

Jan. 3, 1993

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have enjoyed the holidays here. All of the kids were here at least part of the time. I just took Brian back to Ann Arbor today.

We are all healthy here, relatively speaking. We have all had colds etc, but no serious problems. I think the changeable weather has made catching a cold very easy.

I understand that Sis and Jan are headed for Phoenix this week. I hope you girls have a good time together. I hope the weather there is fine and you get to enjoy Arizona. There is so much to see and do but I realize that you must stay in the southern half at this time of year.

I like the idea of having a family reunion on the river bank. The logistics can be a challenge but I am sure we can work everything out. We have time.

Tomorrow we go back to school. In three weeks I will reach my 30 year mark at Hazel Park Schools. It has been a pretty good year so far. I only wish that more students really had the desire to learn. So many want to just pass without any effort on their part. Pray for them and me.

We are just about finished with the main floor of Mark's house. We are just finishing the kitchen and back entry. We finished the roof and back of the house last summer. Next spring I will put vinyl siding on the sides and begin working on the front porch. It looks good.

Thanks Jan for the picture. You asked for our ideas about where it was taken. as I told you, I feel it was taken, probably by Chuck, at the time we gathered in Grand Rapids for Joe & Jackie's wedding. I came home on leave in 1957 for their wedding. Marty was in Africa.

Well I better quit this for now and get it into the mail. God bless each and every one of you.

Your loving brother
Jim

JAN. 6TH 1993

HELLO AGAIN YA'ALL

I RECEIVED THE PACKET FROM JIM YESTERDAY AND I WILL GET IT OUT RIGHT AWAY AS JIM SAYS JAN AND SIS ARE FLYING TO ARIZONA. I WISH I WAS GOING WITH THEM, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT I WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE WITH THREE WOMEN. RIGHT. ELAINE, I LIKE YOUR HANDWRITING JUST THE WAY IT IS. I SEE NO NEED TO LEARN CALLIGRAPHY. ENJOY THE WARM WEATHER.

JOE, I IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE AT THE CONDO IN FLORIDA. I HOPE ELAINE HAS THE ADDRESS SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET THE PACKET.

SIS, I WAS SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THAT ROGER WAS IN THE MIAMI AREA DURING THE STORM. WHERE IS HE LIVING IN KENTUCKY?

JANICE, DON'T YOU LOVE THOSE COMPUTERS. THEY ARE SUCH A LIFE SAVER BUT SOME TIMES YOU WOULD JUST AS SOON PUT YOUR FOOT THROUGH IT.

FRANK, SORRY TO HEAR OF ALL THE PROBLEMS WITH BETTYS DAD. IT HAS GOT TO BE A REAL STRAIN ON EVERYONE.

JACK, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU HAD BUILT A ROAD ALL THE WAY TO THE RIVER. DOES IT GO STRAIGHT DOWN THE LANE OR DID YOU TAKE A DETOUR OVER TO WHERE THE PICNIC TABLE USED TO BE IN THE CLEARING BY THE BANK.

I HOPE YOUR EYE SURGERY GOES OK.

JIM, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF BESIDES OVER AT MARK'S PLACE? IT SURE IS FUN REMODELING HOMES. I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING A PICNIC AT THE FARM. SOME TIMES THE BEST WAY FOR FOOD IS TO GO TO KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN AND PICK UP ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE AND TAKE IT OUT THERE AT NOON AND EVERYONE DIG IN. WE COULD HAVE WATER MELON AND POP ON THE SIDE. NO BIG DEAL RIGHT.

DANA ANNOUNCED HER ENGAGEMENT AGAIN. IT IS NOW SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH. BUT ITS SO FAR AWAY, SHE MAY DECIDE TO CHANGE IT AGAIN. HE IS DOWN AT TYLER TEXAS AT MISSIONARY SCHOOL SO WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER. SHARI HAS TO FINISH THIS YEAR OUT AT MSU AND DO HER STUDENT TEACHING ON SPECIAL ED IN THE FALL SO A YEAR FROM NOW SHE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR A JOB. I DO NOT ENVY HER ONE BIT. GUESS I BETTER GET THIS OUT SO ELAINE CAN GET IT RIGHT AWAY. LOVE YOU ALL AND TAKE CARE.

BROTHER MARTY

Jan "93"

Dear Sisters & Brothers!

This is going to be a task. I haven't a lot to write about. Having Sis and Jan here for such a short time was great for me but the weather was lousy! We managed to keep busy, going out to eat and some shopping. Playing Solitaire which I had never done is filling in really good-looking at pictures and talking.

The four Citrus Trees are looking good, the lemon has never been so full and the fruit is good, the grapefruit isn't so, maybe later. Oranges are real good, now.

Time is flying, Mick & Wally are all winterized and their kids stop in daily, which wouldn't have been too easy had they stayed here. I'm sure the kids are ~~reassured~~ relieved. Wally is sleeping in a chair even tho they have the bed that folds to prop him up.

I have a Kindergarten school for my Volunteer work, another pregnant teacher but they need help and I hope I'm helping?

