

December 12, 1983

Dear Family and Friends,

Enclosed please find my Christmas project for 1983. I had a lot of fun working on this!

After sending out some 40 notes to friends and relatives requesting information, I discovered something....if you write to people, you get letters back! Over the past month it has been fun looking forward to each day's mail knowing that there would be envelopes bearing other than bills!

Thanks to all of you who responded to my request for names, addresses, and family updates. I am still missing some of information that I would like to have. Please send me information on those missing from this list, or any corrections that should be noted, and I'll send out another update.

Have a very nice holiday!

Merry Christmas!

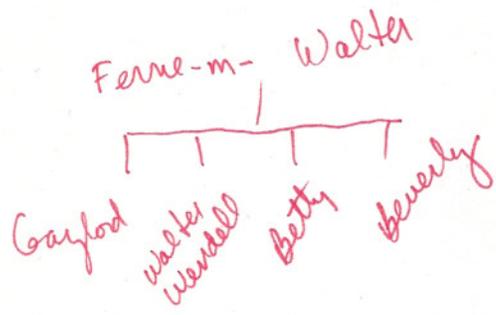
Steve

*I've marked
The "Whitlocks" (as opposed to
the "in-laws")
with a **

Mamma Ferne and Daddy Walter

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Mr. Walter P. and Mrs. Ferne
Whitlock
304 Jackson
Dix, Illinois 62830
618 266 7744



My grand-parents (Dad's Mom and Dad)

I call them fairly frequently (YES, I know, Daddy Walter...NOT frequently enough!) Dad maintains weekly contact as does Donna.

I am very thankful that so many family still lives in the Mt. Vernon area to watch over these great people. Since Beverly has finally moved back "home" after jet-setting in California I know that they have even another "special" person to aggravate them with "too much attention" -- you all know how Daddy Walter just HATES people "fussing" over him!

They still live at their nice home in Dix. Dix has continued to modernize, the bank has had a major face-lift (I still get preferential treatment whenever I stop in to check on my \$10,00 balance)! It also has a new grocery (no longer just a market). They have a frozen food section and everything! (It STILL serves as a "community center of sorts.")

Beverly packed them in the car this past Thanksgiving to meet me at Dad's. We had a wonderful visit!

I'm happy to report that the "little discussions" between Mamma Ferne and Daddy Walter (NEVER ARGUEMENTS) that have characterized their relationship over the years still continues! There MUST be something about open "discussion" between man and wife that is healthy... their marriage has certainly been a long and successful one!

I am continually amazed by the changes in the "style and quality of life" that my grandparents have experienced ...and kept up with!

As those of you who know them know, they occasionally have a story or two to tell about the "way things were." Besides the memory being vivid and the stories entertaining (even though I might have heard a few before), their concern for current politics, issues, etc. remains current!

Daddy Walter found the time to have a really nice man-to-man at Thanksgiving. (I wish he was around me more...he gave great advise for my "love life!") I could currently use a sponsor!

I don't think that either one of them yet "knows" how much the other has in their seperate checking accounts! I know that I continue to get my "love gift" from Mamma Ferne at Christmas and birthday! Mamma Ferne said that she has "provided for this" when I questioned her about "how they were doing?" With the number of children, grand children, great grand children, etc., this is a wonderful display of their love for their family. MAMMA FERNE we 'preciate it! Thanks, and we love you VERY MUCH!...your gift of LOVE has been even greater than the "gifts" so many of us receive each year!

Their religion and faith in the LORD still is strong. Although several of us have broken away from our

"Southern Baptist" foundations for various reasons, the foundations were there! I sometimes think that it was unfortunate that we were not a Catholic family... for certainly if we were, Grandmother Purcell would be an obvious candidate for Sainthood...with Mamma Ferne as her principal witness! I feel very fortunate that in this day and age, that I am able to really "remember" four of my great-grandparents...besides through stories. I only wish that my memory was better or that I had been a little older to really get to "know" them while they were still around.

(I just got another idea for a Christmas project... how about next year if everyone contributes some of their "stories" in writing? With the new word-processing era, this would make a fascinating cronicle! and not too hard to do! History in the past was the task of the "teller of tales" -- today it is the computer disc, but in computer lingo, "Garbage in, garbage out." -- we need those willing to contribute "stories" that I could transfer to my "data base." If you have time send me some of your stories!

(This sounds like the kind of project that Mom would have enjoyed...in college I asked her to send me information related to my "early childhood development" that I could have use for in writing a term-paper for a sociology class that I was taking...I received over 50 pages of single-spaced observations!!!...needless to say my 94 page report received "A+++ excellent!"

