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Margaret

Griffiths

Hope - Britain

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Letters + Business transactions re sale/transfer of Bert Griffiths' farm to Stanley Sowerby

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
25/11/65

N.L.Turnbull Esq.
Binscarth

Dear Norman;

Thank you so much for your letter, and statement, re the Proudley Estate, the settlement of grain and summerfallow which you sent in with Bob.

I am deeply appreciative of all you have done for me in the matters relating to the farm since Percy's sudden death.

For yours, mine, and the lawyer's protection, I would certainly advise you to get a receipt from Charlie, on behalf of the Executors, that up to this point, he is satisfied that he has received full ~~payment~~ settlement of the grain grown by Percy, that he has no interest whatever in any grain now on the farm, and that he is satisfied with the payment on summerfallow which was due him under the agreement.

Bob and I had a good talk about his buying the farm, and by now, he has probably related the main points of our conversation to you, and asked how you feel about the matter.

I can see Bob's point in still being hesitant about buying on any but the bushel basis, but in view of the Income Tax Department's indefinite answer, I feel that it is not possible.

Like you said in your letter, we too, would feel pleased to see the farm belong to the Turnbull family, so it will be a sad commentary on us, if three sets of brains cannot solve the mechanics of a deal, the basis of which,we are pretty well agreed on, in such a way that will be satisfactory to all of us.

In the meantime, before you come down, you might have thought of some other ideas to put forward, but I do ask you not to take any steps to

obtain 'all cash', which later, Bob and you might regret.

Let's have another talk, before doing anything final.

Hoping you are not snowed in, and that we will see you when you come to Winnipeg.

Very sincerely,

Bert.

Wheat agreement gets a reprieve

Tribune 24/11/65.

By R. W. Queen-Hughes

According to the preamble of the International Wheat Agreement it is intended "to overcome the serious hardship caused to producers and consumers by burdensome surpluses and critical shortages of wheat." This agreement, ratified by the parliament of Canada in May 1949, came into force in July of that year and was negotiated by five exporting states and 37 importing countries.

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The original agreement called for basic minimum and maximum prices, basis Fort William for No. 1 Northern, of $1.50 and $1.80 per bushel. In the first agreement Canada undertook to sell slightly more than 203 million bushels at the agreement prices.

This basic agreement with various amendments as to prices has been extended from time to time. There are now 48 countries in the International Wheat Council, which is the body responsible for overseeing the operations of the agreement.

The present agreement runs to July 31, 1966 with a basic floor price of $1.62½ per bushel under an extension agreed upon last November. A delegation headed by James Lawrie, assistant commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, is now meeting in London with delegates from the other signatory states to study the situation.

This review is an annual affair out of which many hoped that general international commodity agreements might evolve. This has not been so to some degree because of the tariff negotiations which are dragging on in Geneva.

Canada is on record as being in favor of long term commodity agreements, a proposition which has been endorsed by successive governments ever since the war-time commodity conferences. At these meetings a determined but unsuccessful attempt was made to establish international controls over all commodities to be effective in peace as well as war.

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Some economists would argue that the only way to achieve stability in supply and demand is to allow market forces to work. No government in the world finds it politically expedient to risk advocating such a step much less implementing it. For this reason there is a sort of uneasy twilight in which commodities in general and wheat in particular move within a semi-restricted and semi-controlled range.

Due to the slowness of the GATT negotiations, consequent on the agricultural disagreements of the six nations in the European Economic Community, it is likely that the IWA will be extended for another year.

There is considerable evidence that this much maligned agreement continues to be valuable if only as a cushion against wild price fluctuations. Such reaction would surely have occurred in a completely free market as a result of the unpredictable bulk purchases of the Soviet Union and China. On this basis the IWA can be justified simply as a western economic defence mechanism.

TORY PLEDGE:

Acreage payment on seeded land

Tribune 21/10/65

COBDEN, Ont. (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker promised Wednesday that a Conservative government would provide acreage payments to all needy farmers on the basis of seeded acreage.

He told about 250 persons, mostly high school students, in this Ottawa Valley farming community that his previous government had made payments of $1 an acre to a maximum of $400 to Prairie farmers.

Changes would be needed in payments in Eastern Canada, he said, but he did not specifically state what his proposed payments would be.

The Conservative leader also said Parliament must take action against hate literature while at the same time preserving the maximum degree of freedom of speech.

