

April 11, 1991
April Hallmanack

Dear Family:

As you have probably noted, there was no march Hallmanack. Sorry, but here are the accumulated letters.

My mind is a little confused as to what has happened in the last month, so if what I record herein is jumbled it is because so much has happened in the last little while.

First of all we had a surprise visit from Dan and Sherlene as his father had a heart attack and died. They were on a mission in Germany working with the Family History library. He had had pain the night before and that morning but thought he would be all right. They arrived at the Library and when he went to hang up his coat he collapsed and was gone almost immediately. Sister Bartholomew had called the children to come and help her get him home, but the Church took over and handled everything so they didn't go over. I guess if you have to go, going as a missionary is "dying with your boots on" so to speak, and while it's a shock to those left behind, it is a rapid way to make the transition from this life to the next.

While Dan and Sherlene were here Dan decided to do job interviews. As Dan's resume had been pitched at "in-company" positions, he spent the first few days pitching his resume for the "outside". He had several interviews while he was here. With the Y, with Word Perfect and with Novell, and maybe with others of which I am not aware. He was most excited about the Y job although it had the least remunerative possibility. After they returned home, Dan had further interviews with Novell, but decided to take the Y job. Dan needs to be here May 15th, but Sherlene will stay in New Jersey to sell the house if it isn't already sold. The real estate market here is picking up. It has been a buyer's market and they may still find a bargain or two, but housing here is getting tighter and people are getting the prices they waited for now. The market in New Jersey is definitely a buyer's market, but this may be moderated by the fact that even though the market here is going up, housing is still cheaper here than in NJ.

Sherlene had been scheduled to leave before we were scheduled to go to Washington to visit Charlotte and Bryan and family. Big occasion. Hyrum turned 8 and was baptised on his birthday, the second of March. We left Easter baskets for Charlotte to hide for us on Easter. Thanks for your clever thank you notes, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis. Charlotte and Bryan had just bought a new car to replace their burned one. We had a wonderful time in Washington.

When we got back, Sherlene and Dan were still here doing interviews. Sherlene (naturally) went over to the Y gen. library whenever she could and some material she brought home contained a lot of references concerning the Robinsons, a Langford line I have never touched before, so I went over and extracted all the references to the Robinsons from that same book she had used, and they were extensive. A John Robinson in conjunction with two other developers were given a huge land grant from Lord Fairfax in Western Virginia. ^{parts of} Lands which became Augusta County, Botetourt county, and other counties which comprise the valley of Virginia area which led into Ky. I was familiar with the areas because it was the same essential route our Kincaids had taken from Pennsylvania through Albemarle county and down into what became Washington County, Va, and then on into Kentucky. I was not able to make a connection because I will have to do some additional research from the line of Barbara Robinson, who married John Turnbaugh and moved into Illinois. There was a William Robinson who inherited land in Nelson County, Ky from his father, (I think) John Robinson, and it may be that the missing connection is there. There is a mg in Nelson Co. of a John Robinson to a Barbary Doom, 1820, but I think this is too late, and we will have to go back to the parent county of Jefferson to find the missing link.

Thanks to David I am now embroiled in two classes for the IBM--Word Perfect and the Personal Ancestral file class for IBM. The old adage, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is, I'm afraid, all too true. The MacIntosh is definitely more user (especially "Elderly" User) friendly. I think I will probably learn enough from at least the second class to get my genealogy into the computer. And enough from the first class to write the Hallmanack on the IBM. David foxed me in that respect because I love the laser printer he gave me with the IBM computer. The classes run one night a week for eight weeks. ~~we are~~ ^{we are} now half through the courses.

Liz and Marty and family came up for the spring break. They found the skiing very good this year, they even had some new snow to make skiing even better. In fact, they left California a day earlier to escape a heavy snow storm predicted for the California mountains. We enjoyed their visit very much and on the Friday before they left we had all the local families (except for David and family who were on vacation at Disney World in Florida) over for an Easter Party. The grandchildren went on scavenger hunts around the neighborhood and after they finished, they had a scrambled sentence (word) which was taken from the first letter of the items on their scavenger list to unscramble. The older group's sentence was "I am the resurrection and the life," and the younger group had the word "resurrection". Then we had supper consisting of a huge Hoagie sandwich, punch and Easter baskets for the grandchildren. Liz and Erin got upset stomachs just in time to go home. We were wondering if it was the Hoagies? Did anyone else get sick?