Mamma Ferne and Daddy Walter,

I love you

We love you

We all thank-you for "starting all this!"

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Lois Lorainne (Williams) Whitlock -- My natural mother, deceased after a very long, hard, and courageous fight against cancer.

Those who knew her don't need to be reminded of her "specialness." Regarding family, she was one who cared, who "remembered", who "kept track of," and generally helped us to keep our feeling of family.

I am grateful that Dad and Donna have assumed some of the responsibility for this that Mom did...along with many other family members. Although I have not been the "best"...my Christmas project this year is dedicated to Mom...

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Mr. Walter W. and Mrs. Doris Whitlock
12312 Lake Forest
Dunlap, Illinois 61525
309 243 5742

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NWA-10

My Dad and my new Mom...

To Dad and the whole Whitlock clan...I have continued to be impressed with the family expression of love displayed towards the "Williams" side of the family after Mom's death! Mamma Ferne and Daddy Walter maintained regular contact with Ma and Buck until their

their deaths recently.

Doris, coming into a new "family" with a family of your own, you handled it with grace and caring. You have certainly earned our respect and "family status." We all appreciate the fact that Dad was fortunate to find such a wonderful person to share his life and activities. A replacement for Mom requires rather large and well fitting shoes...but I am happy to introduce you as "mom" to all!

Dad and Doris were married at a very nice ceremony that Mike and I were able to "stand-up" for in Minn.

Dad and Doris continue to live in the house in Dunlap, Illinois. (Although Doris chose to keep things pretty much as they were, her influence is showing! Doris is a good housekeeper and loves crafts...each visit "home" that I make finds the house more and more reflective of their new life together. And it is a very comfortable home to visit!)

At last Thanksgiving's visit, we were constantly disturbed by the doorbell. This was answered by neighborhood children stopping by to say "Hi" and to get a treat of "M&M's" that are always available to the children...Doris confessed that she has an M&M budget of between \$5-\$10 per month for the children of the neighborhood.

Dad is still working hard for Grace Chemical Co. -- I still believe that they don't appreciate him as much as they should -- he is a supersalesman and a good manager. BUT he has somewhat adjusted to this...and is devoting his energy to his other activities.

His other activities? He has found his way back to the Masons and Shriners (much to Mama Ferne's delight) -- meetings, conventions, band appearances, etc. If Uncle Gaylord has played "Santa" 54 times in one year, Dad has probably matched him as the "Hobo Clown" in visits to Children's hospitals, church, and band appearances.

The church. Both are very involved in church activities. Besides their home church, Doris is a secretary for another church where I believe that they over-use her! They also work with youth groups, and for several years have served as adult counselors for summer church camp for young teenagers.

Music. Mom and the rest of us kids got together one Christmas to buy Dad an old Tuba. (He had earned his way thru college by playing tuba or bass fiddle in various bands)...he then went for a long time as a non-participant musician. While in Memphis, with the new Tuba he again tried to "tune up his lip." (Shades of Red Nichols in "Pennies From Heaven").

He became active in the Memphis Jazz and Blues Society and the Memphis Mud-cats ("professionals" that met to play Dixieland). On his transfer to Dunlap (Peoria)

he continued his interest in music, and now with his involvement with the Shriners he is like Mr. Tuba!... He plays with the "Hobo-clown band", a high school band (!!!they needed a tuba player), a community band a "Dixie group."

Doris, not to be out done or left behing has recently started "drum" lessons so that she can have something to contribute! (Doris already was an accomplished piano and organ performer, although lacking self-confidence, compared to the rest of us "musical" Whitlocks and Wil'ams family members...she can play well!)

I think music is another "common thread that binds" our family -- lotsa piano players including me, Mike, Mamma Ferne, Uncle August, Ma, Daddy Buck, Peggy, the "Stormant family", Uncle Don (and children), Randy and Scott (who like to pick at it), and others! Daddy Walter isn't a muscian (Uncle Gaylord picks a mean uck)...but I have often heard him comment, "Steve, I would LOVE to play an instrument like (all of us) or sing like (Harry Lynn, Larry-remember Nat King Cole?, the Stormants, etc.) Daddy Walter, I hereby grant you honorary family music degree of "Most valuable listener who can't carry a tune." !!!

Doris's family:

(Doris was previously married) There was some "adjustment period" on both sides, BUT I now feel quite comfortable with all the new inclusions to our extended family...I hope that they are as "comfortable"!

Mrs. Mildred Herget
3415 N. Sheridan
Peoria, Illinois 61604

Doris's mother. A really neat lady! I have had the opportunity to visit with her at both her apartment and at "home." She is now living at a "retirement" complex near where Doris works, so they get to see each other fre uently. She is very active at her residence. (They all have their own apartments, but share common eating and recreational facilities). Last Christmas, I visited her apartment and "got the tour" of the crafts area where she spends a lot of time. She gave me a present of some of her cermanics, which was beautiful!