He said he had met a man only two days ago who had been tortured in a concentration camp and who was receiving hate literature in the mail, threatening him if he did not support communism.

Mr. Diefenbaker heavily criticized Agriculture Minister Hays. He quoted Mr. Hays as saying that the trouble with farmers is that they do not work.

Mr. Hays himself was born a millionaire and didn't work, Mr. Diefenbaker said.

He also quoted the minister as saying that a farmer could get on well with a gross annual income of $2,500, if he had six cows, two sows and a wife with a strong back.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
7/4/65

Dear Norman;

Jim Orr 'phoned yesterday morning, and told me that Percy was in Russell hospital--this A.M. I had a note from Joe Willis and he says that it was a stroke that had caused the trouble.

Three weeks ago we had a letter from Percy who said he was suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism, so adding it all up, I know he is not in good condition, and hence, unless his recovery is miraculous, will be unable to put the crop in this Spring--which should be here SOON!

As I cannot, and will not, in fairness to Percy, do anything of a permanent nature with the farm immediately, was wondering if you or Bob would consider a temporary deal for this year, whereby you would put the prepared land into crop on some type of a rental basis.?

I have had, as you probably know, several enquiries, over the years for buying and renting, so in view of that, will need a little time in order to think over what is the best thing upon which to decide.

Hoping you are all well, and that I will hear from you, as to how you feel about this matter.

Kindest regards

Bert.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
10/4/65

Dear Norman;

Thank you for your letter received this A.M., (10th), and am glad to know that you feel it will be possible for you and Bob to take care of the farm for 1965.

We were also pleased to learn of the improvement in Percy's condition, altho' we know from experience, a stroke can be a very slow business.

Under Percy's agreement, he has to leave 85 acres of summerfallow.

He has been putting in half the cultivated land each year, and since his Wheat Board quota is on 246 acres, it would mean 123 acres in crop each year, (approximately).

I would like wheat put on the summerfallow, if possible. Would you please keep track of the amount of summerfallow there ACTUALLY is, and what other work is done on the land, so that when completed, we can make adjustments as to payments either one has to make.

With regard to the grain on the farm, I would imagine there should be approximately 3000 bushels, and all has to be delivered to the elevator, with some adjustments for seed, when we know accurately how many bushels were used--in previous years it had run around 180 bushels.(of wheat).

With this letter I am enclosing a statement of authority to the effect that you are acting as my representative for matters concerning the farm, grain, and all chattels belonging to Percy.

I trust you will be willing and able to do this for us.

Again thank you for what you have done to date.

Very sincerely, Bert

P.S. This is the secretary's personal note!---Hope you are all well, both people and animals!--and that you will enjoy a Happy and blessed Easter.

Margaret

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
15/4/65

Dear Norman;

Thanks for your letter, and am pleased you are willing to look after our interests for 1965.

Personally, I don't think Percy will ever be able to work the farm again and I think this will be a good time to straighten matters out, between him and myself. Margaret had written to Charlie, and he replied. Enclosed is the substance of the letter which I wrote to Charlie, and which, I trust will be satisfactory to him.

When I see you we can discuss all necessary details in regard to the entire arrangement.

I expect you will be really busy now and will be pleased when Bob gets home.

Kindest regards,

Bert.

P.S. Margaret did send Percy a card and note, but I have not written him, it would probably just worry him.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9,Man.
14/4/65

Dear Charlie;

We received your letter, and I am writing you so that you will know how things are, and what is being done.

We were sorry to hear about Percy's illness--but about three weeks ago he had written, saying he was troubled with rheumatism,but trust he will now improve under the kind care of the doctor and nurses.

As you know, Percy has been with me for over forty years,and we always got on very well.

Under the circumstances, and knowing Percy could not put the crop in, I am now taking charge of the farm and have made arrangements with Norman Turnbull to put the crop in this year,(1965), and to look after Percy's and my grain and what other things there may be on the farm.

I guess you will be looking after Percy's house, car, and other things, until he improves, and would suggest that you see Norman and he will explain anything you want to know.

I understand that you found the Wheat Board cheque which Percy had not placed in the bank--it all belongs to him, and it was a good thing for you to do.

I would not worry Percy about the farm until he is feeling much better. I shall also see that his share of the grain ~~for 1964~~ now on the farm is placed in his account when I can get it into the elevator.

We hope you are keeping well, and expect you will soon be busy on the land.

