

July Hallmanack:

Dear Children:

It's HOT here! Just to show you. it's 8:30 pm and it's 88 degrees outside. Our evaporative cooler does its best but inside it's 78 degrees uncomfortable. Better than 88, I guess. I think it must have gone over 100 degrees outside during the day.

Virginia arrived at 10:15 am on ~~deita~~ Tuesday, yesterday. It was so good to see her, Barry and the children. That littlest one, Christian, is now 2 and he is cute. He has Virginia's ski jump nose and her red hair.

A contrast to the black hair on Nathan, Jonathan, Rose Ellen, and Sarah Elizabeth. Sarah's hair is not quite as black as the rest of them, and Warren is lighter, too.

They will stay a week--a short week, and then go up to Richland, WA for a visit with Barry's Mom, over to a family reunion at Coere De Lane??? (Misspelled) and then to Oregon to see Charlotte, drive back to Richland, and then fly home from there.

Nancy is still building her house. She has been disappointed twice now by near-sales, and it's rough on her. The house is finishing nicely now that Nancy is her own contractor. They have moved from Doug's mother's house just today and are staying at the Payson farm house until they find an apartment. I think they are supposed to have the house finished by Sept. 1 and maybe they can move into it, but Nancy says unless it is completely finished they don't let them move in any more--too many unfinished houses around.

D.J. had a visit to the neurologist last week, and she told us what we somewhat expected, but didn't want to admit to--he does have some CP. He is almost four now and his legs are quite stiff--or completely relaxed. She says there is no in-between and this is the hardest kind to handle. She told Nancy not to quit trying but to face the possibility that he might never walk. When you try to get him to walk he keeps his legs very stiff, but today at the farm he pulled himself to a standing position by the couch and his feet were in normal position. His grandfather doesn't believe that there is not some way to get him walking, and is talking about pulleys, etc. She was pleased with his intellectual response, however. Also his hands are quite good, although Nancy says she notices a few problems there. They will put him in a wheelchair, and in Sept Nancy goes to a orthopedic clinic with

him and then they might put him in braces. Poor little guy.

The rumor is that someone is interested in buying Smith. I wonder what will happen with the payments to the stockholders if and when that happens.

I guess I told you that I have a new Church job--home making leader. They released me as genealogy consultant. Well, it won't be so bad. Our ward is of older women and they don't like all this crafty stuff. We will have some crafts for the younger women.

We have found that the South Deck is shaky and rotten, so we are going to have it redone--somewhat the same as it is now.

Last evening Barry and I went over hunting for John Richardson, who Barry thinks is the father of Hannah. He thinks they were quakers.

My cousin, Joanne Coombs has become interested in genealogy and is going over everything to see what has been done since I stopped. She found an extension for our Yokum line. I have included it in the letter. Go get them, Sherlene. It would be nice to get one early American Langford line over the ocean.

Luv ya all.

Grandmother Ida-Rose and
Grandfather H. Tracy

Wendell: We worry about your safety in Santiago, and Pray for your safety and health. I urge all of you to do likewise. (You probably already are.)