(This had a Christmas theme and now has a proud place on my fireplace mantel). Many of her other gifts last year were hand-crafted!

Jim and Beth Haney
PO box 104
Dunlap, Illinois 61525

Daughter Beth and her family live just a few miles from Dad and Doris. Beth has her own business (crafts) that is located in a building next to their home). We stopped in last Christmas and found a very comfortable old house that has been restored with care and the kind of attention that a "crafts" person might pay to their own home! Everything from the woodwork to the cookie jar and hot chocolate urn seemed to be specially placed for a "warm and comfortable feeling." (The kids seemed to be apart from the setting...they all set themselves in front of the Atari video-game machine!...to heck with other warm Christmas feelings!).

(Aunt Betty is one of
Hi Steve, I miss you
for a few days or so)

I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Jim, Beth and family.

Janet Zeisler
1525 N. Logan
Chillicothe, Illinois 61523

Janet is Doris's youngest daughter. She too lives nearby, so she gets to see Dad and Doris often. Last time I was home, I went out to dinner with the three of them.

(This is me!)

I'm still in the Detroit area and still in the gymnastics business. The gym school has expanded to three facilities with enrollment of nearly 700 students.

My responsibilities are trying to manage the whole thing and teaching the advanced gymnasts. I just counted and between September and June, we have over 75 scheduled competitions for the various different age groups, ability levels, and boys and girls! I, therefore travel a great deal...nearly every week-end finds me with a group somewhere around the country!

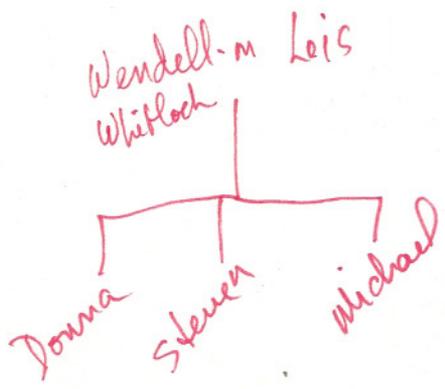
Away from the gym, I try to do and think of anything BUT gymnastics! I enjoy water skiing and sailing in the summer. Snow skiing in the winter (and warm fires). I enjoy reading ALL THE TIME -- science fiction, historical novels, fantasy, epics...just about anything except "gothic romances."

I just bought my third piano! It's a Korg "Personal Keyboard" with a built in "brain"! It has a memory and 12 different instrument choices with 64 rhythm selections. I set it in the corner of the living-room at right angles to my Wurlitzer electric piano...I may not sound like Keith Emerson...but I look good! (Mike still has me beat in the number of keyboards, I think that he has six or more!)

I'm anxious to join the computer generation, but can't quite afford to pay the membership fee yet! So meanwhile, I have been having fun with my little Commodore while visiting the computer stores weekly drooling and waiting for the prices to come down a little more. Have you tried "Lisa" or the new IBM with mouse??? Wow! (what fun) I saw on TV a few months ago a program about "self-help" groups for families that have someone "hooked" on the home computer!

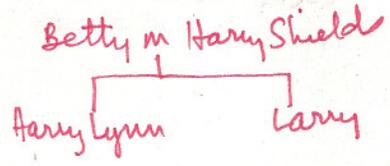
I'm looking forward to my ten day visit this Christmas at Donna's. It will be a nice break in the middle of this gymnastics season. Plus Dad & Doris and Mike & Chr: are going to be able to get there. I'm looking forward to the Colorado ski slopes...they are just a little bigger than our Michigan mountains!

* Steve Whitlock
2316 Garland
Sylvan Lake, MI 48053
313 681 3023
gym address:
S.W.S.G., Inc.
796 Industrial Court
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013
313 335 6770



(Aunt Betty is one of Dad's sisters)

* Betty and Harry Shields
508 S. 20th Street
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864
618 242 1900



Hi Steve, I miss you too. I've been down in my back for a few days so that has slowed me down someehat, Harry is enjoying his retirement. Playing golf today. Hope this finds you well and happy.
Love you
Aunt Betty

Harry W. Shields, Jan 2, 1922
Past time "GOLF" retired
Betty L. Shields, March 11, 1923...homemaker

Harry Lynn and Sherry Shields
P.o. Box 3531
Ridgetop, Tenn 37152

Harry Lynn, Mar.12, 1942. Harry Lynn is working in the recording business, promoting other artists, writing and recording his own songs.
Sherry (nov. 5 1947) helps in the office and keeps a beautiful home.

