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Dear Children:

I'm beginning to wonder what happened to my head when I agreed to this idea. Of course it isn't really much more work except typing the extra envelopes, because I was duplicating the letter for my personal file anyway, but it is the "tied to the once a month" routine that must be bothering me right now.

This has been a hectic month for your Dad and I. (Where is the "old Age Peace and retirement we thought we were going to have) (It's our own fault--if we just didn't keep thinking up these projects, we would be better off.)

Besides trying to get the four generation sheets assigned out (which I haven't done), I have been trying to finish the little payson house so carpet can be laid (which isn't done), and getting the spring gardening done (which I have not touched) and putting some bedding plants in (which I have not done) (guess whose garden isn't going to have many flowers this year) (besides getting the downstairs room painted etc for laying carpet (which isn't done) (besides trying to get the special present ready for Zina's birthday (which isn't done---I am--besides, going crazy. z However, I will prevail--maybe not when I want to prevail, but somewhere in the wild blue yonder. Besides I would like to get the grandkiddies Christmas started so I won't have a rush at Christmastime. Just one year I am going to have everything done so I can enjoy the peace (peace?) and joy that's supposed to prevail at Christmas time. Knowing me--I would j&st think of new projects and keep going right up to the deadline.

Here are the 4 generation assignments.

Charlotte d -----Alfred Woodcox

Claesson Olson i-- Virginia (merely typing) She will loan Barry for consultation with Charlotte on Alfred Woodcox

John Turner-Mary Chippendale--Tracy Jr.

H T Hall and Ida ~~Rosge~~ Nancy (Just typing)

Thomas McElroy-Elizabeth Gordon Sherlene

H. Henry Tracy and Emma M. Burdett Elizabeth

Thomas Burdett-~~Elizabeth~~ ^{maria} Herbert David

I have assigned the Langford sheets out to branches of the Langford family. I have enclosed a sheet for the ones out of town. The ones in town will meet and discuss the hows and wherefores. For reference as to how the sheets are to be submitted see the new manual for the genealogy class You and Your ancestors (40 cents) or borrow one. This shows how each item on the page should be documented as to source. Let's make this a

really first rate job--so that we can present the Lord with a "Book of Remembrance" worthy of our progenitors",

Sherlene the only thing we really have on Thomas McElroy is the 1850 census and you have a copy of that. Send for the marriages if they are available. I have enclosed for you a copy of the instructions on the submission of direct-family ancestors on whom minimum identification is not available.

Elizabeth, I have enclosed a copy of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Oman Tracy's sheet on Helon Henry Tracy and Emma M Eurdett. (maybe) if he has submitted one it will be easy because it will just be a matter of copying as he has documented everything. These assignments may be different than the ones I discussed with you. If so, bear with me--I think these are final. I will type a copy of the pedigree as assigned and get the assignments made. Send all finished sheets to me, putting your name on the "sender" lines. We will submit them all together. Also include an up-to-date sheet on your own family. Unless the church indicates that these sheets should not be submitted until all members are over 21 or married. (umor)

We enjoyed our visit to Charlotte and Elizabeth--they are so nice and kind to us. It is such a joy to see that they are prospering, growing, and serving the Lord. Can any parent ask for greater happiness?

Love you all

Mom

P.S. Dad has been pushing himself to take the patent examiners test next Monday (16Apr). If he passes it (which he doesn't expect to have happen) he will heave a sigh of relief. If he doesn't he will take the Geo Wash law course next time it is offered and take the test again when it is offered (next year some time). He is determined to pass that test. Bully for him.

I have been working like crazy here and in Payson trying to get the places ready for Carpet--I WILL HEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN THAT IS FINISHED. Tracy and Betsy and David and Karen did not submit letters this time. Maybe next time. Remember. Letters should come here by the 1st of the month. I will mail the copies on the 5th or 6th. Copies only to those who send in letters. (Threat? or Incentive?) (The pictures were sent by Virginia to distribute to each of you).