

September Hallmanack:

Sept 8, 1989

Dear Family: As sure as I write this letter and mail it I will get several letters from some one. However. Heregoes.

The "Book" is from "Bartholomew Books," and is the result of the genealogy trip the Bartholomew family made to eastern "Tracy" homesites and stomping grounds. Since duplication costs are less in Provo than in New Jersey I got the job. Any time, Sherlene. You just keep doing the genealogy.

I probably will spend the rest of my life getting what I have gone through, separated, and straightened up--and maybe on the computer. It's the best legacy I could leave you kids. Virginia once said to me: "Mother, do you realize what a mess this is going to be for someone to unscramble if something happened to you? Amen.

Al has been feeling not too good for about a year, and finally felt so bad he went to the Dr. They decided to put him on the treadmill, and he flunked. They looked further and found a blocked artery which had already started re-routing. They did a balloon job and apparently caught it before he had a major heart attack. He is already feeling better.

John and Sarah had their fifth boy. They have one girl, too. Poor thing. Or is it, poor boys? Sarah says that John is teaching high school and classes at the UVCC as well. He is still getting some orders for computer programs, but not too often, and she says even he is beginning to like a regular pay check. These Hall boys like to have their own businesses.

Dad is still working too long each day in the heat on the farm--I plea for sanity, but I don't get very far. I'll have to admit he is in fine health but I think he could have the result without quite the lengthy hours. Yesterday he left at 7 a.m and got home about 10 p.m. You should have seen him. He had been moving dry dirt with the tractor and when I turned around and looked ~~at him and couldn't help laughing~~ Tracy always looks clean even when he's dirty, but not last night. I took a picture. He was really black--face and all.

We enjoyed a visit with Charlotte and Bryan and children. They are doing so well with their family--and teaching them the gospel in the home. Even Willis can say the family prayer, although he tends to be a little long winded like Grandpa Hall.

Enclosed is Sherlene's genealogy blurb. she has instructed me to send it to all

of the Howard Hall boys as well as our own kids. I expect the Howard Hall parents to make copies for their own kids. O.K.?

It's obvious that so much early american blood flows in the veins of the Halls, *altered families*, and Langford's that I doubt very much that George could have fought the Revolution without us.

Love,

Ida-Rose and Tracy (by reason of association)

*P.S. The Lake Oswego (Portland) Temple is gorgeous. We didn't get inside but it's made of a beautiful white, translucent marble. Charlotte says that from inside you can see light penetrate thru the marble.*

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