Larry and Doris Shields
7 Circle Drive
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864

Larry (Mar. 10, 1946) has his own business--Shields Telephone and Communication Co...Hobby GOLF.
Doris (9/5/43) is a registered nurse, head supervisor-surgery.
(Children Kristi and Stephanie)...Stephanie is a Sr. in high school. worked summer of '83 in a beauty and tanning salon. (9 16, 67)
Kristi (5, 16, 64) graduated from Hickey School of Merchandizing 1982. She is now Head Department mgr. of Junior Fashions, Chesterfield Mall, St. Louis, Mo.

Kristi Shields
337 Greenwich, Apt. C-4
St. Louis, Mo 63108

Dear Steve,

Like your idea! Sorry that I can't share the phone numbers of all my gentlemen callers. (Guess they'r all in the slammer: \!

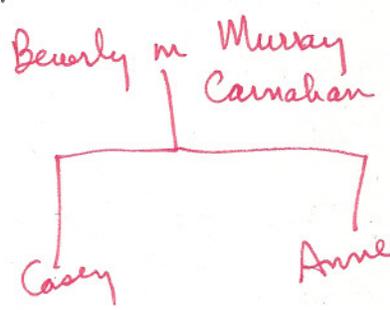
Casey, Anne, Anne's husband Gary and their two children, Amie & Robert left here today to return to Salt Lake City after a wonderful ten days visit in Southern Illionis. (I'm drinking champagne right now, but crying lonesome tears.)

Casey is living with Anne & her family in Salt Lake -- starting college AGAIN next semester - accounting field. Anne is "back-office nurse" for a woman doctor. Gary lays carpet and plays role-reversal ("Mr. Mom") on his off days. Amie is six and honestly is going to be the next Brooke Shields. Robert is four...tough, sweet, and finally straightened out Momma Walter and Daddy Ferne! "Fat Grandma" (ME!!!) -- I sell time. Account Executive for local ABC television station. I won award last month for TOP SALES PERSON. Love the work, but it's a tough field. I'm proud of some commercials thatiproduce, but wish my name was not associated with others.

Auntie Bev

Beverly Carnahan
4237 Lincolnshire Drive
Apt. 2B, Mt. Vernon, Ill. 62864
618 244 6240 home
618 244 7073 Bus

Bev -- "54 and holding"
(Dad's other sister)



Anne and Gary Mauer
805 White Maple Way
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106
801 264 8628

Anne (25) Gary (26)

Casey Carnahan

(27) address same as Anne's

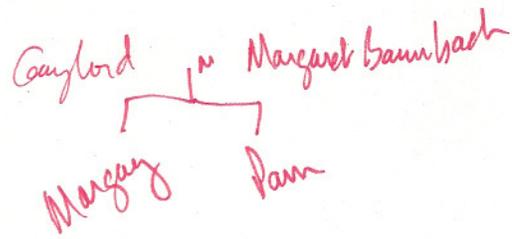
Mrs. Floyd Purcell

(Aunt Audrey) Floyd ia Mamma Ferne's brother

Dix, Illinois 62830

(Uncle Gaylord is Dad's brother)

* Dr. ~~Gaylord P.~~ and Margaret
B. Whitlock
1641 Rockville Rd.
Suisun, California 94585
707 864 0484



Dear Steve --

I think you have a great idea. Good Luck! Come see us in Calif. Love

Aunt Margaret

Gaylord Purcell Whitlock -- born 7/7/17 Mt. Vernon, Ill. educated in public schools there
B.Ed. SoIllUniv 1939
M.S. Penn State Univ 1941
PhD Penn State Univ. 1942
Professional Degree in Meteorology UCLA 1944
Lt. (j.g.) USNR Alaskan Theatre 1944-1946
Asst. Pr ^ Iowa State Univ 1943-1947
Merck & Co Inc. Rahway NJ 1947-1956
National Dairy Council 1956-1961
Prof. Univ of Calif 1961 - (Emeritus 1979)
Hobbies -- Golf, Music, Public speaking
Member Benicia No %, FTA Masons
Past President Green Valley Country Club
President Rotary Club of Fairfield-Suisun
Parttime Field Representative for Solano County Farn Bureau
Played Santa Claus 54 times last year!