With our kindest regards,

10/4/65

To whom it may concern

This is to advise that
Mr Norman L. Turnbull
is acting as my personal
representative in matters
concerning my farm E ½ · 5 · 19 · 27
relative to grain and chattels
belonging to myself and
Mr Percy Proudley.

Signed.

L B Griffiths

155 Queenston St
Wpg 9.
Man

3/5/65

Dear Norman,

Pleased to get your letter & thank you for same. Glad you had a good trip home & note what you say about the deposit. $1217.61 This I would hazard a guess would be two items $1142.61 Wheat Board & $75 old Age. S.P. This will bring every thing up to date & we will now know what has got to be done so far as farm is concerned.

This may now be reduced & may be satisfactory to both if Bob wants to rent for a specific period say five years with no option of selling O.K. Would like you to talk over along these lines. If he does not want to rent it will give me time to try & dispose of same during this year. We can discuss matters when & until details of a final lease when you come down next.

I suppose some time they will go through Percy's papers & then we will know more & can act accordingly.

It was pretty cold here this morning 21 degrees but so nice & warm now.

Kindest regards to all.

E.B.L.

Letter
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posted

Buscaret, Iran.
April 27th '65

Dear Bert:

A short letter to say we are planning on coming in to the city Thursday morning the 29th and if it is convenient will drop in Thursday afternoon and have a talk to you about the farm and the summers work.

Bob was in to the Hospital to see Percy yesterday but found him very low. He is not responding to treatment at all and Bob said if he didnt know that was Percy he would scarcely have recognized him. I was up a week ago Sunday but Percy was tired. Too many visitors in a public ward and too much noise. He had failed a lot then.

It does seem too bad after all his years of hard work and yet I suppose some men like to feel they are doing something and fail to recognize symptoms of approaching disease or just generals played out ed nest!

Bert please.

Bob and I went over to the farm last week and made a list of everything that we could find not under lock and key. The granary, house, and bunk house, are well locked & the grain will be O.K. until it can be moved when there is room in the elevator. I'm afraid Percy will never come out of hospital. Charlie & Desmond were over to see me last week & we talked the matter over so that we could plan what was to be done with Percy's equipment. Both of us are a bit nervous about it over there although it is well hidden. It is also quite portable. For the time being will just keep a look out for it.

Attached is a list we made & if you'll check it over we can talk about it when we meet.

Be seeing you.

Best regards.

Norman.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
31/5/65

Dear Norman;

Thanks for your letter and the information contained therein. Was pleased you had a pleasant trip home, but sorry to hear the weather is not propitious for seeding, but it looks like one of the old ones--however, growth may be rapid when it gets warmer, but guess there is nothing we can do about the weather, and will have to fit our work to circumstanes as they arise.

Was sorry to know there was no will left by Percy , as it will take longer to clear up his affairs, but now Charlie has got Coppleman working on the case, at least he will be able to start things going.

I knew Percy had sisters in England. I think he used to send them something.

My advice to Charlie, for what it is worth, would be as follows. It may give a lead or two.

1. I don't think Percy carried any insurance, altho' Mr. Mayhew, Foxwarren, used to try to sell him some.

2. Charlie should look particularly amongst Percy's papers to see if there is a Bank Book*(Savings Acc't,, I think). Bank of Montreal, main bank, corner of Portage & Main. Years ago P. got me to get his book brought up to date, but of-course he could have easily had it transferred to his Binscarth account.

3. Charlie should go through any old mail. I remember Percy getting letters with the name "Love," from some Trust Company. This may not be any help, unless he can find a list of his assets--Percy MAY have left one.

Was pleased to hear about the wheat--we'll know whenever you can get it out. Maybe Mr. Williamson will be getting some cars soon. I don't quite understand why the Wheat Board give extra bushels for some points when the quota deliveries have not been made.

There is nothing else I can think of at the moment, but if Charlie or you think of anything I can do to help, please write.

Our kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

Bert.

155 Queenston St
Wpg 9. Man.
12/7/65

Dear Norman

Please accept my thanks for two tickets received for grain you have managed to deliver & pleased to see some No 3. Hope you have good luck with the balance. Sorry to hear about frost, but you never can tell - it is a very erratic period of weather so far although my neighbours report excellent growth - some grain heading out.

Hope all well

Sincerely yours
Bert.

