

H.T. Hall
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MARCH HALLMANACK

DEAR FAMILY:

SHERLENE AND BARRY: I AM WORKING ON THE HALL SHEET. I want to go over the files and get all pertinent information. I will send you the William Hall-Richardson sheet first as complete as I have it, then work back. This way I will have all the documents identified for the computer, and then file them away. That way I can get them in order so that someone can take over after me and have some sense of organization. Last night I found that it was not in the will, but in a Berkeley county deed that indicated that William Jr was the "eldest son" of William and Hannah Richardson.

Notice that Hannah and William had a son Richard. She also has a brother Richard, and I wonder if that might be the name of her father? It is more often a Father's name is passed along than a brother's, although that is not an impossibility. The name Ruth is another one that keeps popping up in the Hall line--Hannah, or William's Mother?

The "Bennet" could have been mistaken to be a son of William, but he is really not the right generation. Eugene's researcher thought he was probably a Grandson, and I wonder if William's son, Thomas, might not be his father.

In searching through the Archive sheets, I was struck by the number of English Halls that come from Yorkshire and especially Lancashire. That might be a place to go to try to find the hop across the ocean. William was described as "an Englishman". Lord Fairfax, from whom he bought his land was in Scotland.

Sherlene: I have bought some plants with your birthday money. I got an ad from some nursery advertising some Astilbes, and they said they do very well in the shade, and I need some color in my shaded beds. I am also experimenting with Straw Flowers and another flower that dries well for my dried arrangements I sell at the Tulip Cottage. It is still incredible that anyone would buy those things I make.

DANIEL and TRACY: (Although Tracy probably already knows this) I found out how to use the skin-so-soft. Betsy's brother is here visiting and he says he uses it all the time. He likes to fish and where he lives they have biting flies. He says it really works. You just rub it on exposed parts of the body just from the bottle. Daniel, those cinnamon roles were a bust. Even your grandfather, who loves me and is kind to me, had to admit it. I've lost my touch. Oh well, isn't it the thought that counts? I'll get you another bottle with the extra money your mother sent me for my Birthday. I suspect it was your money, anyway. She sent it so I could take you and your friend to dinner, and I never was able to do that.

We are enjoying having Zina around now that she is in college. That MacIntosh was a big attraction for Daniel, too. One problem, We confine them to the computer Tracy set up in the boys' old room. The kids use the computers at the Y, too, and those smart alec computer bugs over there are always infecting the computers with viruses and the Y has to keep sending us notices not to use any disks in our home computers that we have used at the Y. They just get one cleared up and another appears. The latest, Zina, is one that greets you with a dirty word when you boot up. Zina has been getting glitches on that particular computer, but last time she did all right, so I hope the problem is licked.

Charlotte: I really liked those home-made birthday cards all of you made for me. That Big birthday bear is especially impressive, Hyrum. Reminds me of the Christmas "bear" party we had one year. Sarah was just a little girl, and she was so worried that we were

going to run out of bears before she got one. She had reason to worry--she was the last on the list. I was ahead of my time--soon after that they started dressing bears for sale. I bought all the clothes for the bears at D.I.

Well, our winter has been nice--much milder than last year. We got our heavy snow the last of February and while it didn't bring us up to normal, I think it probably got us out of the drought crisis. Good thing about it, the last of Feb it doesn't stay on the ground long in the valleys. In case the Neils are worrying--there is plenty of snow in the mountains. We are having some rain now and it appears as snow in the mountains. Snow bird got 10 new inches yesterday. I think you can ski, but call Doug about the time you leave and he can tell you how the snow is at the resorts. No use dragging all that ski stuff here if you can't use it.

The older grandchildren here in Provo are going to do baptisms for family names next Saturday. Then I will try to get the other ordinances done in time for Marty and Liz to help with the sealings when they come.

I have about 70 of female and 70 of male names to have done and 27 couples.

Thank you all for the birthday remembrances--and Thanks Liz for the surprise valentines. They were gorgeous. I hope all of you wrote your "Thank You's" for that nice surprise. It was a lot of work.

We have had several nice enough days that Tracy and I got the gardening bug and planted flats in the greenhouse to plant in May and June. Also did some pruning. We only have a patch of snow here and there in the valley. Out in Payson most of the snow is gone, but there is a lot against the North side of Tracy's greenhouse.

Tracy has had a very interesting experience tracing four people who gave him some free music lessons when he was a kid. One was dead, the other three he found and called and thanked them. I told him I was going to channel that persistence into looking for Hannah Richardson's father.

We love you all, and thanks for the Hallmanack letters.

Grandmother Hall

Remember the old onion skin paper which had a carbon on the front of it that we used as "second" sheets to make copies of letters? Well I wondered if I could use those to copy the Hallmanack for the foreign missionaries. I have tried it this news letter, but it won't last for long. I only have a few left and you can't get them any more. Dad says to forget it. It's worth it to send the letters to the missionaries.

I wonder if air mail will go up as well as local mail. someone should give the mail service some competition. It seems that "theft" is entering our system, too, and when you put tracers on it and nothing shows up, they just shrug their shoulders and say "tough".

Insuring letters just call attention to them. They don't even insure "diamonds" when they send them in the mail. They wrap them as inconspicuously as possible.