Margaret B. Whitlock hobbies -- golf, bridge, reading.
Member of Green Valley Country Club
P.E.O. Ch R.R. Fairfield Ca
Wednesday Club of Susun
St. Marks Lutheran Church, Fairfield, Ca

Daughters: Margay J. Whitlock...Theatrical Management
Pamela K. Nicholson (Kenneth Nicholson, 15, grandson)

Margay Whitlock
250 West 78th Street
New York, New York 10024
212 874 2286

Mrs. Howard B. Warren (Hazel)
7818 South 68th East Ave.
Tulso, Oklahoma 74133
918 494 9567

Fritzie Warren de Leon
1106 Richland Oaks
Richardson, Texas 75180

Robert and Cindy Hill
1223 SkyLine Drive
Miami, Oklahoma 74354

"H.B." and Allison Warren
2615 S. Richmond
Tulsa, OK. 74114

Dear Steve,

11/16/83

As per your request...To begin with -- in my immediate family, my husband Howard Burton Warren, died July 12, 1981. Our oldest daughter's husband, Leon Rene DeLeon died, Nov. 30, 1982.

Hazel Adelle Purcell Warren...I'm mother to Fredalee Warren de Leon ("Frirzie") who has two children, Lisa Maria and son, Leon Rene (called Dina).

Lisa is in second year at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Dina is in 8th grade and both are grade A students. Fritzie sells telephone systems and as of a few weeks ago, is part owner of the company -- Mercury Communications.

Cindy our second daughter is married to George Robert Hill. Bob is manager of the Miami Country Club and Cindy is Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in Miami, OK. They also have two children. Leighan in 9th grade. Steve in 7th grade (named somewhat after you). They are also A students and all the grandchildren are very athletic -- Steve especially

My son, Howard Burton Warren II is called "H.B." is getting married for the first time Nov. 26, 1983 to Allison Broadland. They have bought an older house and completely redecorated and refurbished the inside

(Hazel is one of Mamma Ferne's sisters)

Gene and Pat Hawkins
37271 Northern
Waukegan, ILL. 60087

Prentis Hawkins
RR
Dix, Illinois 62830

Uncle Hulen's other son operates the largest orchard
business in Southern Illinois.

Family of LOIS LORAINNE WILLIAMS WHITLOCK (deceased)

Parents: Aubrey ("daddy Buck") Williams - deceased
Verne ("Ma") Williams - deceased

Mae Manley
1123 Shawnee
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 61824

(Ma's sister) Dear Steve,
Received your letter, Hope I can be of some help to
you. I have been sick for three weeks, It started with
the flu now I have acute bronocitis and arthritis in
my left arm. Below is the list of names you wanted:

David Manley
403 S. Elm
Three Oaks, MI
616 756 7289

My son and his family. He's age 52.
Grandson Terry Manley is 33 and travels with a band.
Granddaughters -
Misty Manley at 14, at home
Dawn Manley age 20, at home
Kris Sass, age 28, lives in Lake Station Indiana
(219 962 7052)
Sue Wegiel, age 29, 39 W. Ash, Three Oaks, MI

Larry Manley
P.O. Box 401
Michigan City, Indiana
219 872 4016

My other son Larry is 46
Granddaughters -
Sherri Manley, age 20, lives in Cedar Lake Indiana
(219 374 9612)
Debbie Armstrong, age 24, E5 500 Ind 212, Michigan
City, Indiana
Grandson Troy Manley (22) MP in the Army, overseas.

Aunt Bea's family:

Norma Jean Meek
P.O. Box 826
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
618 242 4760

Age 58

Jimmy Paul Johnson
708 S. 12th Street
Mt. Vernon, Ill

Age 50

Jerry Carl Johnson
1008 S. 19th Street
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
618 242 0156

Age 48

Thomas Robert Johnson
2617 Cherry Street
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

age 56

Michael Wayne Johnson
RR 1
Opdyke, Illinois
242 4232

Age 38

Donna Sue Shrum
317 S. 22nd Street
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
618 244 0784

Age 36

Love,
Aunt Mae

James and Fran Irwin
464 McHenry Avenue
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014
815 459 1512

Randy and Angie Boldwyn
326 N. 4th Street
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
618 338 8689

Scott and Cheryl Boldwyn
1018 Oak Leaf
Sunnyside, Illinois

Mr. August Williams
RR # 1
Texaco, Illinois 62889
Mrs. Johnson Williams
1604 W Galena Blvd.
Aurora, Illinois 60506

Gene and Phyllis Adams
816 S. Main
Collinsville, Illinois 62232

Don and Sherri (Adams)
Walker
414 Indian Trail
Madison, Tenn. 37115

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams
Bloomington, Minn.

Aunt Fran is sister to Lois Whitlock

Hi Honey!

11/15/83

It was good to hear from you even though it was brief. I'll do my best on your family address book. I think it is great! I'll start with Randy and his family. You know he has remarried since last April 1st of this year. Her name is Angie and she's a sweet and pretty girl. We all liked her very much. She has two children of her own, a little boy, Brian (he's five), and a little girl, Somer, she's about two years old. Randy has three of his own, Steve who was 17 last September, Tammy will be thirteen in December, and little Angie was 6 last July 4th. They are planning on moving to a bigger house soon. They are coming to spend Thanksgiving with us this year...they couldn't make it last year.