Our Cousin Dorothy Gullett has had two surgery
on her broken Shoulder and is having therapy
3 days a week, has to do some work on her own
so it doesn't "graze up". What an awful time
she's had and not done yet, Oct; it happened.

The weather is back to normal for now -
the state is eligible for flood disaster funds
so the powers that be are interviewing those poor
people who have lost everything. Mother Nature
has dealt some rough blows.

This is being I know but, my roof on the
covered patio are shipping water so I have to get
a roofer in, messy job - need painting after, the
sprinkling system is needing repairs so I'll have
to get busy. Can't let it go to the dogs.

I hope you and yours can make it to
my family reunion, Houghton Lk., Markey Town Hall
last Sat in July 93

Love & God bless to all,
Eleanore

Cadillac, MI
1/28/'93

Dear Family:

We received the letter packet in todays mail, and since we expect to leave for Florida on Feb. 1st. I better answer right away.

I appears that everyone is in reasonably good shape compared with some recent years, Thank God for that. I am happy to hear of the good response to the suggestion for '94 reunion at the Pine River spot. Mosquitos can be a problem if the wind is still and a storm is coming or at night fall. We can work around these problems. Kentucky fried chicken would be fine if there is one close enough to avoid spoilage.

We have three new grandsons in the past year, and expect one this summer. Son Mike expects to be married October 9th in Florida, and we are making plans to go for the wedding. I doubt that many of the family will be able to make it., if any.

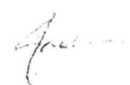
We are about to embark on a new type of trip for us, we will wander down to the gulf coast of Florida, visiting friends and relatives on the way, starting 1/1/'93. We haven't been able to locate affordable housing yet for the first month of our expected stay. We do have a month in Pensicola Beach, Florida for 3/10 to 4/10 just in time to head back to Cadillac.

We wanted to stay near Naples, but the housing there ranges up to \$6,000/ mo. so we are up to at least plan C. We may have to stay near Mike in Bradenton.

The winter here is milder and less snowy than usual, although mid November was the exact opposite. From the weather in southern Arizona and throughout the west, This year has been for the books.

See youall in July at Prudenville with stories of our winter, I hope.

Love, Joe and Jacquelyn



Imlay city mi
2-9-93

My Dear Bro + Sister,

I've had the letters a few days now, so I'll get busy and get them back on the road.

Its been a nice winter for me. The weather is pretty nice here in Imlay city. Some days its warmer and when its cold its very Sunny.

Jan and I had a nice R+R. out in ag. with sister Elaine. It did all three of us alot of good and we sure enjoyed ourselves. Miss you Elaine.

Our wedding is on for March 20th. The plans are pretty much all set. Jim and Donna want it small and quiet. It will be at Sacred Heart with a dinner following in the Hall. Since its during Lent we cant have altar flowers. That bothers me but its not my wedding. Also they are inviting

2) just the uncles and aunts. (to keep it small)
I'm sure if one or two ^{more} came it wouldn't
be noticed. we have so many that
want to come to this wedding that's
its going to be hard.

Joe and Jackie it looks like you
going to be in Florida all winter. See you at
the reunion.

Frank + Betty we hope you will
be here on March 20th. I'll tell you
all about the hurricane Andrew when we
see you. Rog + Ann relocated in Kentucky
but Rog is back down there working.
and Ann is with the school boys in Ky.

John + Pat it would be nice to get
a little vacation down our way. Hope
to see you at the wedding.

Jim + Carolyn. we live close but
don't see each other very much. we miss
you. see you at the wedding we hope.

Marty + Sonda we do hope you will
be at the wedding. you will have been
there before you get this I believe.

3 Jan + Jean we will see you on Feb 20
for your perm and I have a few
old pictures for you to check out. I didn't
want to hold the letters that long. It
was nice to read them all in Aug
as they arrived there when we had
our vacation.

We love you all our Families
and are looking forward to seeing
all of you at the wedding or the
reunion or both.

May God Bless + keep you.

Sis + Roy.

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Feb 25, 1993

Dear Family :-

Time to get these on the road again. Frank & Betty - I received your check and note for the pictures. We've decided that picture of Mom was taken about 1980 at age 84. Everyone that sees it agree that its the best of her in later years.

I may be ordering a new supply.

Bob is still not into his house. There's so much to do and doesn't move very fast when its done part time. They are in various stages of trim, cabinets, counter tops and carpet. I suppose it will get there in due time.

We are planning to spend Easter with Joe's family in Minneapolis. It's a special one for them. Pat is making her 1st Communion and Confirmation on Holy Saturday. Aimee will be baptized that night also. Pat's son Brad will make his 1st Communion

2 weeks later. Its important that we be there in the rooting section. She is so enthusiastic about the classes - I tell her she will have to bring the rest of us up to date.

I believe we can convince Edami to stay around here from May 5th to May 16th. She flies in on the 5th & Mark Dumont's wedding is on the 15th.

We're all sick of snow. Just think, in 8 weeks well have to cut the grass. Chuck says he wants to cut it in 4 weeks. His California blood is thin.

Joe, fill us in on the new grandkids, who had them, when, names, etc. How many grandkids does that make?

Ill close now - my fingers are so sore I can hardly write. They crack and peel. I hone at least 4 hurting bad tonight. Punching machines doesnt help, either.

