

March 1996--Bryan Weight Family Letter

Dear Family,

Thanks to those of you who sent letters! We love hearing all the news from the different families.

Hannah and Hyrum are running track. Hannah had her first meet last week. Willis started baseball practices.

The ward put on Flight 409 for the youth last Sunday. Bryan helped with the sound effects--plane take off, crash etc. The youth bore their testimonies afterwards and there was really a sweet feeling there.

Bryan's secretary moved to California and he has hired a new one. We think she'll work out fine, but there is a heavier load on him while she's being trained.

Sarah sang really beautifully at the district solo contest. (In my unbiased opinion!) She had practiced harder than I have ever seen her practice and I was really proud of her. There were over 80 sopranos and they called back 10. She was in the call back group but wasn't chosen to go on to state.

We had to ask that Hannah be removed from her history class. She was having a really bad experience with a teacher. (He is a new teacher, just came in at the semester break. He kept seeking Hannah's counsel because he was having a terrible time with the class. He would pull her aside during class for personal conferences. She began to feel uncomfortable--to the point that she didn't want to go to his class.) She tried really hard to work things out but it finally reached a point where we could see we had to step in. I've been talking to the administrator off and on for the past two months. Finally, I could see that the only way to move forward on this problem was to tell the school that we would not permit her to attend the class any more. We finalized things yesterday and the school allowed her to move to a different teacher.

Following that I had to talk to Hyrum's computer tech teacher. He is failing the class. Forty percent of the grade is based on speed. He can only type 17 words a minute so he is getting an F for 40% of his grade. Even if he had 100% in the other areas he would get a D in the class. Because he is a slow typist he has a hard time completing assignments--so he has a C or D grade in the other 60%. He can't bring the assignments home because the school uses Apples and we have an IBM. I was really mad at the teacher!! Of course I had just finished dealing with the high school vice principal and then to have a junior high teacher tell me that my child was going to fail a class because he didn't have good finger dexterity just pushed my all my buttons!! Well, enough of my school related episodes!! We look forward to seeing some of you at Mark's wedding! Love, Charlotte and family

off his back to anyone in need and couldn't bear to see anyone suffer. Perhaps that came from his experience in that poorhouse at only age thirteen.

My heart goes out to them. Perhaps it was that circumstance that prepared them to accept the gospel and prepared Thomas Jr. to emigrate with his young family some twenty years later in 1861. One interesting tidbit: Going through that whole roll, I found only one family named Mellor--and they lived near the poorhouse. You will remember from a former letter that Dan's ancestor, James Mellor, joined the Church up north and wrote in his life history that he moved back to Leicester county so he could share the gospel with his relatives and friends. Blaby branch records show that the Burdetts joined the Church shortly after James Mellor would have returned to teach and that, in fact, James baptized Thomas Sr.'s brother, Richard. Also, this James Mellor was the branch president while the Burdetts were there. James lived in Leicester and used to walk five miles each Sunday to visit his branch members, including the Burdetts, in Countesthorpe. What fascinates me is that this one family of Mellors lived near that poorhouse. James, himself, had been thrown into debtor's prison when he lost his job and couldn't pay his bills, so would have had empathy with people in the poorhouse. Did he visit these relatives to teach them and then stop at the poorhouse with 100 inhabitants that was just down the street? Is that how our ancestors heard the gospel? If so, then I guess I'd just better tell my guardian angel to quit beating up on Dan when he goes back to basketball after learning his daughter's been in an accident. Tune in next week for what I find in those poorhouse settlement and other records.

Right now I'm going to go home and clean house. What a disaster. Then I'm going to take a nap. Oh, first I'm going to Mom's--I told her I'd show her how to do something on PAF. We love you and enjoy your letters. Love, Sherlene ☺ ☺ ☺

Sherlene called and said that Laura was accepted to the BYU Master's Program in Social Work. She also received a ^{research} assistantship! Congrats Laura!!

Daniel just received notice of acceptance to Hebrew University in Jerusalem! He graduates from BYU this spring and will start at Hebrew Univ. in the fall. We're excited for you Daniel!!