

Subj: Much to Thanks Give!
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Hi, Halls!

Wow! Long, dry spell, and then all of a sudden two GREAT e-mails from Tracy and Liz, both on the same day. I printed them both off for our family history--thanks for a great read! Congrats to all of you--Liz for taking in what's-his-name (has he ever got it made); Marty for his new job (and getting to define it, at that); John for the great (well deserved) press release--this is going to be a change, rooting for THEM guys, but I think we'll manage; and Greg for the Novell opportunity--who knows? maybe you and Brandon will end up in the same building--Novell offered Brandon a job (verbally) at the end of his interview with them a couple of weeks ago, but nothing official yet--and besides, he has some other interesting possibilities--we'll see!) Congrats, as well, to Erin for INDEED SAYING "YES" (even if she can't remember it) and to her man for knowing a beautiful thing when he sees it)! Congrats, too, to Helen for turning 39 FINALLY, and to Tracy Jr. for never giving up on seeing a Leonid storm (shower). We're excited to go to their midnight bash tomorrow night (it will probably take these old folks a month to recover, though, so Tracy, THIS BETTER BE WORTH SEEING). Maybe we should bring some fireworks of our own, in case it clouds over? Then, of course, there's Lili's mission call--we truly have much for which we as a family can give thanks.

There's not much new going here. Daniel's still at Marclink and getting into the swing of it, while getting in some major time on his art work here at home. We framed one of his as an early C'mas gift, and now he has another ready. I like his stuff--it has a lot of oomph, rhythm, creative geometry, and jubilation--with just a little mystery (translate that

"S-T-R-A-N-G-E!" :) Maybe he'll soon have enough pieces to do a whole show. Anybody know anything about marketing art who can give him some tips? Marty, I think you need to increase

productivity among your workers by displaying his art all over the building--it's guaranteed to psyche up the whole place.

I got in some good time at the Family History Library last week--took Laura and Brandon to the airport Thursday at 1 (interview in Reno--nothing like cashing in on a free get-away), so after I dropped them off, I hopped

over to the library until it closed at 10 and then returned with Daniel the next day (he dropped me off to finish some loose ends at the FHL for a couple of hours, while he explored around town), and then we picked them up at the airport a little later. I made a zillion photocopies of early Concord, Delaware, Pennsylvania church, land, and court records and have been organizing them into PAF ever since. It is starting to look more and more like that deceased informant to the Ancestral File might have been right about the parents of our William Hall and Hannah Richardson--

I have quite a few good indicators, but have yet to tie it all up neatly--have spent most of several days trying to chase this down, while extracting about a dozen possibly-related families in the process (never fear, lucky you'll hear all about it when I am ready to say I've NAILED THIS DOWN).

Saturday I went to the AML "Mormon Writers' Conference," held at the UVSC Sorensen Student Center. It's the first time I've ever walked around the UVSC campus--it was a beautiful day, and it was quite an adventure (I got lost, trying to get back to my car--that place is a maze!). I bought a lot of books and met some old friends, including Jeroldeen Edwards, who used to live in our stake when we lived in New York. Carol Lynn Pearson was the keynote speaker--I gather by what she said that she recently attended a temple sealing near her home in California, but that she still considers herself to be "California mystic weirdo." She started out with some awful jokes--let's see if I can remember. Oh yeah. What kind of wine IS allowed among the Mormons in Utah? The BIG w(h)ine--"Does your job HAVE to take us away from here?" Sad for you, I can't remember the other one. Anyway, she had some interesting insights and valuable ideas, and in general, I thought the whole experience was worth

a day and a few dollars.

The weather here has been absolutely spectacular--it feels like early September, not mid-November! I grew myself a little rose bush, using one of Mom's lush, velvety, deep-red rose twigs as a start, and I'll be, if that baby bush isn't putting out one last rose--if the weather holds up, I figure

it will bloom on Thanksgiving. It produced one other bloom this year that was about as big as the whole bush--really a masterpiece!

We're going "over the river and through the woods" to Grandma & Pa Hall's for Thanksgiving, which should be a lot of fun. Among items I plan to bring, I today ordered a Prestwich Farms Jumbleberry pie (if any of you have not yet tasted a Prestwich Farms Jubleberry pie, you need to get on the stick and order before they get all filled up). Laura and Brandon are going to be in Las Vegas where the Woodruffs are having a big

family Thanksgiving celebration, so it's just the three of us--as I understand

it Jonathan, Nathan, and possibly Sarah (Weight) will be joining us, too. We had L & B over for supper Sunday, but poor Laura still couldn't eat most of the meal--she says this baby has been quite mean to her, but we are hoping the worst will soon be over. About the only things she can hold down are potatoes and rice--so you go figure why they're going all the way to Las Vegas for Thanksgiving dinner--of all the nerve!

We got an e-mail from Richard Wilkins, asking us to ask all we know to pray for their success at the Geneva World Conf. on Families going on right now (Monday through Wednesday, as I understand it). They have a lot of hurdles to overcome, and he definitely feels the need for a few miracles--

I told him my family could pray them in if anybody could!

That's it for now. Love, Sherlene

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