Love,
Jan and Jean.

P.S. I'm confused - Franks letter is missing - there's 2 from Sis and John. Come on - you guys.

8-10-93

Dear Brothers - Sisters!

Not alot to write about up here at this time of year one day just seems to run into the next without any change, although we have had 3 or 4 nice days sunny and in the 40° just lately - what a welcome change.

Betty & I have been keeping busy doing jig saw puzzles & keeping the deer & birds fed fed we feed the deer hay and corn and have had over 30 in here at one time, they just seem to come out of the woods when I put the hay out. The turkeys though, this pen is speaking funny so I'm going to find something else.

wish I had my last letter, I don't

like to repeat myself in this one.

Betty is having a lot of problems lately - she just does not want to go anywhere or be around people, I've had her to the Dr. several times for a lot of tests but nothing has turned up yet, she is going again Fri., we have a 2 hr. session with a counselor and the Dr. right after that, hope she gets straitened out soon she is not going to Mass even, maybe its cabin fever among other things.

Paul Michaud that's Don's youngest son has been picked up for CSC in the 2nd. degree, he lost his wife in a car accident a couple of yrs. ago and has a girl friend living with him now supposedly it was her 12 yr. old daughter he was involved

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with and then yesterday his house-trailer was on fire, he stopped home for a cup of coffee and smelled smoke a mattress in the spare bedroom was on fire, Mike London a fireman that was there said they threw it out the back door and it looked fishy to them, he needs to come up with a lot of money soon as his trial is coming up.

John! in rereading your last letter I was wondering how your eye surgery turned out?, I have been meaning to ask you for that information on the G.M. paint jobs - if you have it send it to me - the gal next door wants it.

Jim! I don't know how you find enough hrs. in the day to do all the things you do, what is that saying

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idle hands are ⁴ foul hands or something like that? what ever you don't have anything to worry about.

Marty! glad to hear that everything is going well with you guys, if Donna gets married as planned that would be on my 60th. and our 39th. annvers.

Elaine! it sounds like you are having some nice weather now - I guess its been kind of a funny winter for you guys hay? glad to hear your fruit is doing well, you should try some puzzles you would be surprised at how the time flies, glad you girls had some time together wish I could have been there.

Joe! glad to see you got out of here for a couple of Mo., hope you had a good and restful trip - by the time you get this you will no doubt be

back in gods country for the summer.

Sis! glad to hear you enjoyed your trip to Az. it sure is a nice time of the yr. to leave Mi. isn't it, as far as the wedding of Jims I would really like to be there but at this point it does not look possible, give them our best in any case.

Jon! We really enjoy that picture of Mom, when and where did she have it taken? you will probably have already been out to Joe's by the time this letter gets to you hope you had a good trip, is Gene helping Rab on his house?

Betty's Dad is doing quite well at the home, he talks on & on about how well they treat him and he likes the food so I guess that's half the

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Battle, he does insist that he is coming back to our house real soon, but the Dr. says no - he is going to talk to him this Fri. when he goes in for a check up we will see what happens then, we had him out for a good long ride a few days ago and he enjoyed that but he talks so soft and waves his arms it gets to be nerve racking on me not hearing a word he is saying I just shake my head alot.

I guess I've habbled on long enough so will close for now, I hope this finds all of you & yours well and happy.

Frank

3-21-93

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Since it has ben a few days since the family letter arrived, its time to answer.

I wonder if any of you recognized the enclosed picture. While I have called Duane London concerning a open house for the general Public. No date has ben set yet, but expect one in late May.

Concerning the picnic at the river in 1994. Several questions concern me on this event. (Where) do you get five folding tables and 30 folding chairs? And how do you transport the above from point A to point B. For those that has had algebra, help me on this one ~~one~~ please.

What about incimate weather - will a large tent be necessary? Of these two questions can be ~~solved~~ solved. the battle is half won.

Appri 30 years ago a road was built from F41 to the Pine River. It was filled in and graveled. However last der season after two full weeks it received a real beating. It will ~~open~~ ^{probably} cost 4 to 5 thousand to rebuild. There is also a road clean up north to the creek.

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Several of you has inquired about my latest eye surgery. This was the fourth time to correct this problem. To tell you the truth it was a complete failure. It basically boiled down to a wasted \$2,000 and dashed hopes.

Debra (that's our youngest) will be spending 2 weeks in Germany. She is expected back on March 29th.

Todd will be graduating on April 29th or May 1 from CMU. I do not remember if I had told you all this earlier. I was informed he had saved a fellow's soldier's life when he was in boot camp a couple of years ago. They tell me a grenade can blow a human body apart.

Health wise we all are in reasonable good shape. However it has been one very long winter. It seems the older one gets the harder the winter. We have had 16 inches less snow than normal 85' down to 69' however it has been bitter cold. I understand this was the 27th coldest in the last 80 years.

Will have to close for now and may God Bless each and everyone of you.

your loving
Brother John

P.S. I am sure glad a teacher (is not) grading this letter!

April 11, 1993

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is Easter Sunday and since I can not be out working, I better get these letters written and on their way. We are all fine here. I hope you are all the same.