Scott's address is now in Sunnyside, Illinois. As of now they don't have a phone. Patrick is 10 years old and Paul is 8.

We have a new club called McHenry County Deaf Awareness since about two years ago. Our membership is growing. We have meetings once a month and do all kinds of activities. Last summer we had our 2nd annual picnic and it was a big turn-out! We enjoyed it very much even though I had to work pretty hard handling the food. We are going to have a Christmas party for the deaf children Dec. 17. There will be a lot of parents with deaf children. I think the deaf children have better advantages than I did when I was their age. For one thing, they don't have to be away from home and most of the parents will attend a class to learn sign language. But I think I did pretty well in school for the deaf. I made a lot of friends and I was happy too.

I'm going to write down Uncle August's address and also Aunt Mae and Aunt Lucille.

Good luck, honey -- love you
Aunt Fran

(Aunt Phil is sister to Lois Whitlock)

I haven't heard from them for awhile...but then until I started this project no one ever heard from me either! At last report Sherru and Don had two children -- Amy and Joni.

I don't have any information about Vince!

(Uncle Doc is Lois Whitlock's brother)

Not much information from the snow country. Uncle Don and family have opened several Tanning Salons that are quite popular.

My Dad (W.W.) has stopped in a few times on business trips to Minneapolis.

I still hope to get current addresses and activities up date from the Williams clan.

Warren and Donna (Whitlock)
Letzsch
6533 S. Kearney Circle
Englewood, Colorado 80111
303 694 0209

(My sister)

Dear Steve, 11/30/83
Here are some of our interests & activities for your family update.

They have moved east.

WARREN: in his fortieth year...Manager of Refining Technology for Total Petroleum -- trouble-shoots, buys catalyst for their refineries, markets a revolutionary (he tells me) new refinery process...working on a book on catalytic cracking (say what?)...has a new Apple III computer...has traveled to Paris, London, Rio, & Amsterdam this year...loves to ski & watch sports - any sports - on TV...church treasurer this year.

DONNA: in her fortieth year...Social Worker for Kempe Child Abuse Center...teacher in therapeutic preschool for abused children & coordinator of volunteers... loves to read science fiction and gothic romances... preschool Coordinator at church (want a good recipe for play dough?)

ANDY: 15 and a sophomore at Cherry Creek High... likes martial arts training, roller skating and skiing,... earns money by being Letzsch housekeeper (martial arts training)...becoming proficient on Dad's Apple III computer...frequently known to tie up the telephone talking to friends...adds excitement, zest, and a few gray hairs to our household

TONI: 6 years old & a kindergarten student at the Willows...she's reading & thinks that's great...loves to dance & takes ballet lessons...plays with dolls, dolls & any available baby... she adds energy & giggles to our lives

Love to all our family and friends,
far-flung though you may be,
you're all close to our hearts.

Donna, Warren, Andy & Toni

Walter (Bud) and Dorothy
(Girlye) Letzsch
14220 State Street
Riverdale, Illinois 60627
312 849 1523

(Warren's parents and family)

Hi, Steve, November 1983
We are busy all the time. Bud is President of the Riverdale AARP chapter - on the board of Directors of Little School (for the retarded) - belongs & is active in the Lions Club - a District Committee member B.S.A. & American Red Cross - Chairman Water Safety Committee. He also teaches swimming twice a week.

I am active in the Ivanhoe Woman's Club - Past President & at present Treasurer. Belong to the Riverdale AARP Chapter and am a Red Cross Volunteer working on Blood Banks.

William C. and Helen Letzsch
227 Somarauk
Park Forest, Illinois 60466
312 481 7329

Our son Bill is an Insurance Life underwriter & his wife, Helen, is administrative assistant to a V.P. of the Illinois Central Railroad. Their son, William C. Letzsch III (22) is a senior at Northern Illinois University studying computer science. Their daughter, Deborah Letzsch (20), is attending Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

W. Stephen Letzsch
11 Cloverhurst Court - Apt. 4
Athens, Georgia 30605
404 546 0737

Leslie & Marguerite McKay
Old Stage Road
Orwell, VT. 05760
802 948 2509

Our son, Steve, works for the University of Georgia in the Agronomy Department. He is a research Coordinator and is working on his Ph.D. in Agronomy. He has a Masters degree in Geology.

I am also including the address of Bud's sister and brother-in-law.

