she has the time as I remember our pleasant visit with her & your Family in Little Falls back in 39.

I suppose that you have been reading about the Gangland Murders which have been occurring in K.C. recently & they have been terrible & the present Govt. that we have in Washington just sits back there & acts as though nothing has happened we out here certainly hope that in the coming elections this fall we can get the G.O.P. back into power & get this mess straightened out.

By the way Laura Jane have you seen much television back there in N.Y. we are waiting out here to get our set until the programs get better & they seem to be getting that now they used to be terrible in this section of the Country & that is why we have been waiting. Do you ever listen to Arthur Godfrey's Shows back there we enjoy him very much.

As for the Family History on our side of the house I do not have anything to report in this letter as I am unable to get ahold of a Howland Book from Boston to find our line through our Mary Briggs & also I have not found our Allen Line either as yet.

Mother & Lyl join me in Kindest Regards to you,

With Love as ever,

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June 12, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going with us out here since my last letter to you in April.

In the first place I am very pleased to report that Mother seems very much better in every way & continues to improve daily for which we are very pleased.

Two weeks ago we got home from our Southwestern trip which was very lovely but it did have some drawbacks, in the first place we had hoped to go & look over a Farm that we have in Okla. but were held up by High Water & got into a 5 inch rain in Oklahoma City.

Going through Souther Kans, Okla, & Texas we never saw so many Oil Wells in operation in our lives pumping to beat the band. We went through Snider, Texas which has become a Boom Town from nothing & people are flocking there by the thousands-in search of Oil. You might have read about it in the Sat. Post a week or so ago.

From there we headed West through Elpaso which certainly is a very poor town we thought on out to Tuscon, on this trip we tried for the first time in our travels Motels & found several nice ones along the way. The two which appealed to us the most were in Hobbs, N.M. & the one in Tuscon. Tuscon is alright I guess but I do not believe that I would care to spend the Winter out there as so many people do. It is so desolate & dry out there.

We then decided seeing that the Grand Canyon was so close we would take a trip over there as Lyal had never seen it that is when westarted to get into perfectly beautiful scenery through the Mountains We had never seen such Scenery in our lives as we found on that section of the trip. Going through several Natl. Forests & the Oak Creek Canyon to get over to Grand Canyon. We then moved on to Santa Fe via the Petrified Forest which was very interesting & the Painted Desert which certainly is not what every one says it is as far as beauty is concerned.

We did take in the Carlsbad Caverns, but being there on Sunday & going through with 240 other people we thought that they were very disappointing. Enrout to Santa Fe. I developed a Virus Infection & was pretty sick for 24 hours but we called the Dr. & he gave me one of those new Misen Drugs that really fixed me.

W traveled about 3400 Miles altogether. Well Laura Jane we are going to get our new Cadillac today it is going to be what they call French Gray in Color & should be very fine from all reports.

I do not have any Family History to report in this letter as in the Summer I let the Hobby drop on account of Hot Weather. Please when you have a chance drop me a line as I like to keep in touch with my various Cousins over the Country & when you write Mary please tell her I would like to hear from her once in a while also.

Mother joins me in Kindest Regards to you & your Family.

With Love as ever,

Guilford

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July 5, 1950

Dear Laura Jane,

I received your very good letter several weeks ago & was glad to hear that things were going well with you & your Family. I am very pleased to report that Mother is again feeling much like her old self.

In your letter you spoke of a European trip this Summer & I hope that you have a pleasant time on it. As you know I was over there in 31 for 5 weeks & we visited 13 Countries in that short time so that you can see from that we only got a Birds Eye View of Europe.

I think that the Countries that I enjoyed the most was Italy, Switzerland, & of course Paris, it was so full of History which I have always enjoyed & Rome & the other Italian Cities were so very full of interest we thought

We also visited Eng. & Scotland which were quite interesting. I have also heard that Scandinavia was lovely but we did not get there.

This Letter is to tell you & your family of our Summer Plans as they are shaping up we expect to leave here on the 13th or 14th for our annual visit with our relatives in Springfield, Ohio & may be reached there Shawnee Hotel until about the 10 of Aug, as we want to get home here around the 14th in time for the opening of a new Store in our Buildings on the 17th of Aug.

You spoke in your letter of a visit this month from Cousin Sally Taylor we hope that it was very enjoyable Where does she live & what is she like, please send me any other Family news that you have on anyother of my Cousins on your Branch of the Family as I like to hear about my various Cousins & to correspond with them.

The World seems again to be in a Mess with this recent trouble in Korea but I was glad to see that the U. N. backed up the U.S. in this Crisis & that a good many of the Nations seem to be backing us up as something simply has to be done to Russia to show her that she can go just so far & no further

Mother joins me in love to you & your Family

Sincerely Your Cousin.

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