Today is a gloomy day. It is cloudy and cool now. It started out sunny this morning but since then we have had a thunder storm with rain and snow. Enough already. I am ready for sun and 70° weather.

We have a week off from school. This week I will try to get the trees trimmed and the yard in shape. Wednesday we will be having the carpeting installed in Mark's house. We are also planing to install new carpeting in our family room but we don't have a date yet. I will have to get the room ready first.

On May 1st Brian will be graduating from U. of M. in aero-space engineering. He has done fine. He plans to go on and get his masters in "computational fluid dynamics". U. of M. has offered him a position with full tuition paid plus \$100. per month. We don't know yet whether it will be a teaching assistant position or a fellowship. He is in the running for two fellowships. If he gets the fellowship he will get the tuition and money without teaching duties. He will just work on his masters degree. Perdue

University wanted him to come there but didn't offer him as much and with a larger work load which leaves less time for him to study.

Since I wrote last, Carolyn and I have taken two workshops from the Red Cross, one in basic "damage assessment" and one in "disaster action team training". They were very interesting.

We are all getting ready for Mark & Sheila's wedding on May 15th. The house is nearly ready. I hope to see all of you here.

Karen and John are doing fine in their jobs. John's sister's husband passed away about a month ago. It has been only 8 months since they were married. He was in his last semester of chiropractic school.

Jeff is finishing his second year in mechanical engineering at U. of M. Dearborn. He is doing fine. He plans to go to school this summer and take coop this fall.

This letter is already long and I haven't reacted to your letters but will save that for when I see you at the wedding. Be good and God bless you.

Your loving brother
Jim.

April - 93

HI BROTHERS AND SISTERS

RECEIVED ALL THE LETTERS FROM EVERYONE INCLUDING TWO FROM SIS. THEY WERE GREAT.

DANA HAS CHANGED HER WEDDING DATE TO SEPTEMBER 18TH. AND WHO KNOWS, IT MAY CHANGE AGAIN. HER FIANCE IS ON HIS WAY TO COLUMBIA TO HELP OUT IN MISSIONARY WORK. YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

WE WILL SEE ALL OF YOU AT MARK'S WEDDING.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW WE SPENT OUR VACATION IN THE GREAT STATE OF ARIZONA. WE HAD 8 BEAUTIFUL DAYS BUT WE MISSED SADONA AND TUCSON SO I GUESS WE HAVE TO GO BACK. I COULD SPEND A MONTH AND NOT SEE EVERYTHING. WE DID FIND A TOWN CALLED LAKE HAVASU AND FELL IN LOVE WITH IT. THEY HAVE A BRIDGE THERE THAT WAS RECONSTRUCTED FROM LONDON, ENGLAND. THE TOWN WAS STARTED IN 1964. THE GREAT PART OF THE CANYON WAS THE I-MAX MOVIE. ALSO ELAINES HOSPITALITY AND THE ARIZONA FRUIT WAS GREAT. ALSO THE PLANE RIDE WAS GREAT.

DANA IS STILL AT KELLOGGS AND SHARI PLANS TO DO HER SPECIAL ED TEACHING IN THE FALL AT MASON MICHIGAN. WE HOPE THAT PROVES TO BE FRUITFUL. ELAINE, YOU SHOULD PLAN TO STAY A FEW DAYS IN DETROIT AS WE ARE STILL GETTING SNOW UP HERE.

JOE, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE PANHANDLE OF FLORIDA? I HAVE A FRIEND THAT BOUGHT A FIVE ACRE FARM TWENTY MILES NORTH OF PANAMA CITY AND HE JUST LOVES IT. GREAT WEATHER YEAR AROUND. SIS, EVERYTHING SEEMS NORMAL IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS.

JANICE, WATCH OUT FOR THOSE KEY BOARDS. MAY WOMEN ARE COMING UP WITH SORE ARMS FROM THEM. FRANK, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN HERD OF GOVERNMENT BEEF UP THERE. HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH BETTY.

JACK, MAYBE WE COULD FIND A FARM WAGON AND A TRACTOR AND DO A SHUTTLE BACK AND FORTH TO THE RIVER BANK. I BELIEVE KENTUCKY FRIED IN OSCODA COULD PREPARE ENOUGH CHICKEN AND KEEP IT PRETTY HOT IN COLEMAN CONTAINERS. BRING YOUR CUTTERS LOTION WITH YOU.

JIM, WE WONDER IF YOU WILL EVER SLOW DOWN. I GUESS SUMMER VACATION WILL REALLY BE APPRECIATED THIS YEAR. EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE DOING REAL WELL. GOT TO GO. LOVE YOU ALL.

SONDA, MARTY AND GIRLS

April 29, 93

Hello Brothers, Sisters and Families.

This is going to be short and I hope sweet! The date for the reunion may be changed, Liz & Roger can't make the date - the last Sat in July 93 - is that what I told you? It has to hold until I'm back up North!! Remember I have rented the Markey Sawship Hall.

Just a few words about winter weather, you scare me - how can anyone "thinking" go back to that? Well I do I'll have to keep quiet about the snow, ice and freezing temps. Marty thinks I'm alright, once I got over the shock of Mick & Wally leaving it wasn't too bad - it does get awful lonely tho.