Marty has contracted the Genealogy bug, and has had a researcher working on the Neal line who has taken the line back several generations. He spent as much time as he could at the genealogical library, even extending their stay one day so we could go to Salt Lake and look up some references he couldn't get at the Y. *(He didn't get much time due to the good skiing.)*

All the grandchildren got baskets like Charlotte's and Virginia's kids and I didn't let them open them until after our sandwich. Maybe it was all the candy which made us sick.

Dad was scheduled to have his eye operation on the 18th of March but ran into a spell of the flu and was still doing a lot of coughing on the 18th so we postponed it. Now we will have to reschedule. I am in "block" and don't know how to get out of it." There is something I keep hitting which puts me into block.

The Monday after Liz left the furnace people came to put in a new water heater, a new pulse furnace for upstairs and a new central airconditioner. Same day the Seven Trees came to prune the trees and take out a couple of bushes for me. You might say we were in a "spending phase" and this was accented by Income tax. Bryan, we have had overheating problems, too, and after having the car fixed twice, once by Ford, and once by Ahlander's we drove home from the farm and we came into our Drive (thank goodness) the engine was smoking. It did not, fortunately burst into flame. It was not registering HOT. We don't know what damage was done and it is too cold for Tracy to go out and see what the problem has presented us with, so we are down to the Truck.

We were going to put the strawberry patch in concrete last fall and I wish Doug's brother had come, because now Tracy has changed his mind and it is going into melons and other stuff on black plastic. I told him he would have to weed it. We'll see. Mary was in the BYU production of A tale of Two Cities. we all went to see her, of course. She was in the ensemble (mob to you) but they featured her picture in the newspaper, etc. They always choose the best looking girl in the cast for that, of course. (shades of Elizabeth when she was at the Y and Sherlene when she was at the Y in the orchestra,) *(couldn't get out of "block")*

When Liz was here we went around to various places to decide where to have our fiftieth wedding anniversary. We decided upon the inn by the river across from Mega Diamond, but then when I talked to some of the family it was apparent that

some of those who live here resisted the idea of paying for a motel when they could sleep at home. The idea was to be in a place where we could all be together but where there would be space, etc., for activities for the younger members of the family.

During the preparation of this letter, I had to stop to take your Dad down to the hospital for a treadmill test. It's funny. He thought it might just be indigestion. Especially when we are walking even for short walks like up to the church he would develop a tightness in his chest and a shortness of breath. I sent him down to Dr. Wallace for a preliminary exam, but suggested to Dr. Wallace that he order a treadmill. It was twice postponed by the hospital, but today he finally had it. I went with him, and the result was that the Dr. does think that he has a heart problem and that one of his veins is probably partially blocked. He gave him some medicine which controls the symptoms and his blood pressure and gave him an appointment for two weeks. If that doesn't do the job, then he said he would suggest an angiogram to try to pinpoint the problem.

Under these circumstances, we discussed the anniversary party and decided to scale way back. We decided that we would like to make it just a family get together, and have a group picture taken of all the family including the Grandchildren. ~~Since there are several of the kids in college, we would suggest coming into Provo Thursday evening.~~ (OK)
By that time Sherlene and Dan will be here, too, and there will be plenty of places for the out of towners to stay with families here. Then we will get together Friday and Saturday for family talk, fun, and a program. Weather permitting we could even have baseball and a picnic outside at one of the local parks or up in the canyons. Payson canyon is beautiful and unless we have an unusually cold fall, it would still be quite warm. I know a good caterer who could prepare a picnic, ^{or} an outside, or an inside dinner. We might even be able to rent condos up in park city or something like that. This way we could change plans according to the circumstances, as no big shindig would be planned and the pressure would be off Dad and I as well. Also we won't have to send out all those invitations, etc. We both like this idea. Nancy has a big place, and has volunteered her home for get togethers. We could also come here. David has a big home, but lacks one area where a lot of people can congregate. We'll see what Dan and Sherlene comes up with. We can always rent the ward or a room for dinner and ^{picnic} activities at the Y with the Y catering. Since our expenses will be scaled back under these plans, we would be glad to pick up the tab for whatever you plan.

Don't hit the panic button. Grandpa Hall had a heart attack in his sixties, recovered and lived to be 85. Wendell, his brother, had a heart attack, and will also probably live a long life. Getting at Dad before he has a serious heart attack, we hope to prevent ~~just that~~ ^{anything serious} and the risk and if possible correct the problem.

Will keep you informed as we know more.

Love, Mom

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You can see I'll probably have to take the course over.

*Check in there evening Sept 19th
activities Sept 20th & Sat 21st go to church with
Ms Sunday morning - 9 AM & disperse according
to individual family needs after that.*

*Dad just told me the first time he noticed the
"tightness" in his chest was when we were at
Charlotte's. He thought it was the flu/hangover,
now*