Dear Bert:

Attached is a record of residue wheat as of end of crop year 1964-65. July 31st 1965. We leveled the remaining wheat in bin#2(10 X 12 X 4½ ft) and estimated it at 450 Bus. We back hauled 24 Bus. from last load to P.Proudly Estate and put it on top of bin#2. This will leave you approximately 474 bus. in bin #2. The other old bin is empty.

Rather than haul back extra wheat and put it in a very doubtful bin we figured that the extra summerfallow of about 35 acres that Percy left on the place and estimated at a cost of $5.00 per acre would amount to $175.00. With #3 wheat at the present price of $1.26½ plus a possible future payment of 20-25¢ this would take in the vicinity of 115 bus. As Percy's second permit was for around 500 bus. we thought that it would meet with your approval to haul out this extra 115 bus, wheat to P.Proudly Estate Acct. and you would be very nearly clear, on remaining summerfallow account. You can also claim that as an expense on this years Income Tax. We left a leeway of 5¢ perbushel in case final payment on #3 wheat amouts to 25¢. In the latter case there would only be a remaining difference due to P. Proudly Estate of one or two dollars. I spoke to Charlie about this and it was quite satisfactory to him.

You now have none of Percy's grain left on the farm. Bin #2 holds your remaining wheat 470 -474 Bus.

Bob let me read your most recent letter and also his reply. I can understand both your points. Personally I would have liked to have seen your old farm among our family. Under the crop yield plan with a proportional payment per annum we thought perhaps we could swing it. From your point of view and Income tax being what it is I realize that there might be unforseen difficulties. On our side it would be a vastly different situation if, we knew that we could sell all our grain immediately. Also if we knew that machinery replacement was not going to creep up and up each year. The tractor that I bought in 1941 with wheat around $2.00 cost me $1780 . The same make and powered tractor now would cost me about $5000.00 #3 Wheat at an initial of$126. Other drawn machinery in the same proportionate category but not half as reliable.

It is my wish that any deal you make with Bob that you talk it over thoroughly from every angle. Bob has a very good business head and as the years creep up I shall pass slowly out of the picture, also my earning capacity is limited more and more each year.

Perhaps we shall make it into town before Christmas and if we do shall look you up. I sure hope the attached sheet meets with your approval

Very Sincerely,

Norman.

Copy for R.O. & H. Turnbull

Total crop residue on I.B.Griffiths farm as of July 31st. 1965. By weight and measurement. The latter approximate but very close.

By delivery on B. Proudly Estate Permit No. 1.	1000	Bus.
By delivery on P.Proudly Estate Permit No. 2.	317	Bus.
By measured estimate of grain in bin #2	450	Bus.
Total to date Nov.18th/65	1767	Bus.
Two thirds due Proudly Estate and hauled out	1178	Bus.
One third share due I.B.Griffiths.....	589	Bus.
Hauled out on behalf of I.B.Griffiths to pay for 35 Acres extra summerfallow left by P.Proudly. At $5.00 per acre and estimated cash value @$1.46½ 3 Nor. wheat ($168.45).....	115	Bus.
On I.B.Griffiths premises as of date Nov.18th 1965 Wheat grown by P.Proudly..... Stored in bin #2 . Property I.B.Griffiths.	474	Bus.

(Above 115 Bus #3 wheat delivered on Special Permit #2 P.Proudly Estate.)

Signed H. L. Turnbull

Agent for I.B.Griffiths.

Copy

PERMISSION OF ACCESS.

This is my permission to allow I.B.Griffiths or his agent access to grain stored in granaries, and farm equipment in sheds and yard, on E½ 5 . 19 .27 W 1. For the purpose of obtaining grain or emptying said granaries when elevator space and Canadian Wheat Board ~~XXXXX~~ Quotas permit. And for the purpose of collecting machinery and disposing of same.

Signed,

Stanley Sonck

I.B.Griffiths.

~~I.B.Griffiths.~~

FARM EQUIPMENT SALE E½ 5-19 27 W 1.

1 8ft Massey harris binder.

1 6 Roller wild oat cleaner.

2 sets bob sleighs

1 wagon gear.

1 jumper with team pole

1 10 ft disc harrow

1 10 ft dump rake

1 5ft mower

1 Cockshutt field cultivator.

1 wagon and two deck box.

~~Rake~~

I.B.Griffiths.

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I.B.Griffiths.

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1 5ft mower

1 Cockshutt field cultivator.

1 wagon and two deck box.