If my memory hasn't failed, today would have been Mom's birthday. God rest her soul. And all our dear ones.

Bought packing boxes this AM. They're expensive and for my Dad Wardrobe - Chuck wouldn't be pleased. I'm closing - have lots to do and like to take my time.

Good health and happiness to each and every one and hope to see you all this summer

Big Sister,

Elaine

Cadillac, MI
May 10, 1993

Dear Family,

We received the letter packet 3 days ago and have just spurred myself into typing this letter so that we may take it to the wedding at Jim's this Saturday. To be more accurat I was trying to decide how to proceed on advice for the '94 reunion "at the river". I have talked to Frank; Betty; and Jim, and tried to call John with no success. It appears that Frank & I will offer to visit the site this July and report what we find. The tent problem appears easily solved, and we can use a insect fogger to cut doen on the mosquito problem. I can tow a trailer or narrow wagon, with my 4x4 if that is necessary. Chairs and TV trayes may be used in place of tables, if needbe.

We survived our ten week winter trip to Florida with some ide-as as to what we will not try to do again. Florida had two coolee than normal winters in a row, so beech housing is not required, especially at the prices now charged. Winter is high and spring is out of this world. Start calling for reservations in October for January--April. Just get within driving distance of the beaches for the rare day that is suitable.

For hot weather you need to get below Sarasota if you feel very well healed. Rent by the month if they will, and there will be about 10% tax added, and possibly no utilities except telephone (use credit card).

We stayed at Bradenton-Saracota and Pensecola Beach when we weren't scouting around.

Denise, Yvonne, Joe and Ron are the parents of the newest Grandchildren, born or due.

Michael's wedding for October is on hold (we will be going to Florida in October anyway because of reseervations already made) probably about 3 weeks. We also have reservatic on Vancouver Island, British Columbia for the last week of May '94, that is being planned.

Summer has arrived in the Cadillac area the last few days, and it appears that Elaine brought it with her from Arizona. She hates the cold or anywhere near cold so she must have a lot of pull somewhere upstairs. Go for it Elaine but don't overdue it, it's getting a bit too hot for some of us northerners.

Hope to see youall soon

Frank & Betty

5-17-93

My Dear Brothers + Sisters,

Its been less than 4 months since the last letters came. we are getting real good.

Elaine please dont make any changes in the Family Reunion (as I've told you on the phone). we are working it out so we can do both.

The AMCCC. will just have to be neglected a little this year. we will go for Fri eve and Sat. morn and head up to Houlton Lake around noon. we may be a little late, but we will be there.

² The wedding was beautiful
Jim + Carolyn. We had such
a nice time. It was nice
to see alot of you Bros + Sis's
there.

Sam it was so exciting to hear
about you finding your biological
Family. Uncle Roger found
his sister (adopted as a baby)
in 1988 and it was a wonderful
reunion. See all of you Jan
+ Jean at Jim + Angies wedding.

Marty + Sandra I understand
you have a wedding ~~in~~ Sept.
Well its nice to get together
on these happy occasions.

Joe + Jackie your family is
really growing. Well thats
what its all about and it

3) sure makes life interesting.
Frank + Betty - John + Pat
had planned to see all of
you at the School open house
in Oscoda. Since they are
not having it we'll have
to see what other plans we
can make. We have another
horse who is making Grand
Champion this year. Perhaps we
will get up to a horse show
and catch ^{all} of you then. Life is
so busy.

Rog has rejoined his Family
in Kentucky. He finally found
work there. He had been
down near Miami working on
the effects of "Andrew". The
Family live in Kentucky.

Jim is very happily married and living in Imlay city. He works at the Orion plant.

Michelle still works at G.O. and is busy with Special Olympics and her other activities.

Bill's family are growing up. The twins are 15 yrs now. The kids are really excelling in everything. Chichan is climbing the corporate ladder at Toyota Seat.

John's house is completed in Hawaii. Lisa is 13. Jessy and Megan will be 3 in October. Gayle is a school teacher.

Jan + Robert live in our apt. The boys are doing well in school. Joshua is awesome in Track (according to the girls).

5/ Chris has started a business
He has a franchise in Michigan
as a Scouting Report. He helps
get scholarships for High School
Students. He also works at
the Orion plant. Mandy helps
him alot with his business.
Chrissy is 5 and Amelia will be
3 on 5-24-93. They are precious.
We love all our Grandchildren.
When Jim married he gave
us 2 more grand children, a
grand son-in-law and a great
grand son.

Roy + I plan to go to Kentucky
to see our Family there and
spend a day at the Egyptian event.
Just a short trip. We take lots
of those.

6/ Love you Family and it
looks like we will be seeing
each other in the near future.

I love it.

Every body stay well and
happy.