As you may or may not know, we are going out to Denver over Thanksgiving. It will be great seeing them all again. Except for Warren, we have not seen them since last Christmas.

I hope I furnished you with the information you wanted. If I can be of further help just ask.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Letzsch

Mike and Chris Whitlock
509 Running Brook
Birmingham, Alabama 35226
309 243 5742

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They now live in New Jersey

(my brother and wife!)

Mike and Chris were able to spend about a week in Detroit this summer before they traveled on northward to hike in our beautiful Pictured Rocks Park... The two of them enjoy a great many out-door activities and have visited many of our National Parks.

Mike has been very busy with Southern Bell (he makes money for them...so they keep him busy!)... Last time I talked with them, a job transfer was a possibility (the three usual choices, way out west, way out east, or somewhere in the middle.....decisions, decisions!).

Chris has still been taking a pretty full load of courses at school, besides work, homemaking, and hiking after Mike.

Hi Steve,

December 1983

Sorry it took so long to get back in touch. Here's just a few names that you can include in your address book.

Jim and Linda Allen
253 Shades Crest Road So.
Birmingham, Al 35226

My psrents - My dad enjoys going flying with a friend of his when he gets the chance. My Mom.... she just works hard all the time!

Sandra Lynn Allen
(same address)
205 987 0923

My sister is into everything. She's head cheerleader of the varsity squad and is entered in the beauty contest at her high school...just to name a couple.

Mike and I have recently gotten into canoeing and we're thinking about taking a scuba diving class in January.

See you at Christmas.

Lots of love,
Chris

me of our good family friends...

X348/14

Mary and Mel Gibbs
8701 Pine Needle Drive
Germantown, Tenn 38138

(Family friends from the Harvey, Illinois days!)

Dear Steve,

Nov. 18, 1983

Joyce and Mark Hunter
4152 Sassafras River Drive
Memphis, Tenn. 38155
901 755 7347

When we got home yesterday after being in Memphis for two weeks, your note was a most welcome surprise. Your request for family info is most timely! We were in Memphis to welcome and help with Joyce and Mark's first baby, a girl, Jennifer Paige, born November 7th.

Mark works for Baxter-Travenol and is a Traffic Manager for them. Joyce works at Memphis State University and supervises Grad students in Speech Pathology.

Also, while we were in Memphis, we bought a house in Germantown, as we have sold our house here in Lincolnshire and have to be out December 15th. Mel took early retirement as of September 1st, 1982, and we have decided we do not care for these severe winters and with family there, we are choosing the Memphis area.

In his retirement, Mel plays lots of golf and tennis - is restoring an antique car. I also play a lot of golf, also bridge, and do hospital volunteer work.

Our son, Jim, and Cathy have two children -- Christophe: 8½ years and Erin, 2 years. Jim works for the Dept. of Comm. in the International Statistical Division of the Census Bureau. He travels a great deal & into some very interesting places - the latest one was Rwonda, Africa!

We will be looking forward to your finished product! So good to hear from you - if you are ever in or near the Memphis area - please look us up. We won't have a phone until we move into our new house about Dec. 19th.

Most sincerely,

Mary and Mel

Jim and Cathy Gibbs
5426 Inverchapel Road
Springfield, Virginia 22151
703 321 7926

Betty and Gene Strauss
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Corpus Christi, TX 78412
512 992 3793

(More good friends from the Harvey days)

Dear Steve

11/16/83

We were very happy to hear from you after such a long time. Donna has kept us informed about your news at Christmas time - but it's much better hearing from you firsthand.

Gene and Mark are deer hunting this morning on Mark's lease. Mark will go to the clinic this aft. His lease is very near their house. Gene went deer hunting on his own lease last week, but didn't see any deer. Mark shot a 10 point buck Sat am - so Gene hopes to do better today.

You asked for addresses and information about the family --

et (Strauss) and Craig
Beam
7723 Wycomb Lane
Houston, TX 77070

Dr. & Mrs. Mark Strauss
50 - Bobwhite
Robstown, TX 78380

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Strauss
503 Willow Wisp Circle
Spring, Texas 77373

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Jan and Craig have Eric (14), Kevin (11), and Corlist ("Corrie" is 5) -- Eric is tall, blond and both studious & athletic...very shy. He is coming down this week-end to go duck hunting & deer hunting with Mark & will drive back to Houston with us when we go for Thanksgiving.

Kevin is a "jock" & a charmer = smart, but doesn't try to work in school. Girls constantly call him on the phone. He doesn't know a stranger.

Corrie also has blonde, curly hair - is tall - very bright - but shy with strangers. She will start kindergarten next year.