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SALE.

.P.PROUDLEY ESTATE. E½ 5-19-27 W1 .

2 miles south of Binscarth on No4 Hwy. 3½ Miles East on Correction line

John Deere Model D Tractor on rubber.

John Deere Model A R Tractor on Rubber.

John Deere 20 Run Drill, press whells, single disc, fert. Attachment.

Rollong harrow bar on rubber 12 Section.

Ten sections heavy tractor harrows.

Massey Harris 12ft swather.

Minneapolis Moline 12ft Combine with motor.

6 ft Minneapolis one way disc

6 ft MasseyHarris one way disc with seeder box att.

Robin grain augur 24 ft long 7" diameter with B & S engine

500 gal fuel tank and stand.

Green Cross 30 ft sprayer and tank.

Cordwood saw attachment for tractor.

2 steel tank-type grain boxes and trucks.

Case two bottom plow.

Case threshing machine. Steel 24"

Letz feed grinder.

I Cockshutt cultivator.

1 John Deere Cultivator

2 10X 16 Porable bins. Painted. A 1 Condition.

Chev. Sedan. 1924 Model.

Fuel oil drums, tanks and small tools.

1 steel truck & rack.

Household articles, stoves, range, beds chairs tables etc.

Binscarth, Man.
April 4th 1966.

John P Powers Esq.,
Manager,
Agricultural Memorial Museum,
Austin, MAN.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with you last Friday night I am writing to explain about the machinery on the farm of Mr I.B.Griffiths, E½ 5-19-27. As Mr Griffiths is unable to come out from Winnipeg to attend to the selling of the balance of his farm equipment he has asked me to do so as his agent.He expressed the wish that if any of this machinery would be of interest to your Museum at Austin it should be donated rather than go for scrap at a sale.

The six foot Massey Harris binder is in very good shape indeed. Has to my knowledge been under cover whennot in use almost from the time of purchase. Reel arms and slats and I believe canvasses are all there.

The Chatham fanning mill will still operate , has always been under cover and is in fair condition.

The breaker plow (wooden beam, small depth wheel) is still in fair condition, has been kept greased and is one of the original breakers still left round here. It has also been under cover.The curved part of one of the handles is broken off.

There is no household material of museum interest that I would judge

Mr Griffiths was long a member of the Manitoba Legislature. Minister of Health and Public Welfare for several years and latterly Chairman of the Manitoba Farm Loans Board.

It will be a week or so with this weather before access to this machinery will be possible. Will you please advise me by mail if you wish us to keep this machinery out of sale.

Yours sincerely, A. P. Turnbull

3/4 Mile N.E. Chillon Siding.

Machinery and Equipment on E½-5-19-27 as of April 19,1965.

1 only platform scale ✓
1 " foot gridstone ✓
2 only 40 gal tin tanks.
1 only wash boiler
1 only 6-roller wild oat mill
2 only 25 gal drums
3 only light 45-gal drums
6 only sodium 45-gal drums.
2 only pitchforks
2 only steel scoop-shovels
1 only pail-top grease-gun.
1 only Lotz feed grinder
1 only hand hay knife
misc.harness and collars
1 only Groom Spray & Tank
1 only steel trucks & rack
1 only wood beam Breaking plow
2 only sets light bob-sleighs
1 only wooden wagon running gear
asstd.cutter and wagon tongues
misc.double- & single-trees,etc.
1 Chatham Fanning mill
1 only 14 ft.packer
1 only tractor mtd cord-wood saw.
1 only 500 gal tank & stand
1 only 6' Massey binder
1 only 8' Massey Binder ✓
1 only cutter
1 AR John Deere Tractor,rubber
1 only Robin Loader,B&S eng.,hopper.
1 only 7' J.D.horse cultivator.
2 only J.D.2bottom plow
1 only Case 2 bottom plow
1 only 2 furrow walking plow
1 only 6' Massey disc
1 only 10' disc-harrow
10' dump rake
1 M.H. 5ft. horse mower
2 only steel tank boxes and trucks
1 only wagon and 2 deck box
1 only Cockshutt "14" field cultivator
1 only M.H. 12 ft.Swather
1 only 12-section rolling harrow bar
10 sections heavy tractor harrows
1 only M.H.12 ft.Combine
1 only 20r J.D.Drill,s.d.,fert att. & press wheels
old trailer and 2-deck box,less tires
1 only 6ft.M.H.one-way disc
1928 Chev.sedan.
24" Case separator,belts
1 J.D.Model D on rubber.
Other misc.articles in bunkhouse,locked.