Sis + Rog

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July 5, 1993

Dear Family:

Its time to write the 13th start
of the "Family Letters."
Frank - for a guy that complains
there's nothing to write about - you
ended up with 6 pages. Im glad
you like Mom's picture. I've
recently resurrected one of Dad I
wish I could find a better one.
Ill try to remember to bring it
to Houghton Lake. And if anyone
could look thru their old snapshots.
It doesnt have to be one of him.
alone. I cut faces out of other
pictures. Mom's was cut out of
a snapshot. Joe + Pat have
a nice home in Minneapolis. They
have been back several times.
Its such a killer trip. A 12 to
14 hour drive. they usually drive
because its too expensive for (4)
to fly. No bargains going that way.

I want to plead with all of you to wear seatbelts. I totaled my car in May (I only had minor injuries) This weekend our Tom fell asleep going home Friday night. He has 2 black eyes and his head is badly swollen but no broken bones. Not a window left unbroken - that car is a total also. We thank God for looking after us.

Rob's house is finished. One of the rentals is vacant so Jean will be working on that. It needs a good cleanup!

Chuck's bid are coming in from Reno tomorrow. He will have them for a month. He went there for a few days near Christmas. Divorce leaves so many sad hearts.

I must tell you about Tam. (Mike's wife) she and her sister were adopted. Lately, she joined a group that help you find your birth parents. It only took them a couple of days to find 3 brothers, 3 sisters, a 90 yr. old grandmother,

and more. She met 2 half-brothers and their families. They just had to see her to know she belonged to them. She also met the grandmother lately. None of them knew about her. Both her mother and the guy they think is her father are dead. They think a guy by the name of Roy Cullenbine (her mother lived with him between her two marriages.) He played baseball with the tigers for a few years. She has to petition the court to have her files opened. Its been very exciting.

If you havent heard - Ethel Rose is going to be at the Reunion. She also will be spending a few days with us here. She is also interested in family genealogy. She says she looks like her mother (Aunt Frances). I havent seen her since we were kids. She was skinny and shy. Lets see what 50 yrs. can do.

Love to all,
Jan + Jean

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I'm walking like an old lady today (worse than usual). Jean and I picked about 40 lbs of strawberries for the freezer. 89¢ a lb. I just wish the discomfort price wasn't so high.

8-3-93

Dear Brothers + Sisters. —

I got the letter awhile ago and waiting to find something to write about, not too much happening up here.

We were sorry to hear of Uncle Leo's misfortune although it appears that he is on the mend at this time, it's unknown if he will regain the use of his left arm?

yesterday Aunt Emma, Ethel + Vanessa stop by on there way home from Alpena Mich. visiting Uncle Leo, he recognised Ethel and asked about her husband - he did not act like he knew Aunt Emma and talked about a lot of off the wall stuff but I guess that happens at (91) I do it now.

II

We were glad to see everyone at the Family reunion, it seemed that all had a good time and a good visit, as for next year things seem to be up in air right now - I have been trying to get some word from Oscoda trip. on air force beach but it is still under control of Dept. of Defense for how long they don't know, it would be a nice place for a reunion with swimming, boat launch, toys on the beach for the little ones etc.

We have a summer project going on here pouring some sidewalk etc., Betty does the loading of the mixer and I do the wheeling and troweling - its slow going but when we are done I know we will appreciate it. (I hope?)

III

John - just saw you the other day at the Hospital - hope you are straitened out with your cars by now its ~~dead~~ enough keeping up one but when you have 2 people working they have to be on the road, sorry you couldn't get to the reunion.

Jim - it sounds like you are up to your usual - I don't know how you find enough hours in a day to do everything you are involved with it just boggles my mind - I would be sitting in a corner talking to myself by now.

additions
Morty - We have 4 additions to our herd this spring was glad that some came in when Aunt Emma

IV

the girls were here they got quite a kick out of that.

Elaine. - I thought the reunion came off just fine you looked like you had been ~~at~~ drug through a knot hole ha ha I know it was a big concern - you should have had a little bottle to nip on in the kitchen.

Joe. - it was good to see you guys and your young ones at the reunion if you have a big enough suitcase Betty & I would like to go along to B.C. but it would have to be (B.G.)

Sis. - Sorry you were not feeling well at the Reunion, I understand you are on a bad diet - dont over do it I just get a longer belt.

V

Jan. - guess I'm the one to put
the brakes on this letter a lot
of the time but I do hate to
write letters, I guess I had my
fill of paper when I was working
and now I detest it, if it wasn't
raining now I would probably find
something else to be doing.

Enough for this time hope this
finds you and yours happy & well

Love you all

Betty & Frank

Sept 11, 1993

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

News has been moving at such a fast pace lately. To begin with we had experienced five vehicle breakdowns in five weeks. One of which happened the day of the family reunion. Normally we wouldn't have that many in three years.

Uncle Leo will not have to suffer anymore. We can all be grateful for that. He mentioned several times how he enjoyed his birthday party. Hopefully we can all remember him at that time, not at a later date.

Bessers has hired back seventeen workers. They have been out of Bessers over three years. I have the honor of getting up early for the next $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. I can't believe one can get paid for doing nothing. After all it would be repayment for blood sweat and tears for 38 years.

2- One thing for certain life in Alcona county is going to change. It seems "big Oil" wants to spend some green. In the next 90 days up to 14 antrim wells will be drilled. Three of these have ben drilled as of now. If the news is positive up to (300) will be drilled. They will spend from one million to one hundred million depending what is found.