Jan is a very busy mother - driving the boys to all of their various games and practices. Very active with their church. She and a friend of hers have a business where Jan designs & they sew various things such as place mats, aprons, hot pad holders etc. Jan designs the pictures which they sew onto the articles. They sell these at craft fairs and to stores.

Jan's husband, Craig, sells & rents gas compressors for gas and oil wells. He travels quite a bit. Their house was damaged in our last hurricane. A tree - 80 feet tall and 7 ft circumference - fell on the house. 6 holes in the roof but fortunately no one hurt! They are finally having their home repaired now, but don't think it will be done by Thanksgiving.

(Mark & Bernadette) Mark divorced Nancy 6 years ago. Nancy and Heather (8) still live in Corpus but none of us ever see them -- except when we take Christmas and birthday presents to Heather.

Mark married Bernadette 4 or 5 years ago. She is a RN but not working now. Mark is a Board Certified Internist & a member of a clinic here. He is an excellent Dr & works too hard -- but loves it. They have Donnie (8) Bernadette's son by a previous marriage. - a real neat guy with brown eyes & brown hair like Bernadette -

Beth (2) - a joy -full of enthusiasm for life. Looks a lot like Jan did at that age - So does Corrie, Kelly, Heather! and NOW, Megan (4 months) with Bernadette's brown eyes and hair. Our only blood grandchild that isn't blond.

Both Bernadette & Mark love the outdoors -- hunting, fishing, etc. They have a ski boat. Bernadette is a native Texan & had never seen snow until they went skiing last winter.

(Craig and Judy) -- Their children are:

Sunny ("Sonja is 8) - a blonde, two head beauty with big blue eyes. A tomboy. She's taking gymnastics also, Steve. Gene just put up a bar for her to practice on. Now she wants a balance beam.

Mark (5) - a tow head bundle of energy. Very much a boy's boy. Playing soccer but doesn't know anything about it all yet.

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Kelly (3) - "Kelsey" - She is another blonde curly head - always dressed in a pretty dress - but climbs like a tomboy anyway.

Craig is a self-employed computer consultant working at the present time at IBM in NASA. Loves the job - but hates the 50 mile one-way drive to work.

Judy has her own Interior Decorating business. Has had it 3 or 4 years now so that is has gotten off the ground & she is very busy. They live about 20 minutes from Jan & Craig.

They will all be here Christmas. Of course Bernadette, Mark & family won't sleep here. They have about 3 acres outside of town.

Let's see -- Gene & I love it here in Corpus - We live right on the Bay, which is fascinating. We're very involved in the stock market. Enjoy the hunting, fishing, beach combing, etc. that the area provides.

I am active as a docent (guide) at our local art museum & give weekly tours to 5th & 6th graders from the local schools.

Keep in touch now, Steve. I still think about your Mom often -- & miss her. Know that you do also. Come see us sometime, we have lots of room...

Love,

Gene & Betty

Fete and Sue Ann Lunde
10510 Creektree
Houston, Texas 77070

My " best" friend through grade school and high school.

I remain in contact with them through occasional phone calls. Pete is doing great things with one of the major oil companies in Texas. He designs offshore drilling rigs...hopefully the ones that don't fall into the ocean! His work has had him as a world-wide traveler. I had been trying to reach him at home last year, but he was never there. But one day he called me just to talk -- from London!

He and Sue Ann have two children, Emily and Scott.

I called his parents one evening up in Minnesota. Paul had had heart surgery, but recovered well and is very active in his retirement...their farm is one of the most active "high yeild" producers of Black Angus in the state. Pete was to spend some time up there this summer helping to put up another airplane hanger... yes they are still "into" flying.

Paula and Joan are married and doing well...Paula is married to a Doctor in Kalamazoo, Mi.

Sue's parents, Ben and Dorothy, still live at the same address in Riverdale. I recently stopped by during one of my Chicago trips, but didn't find them at home.

I look forward to visiting with them, at their place or mine!

Earl and Jeanne Lintner
725 Cottonwood
Frankfort, Illinois 60423

This family are old friends from our Loomis address days in Harvey. Earl's mother, Lois, just recently passed away...a very nice lady who will be missed by many.

Earl and Jeanne and I were gymnastics teammates at Thornton high (as was Jeanne's brother Don). They have three children, Brian, Christopher, and Adam.

I see Jeanne fairly often as she is an active judge of gymnastics competitions. She didn't judge the annual "Midwest Open" at Thanksgiving this year...I missed seeing you, Jeanne!

I just had a "flashback"...Earl did you remember that your phone number in 1st grade was "2690-W" and ours was 3794-R"???

(I also remember that my grandparent's number at this time was "two longs and a short" out in the country of Woodland, Illinois) Why do we remember such trivia?