1 only John Deere 10' stiff tooth cultivator.

This inventory taken by M.L. & R.O.Turnbull,
April 19th,1965.

several rolls snow fence.

S.B. Griffiths equipment transferred X.

Total Crop Residue on J.B. Griffiths farm as of August 1st 1965 By weight & final measurement. The latter approximately but very close.

Special

By delivery on P. Proudly Estate Permit #1 –	1000 bu
By delivery on P. Proudly Estate Permit #2 –	317 bu
By measured estimate in Bin No #2	450 bu
As of Nov. 17th – Total Bus.	1767 B.
2/3 due Proudly Estate & hauled out. Bus.	1178
1/3 share due J.B.G. →	589
Hauled out on behalf of J.B. Griffiths to pay for 35 acres extra summerfallow left by P. Proudly @ 5.00 per acre. 115 Bus	115
Balance of J.B. Griffiths Wheat in bin No #2 →	474

On J.B. Griffiths premises as of Date Nov 17th – 1965

Valued at present value of 126½ + 20% future payment.

28 25000.00
1000.00
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1050

28,000
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1250.00

25 Notes bearing 5% interest per annum on year drawn.

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250

25 Notes d

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155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
7/1/66

Dear Norman;

As Dad seems to find writing letters quite an effort these days, am writing this on his behalf. Thank you so much for your long one, received yesterday.

We trust you are all feeling better, and able to cope with the real old time ~~cold~~ cold--40 below here this A.M.

I have written to Bob, so will just say to you, that we feel exactly as you do, inregard to your view point of the youth of today--they are entirely different in their attitude to many things, to Dads or our generation.

As we will hope to see you before too long, and it is easier to talk than to write, will just say that the farm will now be put up for sale. If you feel like making any approaches privately, Dad will make it well worth your while to do so, otherwise it will be advertised--- you can think about this, before you see us.

Re the grain which was taken out by Percy, will quote from his letter of Nov. 14th, 1964.

"Took out quota of wheat, 4 bushels per cultivated acre---1219 bus. frost touched it a little in August, and knocked it down to No. 4 North."

Dad's participation certificate shows

Nov, 13th, 1964
406 bus. No. 4 northern @ $1.19⅓----$485.17 Cash Ticket.
Producer's Ticket No. 7883 Sup.B

Percy's ticket would be 7883 A.
813 bus. of 4 Northern, about $972.00

and the participation certificte should be among his papers. Mr. Williamson should be able to check these figures and see if they agree with my reckoning.

Hoping that this information will be helpful, and that we will se you when we get out of this 'deep freeze' stage of winter, however, IF you are not able to come to the city during this month, would you mind writing again, and we can write you again before the advertizing stage is reached.

Very sincere wishes from us both,

Margaret

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
21/1/66

Dear Norman;

Thank you for your letter, and enclosed cheque, which we received this morning.

We feel glad that things are beginning to take shape, and hope that the final settlement will be satisfactory to all concerned.

We will look forward to seeing you some day next week, and in view of that am enclosing a list of items for which Dad considers he owes you and Bob for the past year, and would like you to put your cash value on same, as it is another part of the business which can then be cleared between us.

Meantime, hope you are all well, and that the weather will be kind and give you a good day to come down here.

Sincere good wishes from us both,

Margaret

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
17/2/66

Dear Norman;

Thank you for your letter, and we took it from the way you wrote, that your trip to the hospital was a thing of the past, which is always a pleasure!--and we hope you are soon quite recovered.

Received a letter from Mr. Coppleman, but had to return it, as he had put in $20000.oo as purchase price, instead of $25000.oo which I have received from Mr. Souch.
I sent him copies of receipts I had sent to Mr. Souch, and no doubt this will soon be corrected, and he will get his clear tittles to the farm.

I am also enclosing the two cheques, one for $250.oo to you, and the other for Bob, for $112.oo

e.g. 90 acres cultivation @.80¢-----$72.oo
My share of fertilizer used----$40.oo
$112.oo

With regard to the scrub cutting, I do not like the idea of you paying for it, but if things do not work out the way you suggest with Stan., then we can make a final adjustment when we get rid of the grain.

We shall soon know what No. 3 Wheat has netted for 64-65 crop, and we can get in touch with one another after that.