Recently we have enjoyed good health. With one exception I have ben bothered with a hernia problem along with vision problems.

In the next two weeks I plan on doing soon road work down on the farm. The road got beat up badly last deer season. Road gravel will have to be trucked in all the way from Barton City - Spruce area.

Will have to close for now and have more news after Santa comes.

Your Loving Brother
John -

Oct 10, 1993

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a beautiful cool October Sunday. It got down near freezing this morning but it got up to the mid-fifties and sunny. The leaves are turning and the colors are great. We went to the cider mill and got cider and donuts. It has been a nice break from the work.

Carolyn and I got back from New Orleans two weeks ago. We had many interesting meetings and had a good time. It sure is an interesting city. We ate dinner one evening on Bourbon Street, had a dinner cruise on the Mississippi another evening, rode a streetcar, and took a swamp tour to name a few of the things we did.

Karen and John's house is going up now on the lot next to us. They should get the roof on this week. John's dad has a construction company in Battle Creek. They come down during the week and go back on the week end. Karen and John are living with us now and the crew is sleeping in their apartment. Hopefully they will have the house finished by the time I write again.

It has not been a good year at school. We were barely holding on when Engler cut another 6 million from our budget. The school district pinked ~~pinked~~ slipped 70 teachers including Carolyn

but she was rehired before school began, I helped negotiate a pay freeze and an incentive to retire, About twenty teachers retired,

When we got back to school we found the program cut so bad and the class sizes so high, I had four preparations and came very close to retiring myself, The morale is very low,

Frank, let me know how you make out with Van Etan Lake for the family reunion. If you can't get it, I will plan to have it here in Troy. The lake would be nice but we will do what ever seems best, Elaine, you did a great job with the reunion this summer. We will try to do as well, Enjoy Arizona.

I don't feel that I can respond to most of your letters since we talked directly since you wrote. It was good to see the high representation of our family at Uncle Leo's funeral.

I better close this for now and look for an envelope to get it in the mail, God bless all of you with good health and happiness

Your loving brother
Jim.

Oct. 25, 1997

HELLO SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND FAMILIES:

ALL HAS BEEN VERY LOW KEY SINCE THE WEDDING. DANA TELLS US THAT THEY ARE TRANSFERRING HER TO THE RESEARCH DEPT. IN NOVEMBER.

SHARI HAS ABOUT THREE WEEKS LEFT OF STUDENT TEACHING AND THEN WE CAN CROSS OUR FINGERS AND HOPE SHE GETS A JOB RIGHT AWAY.

I NOTICED THAT THE LETTERS HAVE SLOWED DOWN SINCE THE LAST ROUND, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO DELAY THIS PACKET SO I WILL FINISH THIS AND GET IT IN THE MAIL.

ELAINE IS BACK IN ARIZONA, AND AS OF FRIDAY SHE WAS GETTING READY TO GO HELP OUT AT THE SCHOOL THAT SHE IS VOLUNTEERING AT. SHE SAID IT IS 85 DEGREES. DON'T WE ALL WISH WE HAD SOME OF THAT.

JOE, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE POSSIBLY IN FLORIDA RIGHT NOW. I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE GOOD WEATHER DOWN THERE.

SIS, IT GREAT THAT YOU HAVE ANOTHER GRAND CHAMP THIS YEAR. I WISH I HAD A FARM AND COULD HAVE HORSES ETC.

JANICE, I UNDERSTAND YOU PUT ETHEL ROSE AND VANESSA UP FOR AWHILE. THEY SURE HAD A GOOD TIME AND ENJOYED THE CAR. I HEAR YOU HAVE ELAINES CAR FOR THE WINTER. ITS NICE TO HAVE LOTS OF ROOM SO YOU CAN DO THOSE THINGS.

FRANK, IT SURE WAS A TREAT TO SEE ALL THE DEER A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. I SURE ENVY YOU GUYS. I WENT BY THE CEMETERY AND CUT THAT ROSE BUSH WAY BACK. I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. LETS TAKE THE OLD CARPET OFF AND LET IT GO BACK TO GRASS.

JACK, IT SOUNDS LIKE BESSERS IS DOING FINE. I AM HAPPY THAT INDUSTRY CAN STILL SURVIVE IN THE SMALL NORTHERN CITIES. IT LOOKS LIKE THE DEER ARE DOING PRETTY WELL ALSO.

JIM, BY NOW THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR SHOULD BE PRETTY WELL CLOSED IN. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL PUT IN A DUAL SUMP PUMP SO THE WATER WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM FOR THEM.

NEXT APRIL, I PLAN TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION. ITS BEEN 35 YEARS SINCE I HAVE BEEN TO NEW ORLEANS. GOT TO GO. LOVE YOU ALL.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank", written in dark ink.

Nov. 1993

Hello Families!

From the desert, our weather is changing - snow at 7000 FT. Rain here at 1300 FT. The wet River Rock and the Ag. Coral look nice - 5 men came yesterday and raked the front - it looks very good and needed it badly. They are senior olympic ball players who need money for their equipment.

