

Dear Family,

April 23, 1981

It has been a long time since I have written. This letter is going to Charlotte's and my side of the family so some of this information may be a repeat for some of you.

Hannah is now four and a half months old. She is developing her own personality and is such a joy. Until fairly recent, Hannah was an extremely quite baby. The only time she would cry was at meal time. Even when her pants were ready for a change, Hannah would rarely complain. This last week she has learned to scream. It is a complaint which means, "I want some attention." We are afraid those quiet days are gone forever. Still, she is so good for the most part. We wish her older sister would take some lessons.

Sarah isn't taking all of this new baby stuff sitting down. She still wants everyone to know who was born first. She feels that attention should be given in the same order as age. Most of the time Sarah says, "I want you to HOLD ME!" You could say she has a mild case of jealousy. We do not have to worry about Sarah hurting Hannah, but occasionally we have found Sarah sitting on Hannah. Hannah thinks it is great. She very rarely cries.

Sarah has very good body coordination. She likes to balance herself on the brick work by the drive way. She isn't afraid of heights either, which scares her mother to death. Sarah also speaks with excellent diction and pronounces her words very clearly. All of the other mothers in the ward with children of similar ages have been amazed at her progress and vocabulary. We suppose it comes from being the first child. Sarah also loves to play with other children. Hurry up and grow Hannah.

Charlotte has recovered from her pregnancy for the most part. She is back down to 109 pounds and feels good about her weight. Nursing helps to burn ^{off} a lot of calories. There isn't much exercise in it though. She still would like to get some of those stubborn stomach muscles ^{cles} to go down. She can look good in a waisted dress, but women are never satisfied with themselves. Charlotte is enjoying Hannah as a "good baby", unlike Sarah who had colic for the first four and a half months. Charlotte said if all of our kids were going to be as good as Hannah, she would be willing to have ten kids.

We got a very good tax return this year. The first thing we did with our state return was to buy a used piano. It cost us about \$600 and plays great. Charlotte has been wanting a piano for such a long time. Then when we got our federal return we bought another car. It is a 71 Dodge Dart we were able to pick up for \$1400. The nice thing about it is that it only has 38,000 miles on it. Considering my folks have a 68 Dart with 190,000 miles on it ^{and} without any major work on it, we feel we finally bought a car that will be free of problems.

Two weeks ago I took the Professional Engineering Exam. If I have passed it then I will get a certificate stating "Pass". It really doesn't mean much except for status or if I change jobs. I feel that I have a fair to good chance of passing. It will take three months before I get the results.

Love you all,

Bryan, Charlotte
Sarah & Hannah

Dear Family

Figure the handwriting, but not typewriter so on some permanent form for a while to a home-teaching family of Engrs. Also get a photo of the end of May

Well, the West Valley #3 seems to be heading for a post-the date arrival The baby had dropped much and she not ducking at all. She had lots of false labor, but would just as soon wait for Blanche to get her type hand empty. Incidentally, she will be here on May 15, Mother's Day - so send your love and letters this direction. Mom always on May 5th the baby due May 5th. Baby packing the 9th which doesn't fit into my plans at all. May 5th would be just fine!

Last evening, Britain Smith advised a gathering of our tribe to be the give a very inspirational address, encouraging us all to realize our capacity for improvement and increase our physical, intellectual and spiritual abilities. I got there feeling guilty and inspired all at once. A nine-month pregnancy, very-kind lady has now done have much get-up-and-go left in her!

I spent a week at Father's name in Utah Plains while baby was at the Hill Assoc of Brethren's home in L.V. Nevada. The new Bartholomew addition to a lovely, bright, cute 3-year-old. He seems like he always has been a part of their family. They brought me back home on Easter weekend and visited the temple, then proceeded down to Charleston, when I had to take

Being he also has very busy things to get on other LDS people with the home next year which is being for \$15,000 (w/ a note for) figure accepted on engineer offer, but the extra on other things averaged out. It appears that we will be buying the house with another couple who will buy us out as soon as they are able to. We can assume figured 10 1/2% loan which was sold to James Mac and has a remaining balance of \$72,000. At the only picture to coming up with some \$23,000 for a downpayment. I will be WENDYPER to have another LDS family with small children and a non-working wife in the neighborhood!

Well, hope you all doing well! We love and miss you all, The West Family