Have been doing quite good since I'm back - not as lonely as I thought I'd be. The school thing is really different - sad to see those little faces that can't comprehend what one is saying to them. I'm praying for strength to stay with it! It looks like I'll be "Home for Christmas" this year - first since 82.

Hope Jan & Jean can stand me around.

The citrus is green-green - after the first of the year I guess it will be ready.

Those of you who missed the family Reunion - We missed you & those of you who made it I'm so glad you came with your good foods and smiling faces and your very able assistance, Couldn't have done it alone! It was nice to have Aunt Emma and Ethel Rose and Vanessa.

Sure was happy to be able to attend Sheila & Mark's - Dana and Matt's Weddings sorry I missed Jim Bruce and Jim Marion's. Such a big family!

The gardenia bush has a stray blossom on it - have to get the Miracid on it - oleanders are growing

Over the fence. My gardeners won't cut it until frost. Everything needs to be cut down about every five years!

Cousin Dorothy Quillette is still not up to par - one thing after the other. Don't know what to do about Thanksgiving - oh well - one day at a time for any of us. RIGHT?

This eve. I'm taking another lady to our new Beginnings meeting - they have an author coming to speak to the bereaved - I hope it doesn't open up old wounds but this couple were there for me when I needed them, they asked - sent a type written letter and I can't refuse to show up. Don't go out much after dark and the days are so short now.

Have the tires on my TRIKE all full of air - a nice neighbor

pumped them up the other day, hope
I can get out for a few turns
around.

Hope I haven't bored you to tears
about my life in the S.West
but if it weren't for all of you
I'd have no family at all and
I do thank God for you all!

God bless,
Elaine

Cadillac, MI
Dec. 2, 1993

Dear Family:

Since we saw most of you at Prudenville, we had a last-winter planned trip to Florida in early October. We found out again why we don't like hot weather very much. Our car airconditioner decided it had had enough in northern Georgia, so we suffered through a weekend until we could get to a repair. Two days and a car rental later we get very little vacation in the Orlando area. Next we spent two very rainy days in Jacksonville area, then on to St. Petersburg where the airconditioned failed again. Another two to three days before we could drive in comfort. The first dealer failed to find the leak but changed many parts. The total cost was near 2,000 dollars and we cut the vacation two days early with a rainy weekend threatening. NOT A GOOD TRIP. The accomadations were secondrate except for Jacksonville in the rain. We will never go to Florida again in the non winter months.

Denise and family have purchased a home in East Lansing, and Joe is about to move again this month, while Michael moved to Maryland in late September. Some of us are very mobile now days. We just got our winter tax bill and it makes me want to move again--but we do have hopes for a better next year.

Deer hunting season is just over, with very poor results for this family. A little tracking snow for the last two days. I sure hope some of you did better.

Our family seems to be reasonably healthy this fall. I am getting erratic blood pressure readings and will be getting some tests run as well as closer pressure readings to keep ahead of any possible problems.

We still have our Vancouver Island trip scheduled for late May with our time-share exchange, but other than that we will try to stay home for a while. Mike plans to visit for a week at Christmas.

We wish a Blessed and Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you and yours.

PS see you all at the next reunion next summer.

Joe & Jackie



12-7-93

My Dear Brothers + Sisters,

Here it is the day Dad passed into his glory thirty two years ago (1961). I'm sitting here listening to Christmas carols on tape and feeling very happy for ^(our) my parents.

Rogers Family still live in Kentucky and Roger is a Truck Driver. We will see him once in awhile when he gets up this way. Jim and Chris are working at the Orion Plant. Chris also has a college recruiting Business. Jim's wife Donna has quit her job for the time being. He's getting so many hours that they never see each other. Michelle is well and still works at Q. Bills are living in their new home on Doran Rd and are very busy with work + school.

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
and I will declare what He hath done for my soul."

Psalms 66:16



2 John's still live in their new home in Hawaii. Gayle is happy to have a teaching job just 6 miles from home.

Jan + Robert still live in our apartment. Joshua is 6' tall + Jonah is close behind. I don't know where these big kids are coming from. Chris + Mindy have two darling kids 5 + 3 yrs old.

Joe + Jackie it sounds like your trip to Florida was rough. Hope all is well otherwise.

Jan + Jean. Thank you for the beautiful Birthday card. It does ease the pain of getting older.

Frank + Betty - I wasn't on a diet. I think I get sick from air conditioning. I lost 12 lbs during the summer. I feel very well now. Hope you two are staying well. See you at the next reunion if not sooner.

John + Pat. Glad to hear every one of you are doing well. Uncle Leo is at peace now. Sorry I was unable to get to his Funeral. I was booked solid that day.

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and I will declare what He hath done for my soul."

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3 Jim + Carolyn - nice to hear about your travels. We went to Hawaii in August and had a grand time with John Family. That will be nice having Karen + John next door. We've always loved having our Family Close.

Marty + Sanda - Bet your glad the wedding is over and things are settling down. It must be nice to have a Son also.

Elaine - we are looking forward to seeing you real soon. Its so nice to be with Family on the Holidays.

We ask God to bless all of you and yours with good health and prosperity. We are praying for you Jean.

Love to all
Sis + Rog