Jack is still a long way from being out of the woods--this second deal, was a REAL heart attack, so one can just wait from day to day, and trust that he will make a good recovery.

The weather is a real old-timer--this A.M. here, was the coldest on record, for this daie--not exactly an enviable honor!

We trust you are all well--no 'flu' etc., and that Spring will soon be here.
Have you made the cake yet, Grace?--if so, hope it was a success, and if not, hope it will be, when you do make it.

All the best from us both,

Bert.

P.S. Regarding income tax. we can each report these last sums of money (cheques) on our 1966 returns Gives us a year to think about it. O.K. B.

49° below. !!!

January 17th 66

Received from

L. W. Smith

Five Thousand ——————— $

Cheque on down payment on E½ S-19-27W.
Purchase price $25000.00
5000.00

Norman L. Lumbell
Agent for D. B. Griffith

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
18/1/66

Dear Norman;

We thank you for your letter received yesterday. It is a real old-time winter, to be sure, but hope that it will soon improve.

Re the farm, Dad is satisfied with the prospect of the offer from Stan. Souch--unless, in the meantime, you have any VERY much better offer.

As far as his offer is concerned, the $4000.oo, cash, to bind the the deal, is alright.

Do you know how long it would be before the balance of payment could be made, as Dad is anxious to get the business stage completed, as soon as is reasonably possible, for all parties concerned.

However, Norman, IF you will be in to see us before TOO long, it is still a great deal easier to talk, than to write.

Last Spring several enquiries re the buying of the farm for cash were received andwhen you do come in, the names of those who wrote, and other details of a confidential nature, can be given to you, which will give you a complete picture ofthe situation, unless the Souch deal proves completely satisfactory.

I hope the weather, etc. will let you get in beforetoo long, but I also hope the BEST day will not happen to be Wednesday Jan. 26th. as I expect to be away at noon and in the afternoon, and I would really not want to miss being here when you do come to see us.

Hoping you are all well, and that Spring is around some near corner-

Very sincerely,

Margaret-

P.S.
We were very interested to see Bob on T.V. one morning last week, on the series of programs--'This business of farming', we wondered if you went anywhere to see it? He was only on for a minute or so, but it was nice, even for that short time to see someone we knew personally.

M.

Please excuse the errors in typing - Guess I could'nt be a private secretary, without some instruction!

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
24/1/66

Dear Norman;

In view of the fact that it is so VERY cold, and you may not be able to get in to see us for a few days yet, am writing once more re the farm sale.

Dad feels we wrote rather hastily last week, in which letter we implied that the Souch deal was O.K.
You will recall that the two prices quoted to Bob last summer were

$25000.oo---Cash Sale
$28000.oo---$3000.or $4000.oo Cash, Balance @5% on Terms.

He feels that those quotations should still stand, so since Mr. Souch's offer is not all cash NOW, before you come to see us, would you ask him if he is interested in the $28000.oo proposition, some cash, balance on terms.

If he IS interested, the details of that could then be worked out. Dad has done nothing with the cheque which you sent, so if he is not interested , you can give it back to him.

Very sincerely,

Margaret

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9,Man.
27/1/66

Dear Norman;

Thank you for your letter received this A.M.--we think you would be foolish to travel, while the weather is SO VERY cold. Likewise it would not be wise to 'phone, when there is no urgent need, as far as we have gone, writing is quite satisfactory, under the circumstances.

We are pleased Stan. has advanced an alternative proposition--in view of this, I too, have a further proposition about which he can think.

Failing him being able to get the $25000.oo Cash,now, the other idea is;

An agreement of sale with $15000.oo Cash, immediately, with the balance of $11000.oo payable within five years, at 6%.

In this second proposition, the sale price of the farm would be $26000.oo, which is, as you see, a split between the previous prices I have quoted.--a reduction of $2000.oo on the original $28000.oo term price.
If either of the above ideas are acceptable to Mr. Souch, we will have advanced another step in the completion of the deal.

What lawyer does Stan. have to do his farm business.?

Hoping we soon get out of the "deep freeze"--so that you do not have so much of a problem getting about to do things--which seem twice as hard as when the weather is decent--but anyway, do not attempt to come, until it is milder.

Hope you are all well,best wishes from us both,

Margaret

Binscarth, Manitoba,
January 28th, 1966.

Mr. I. B. Griffiths,
155 Queenston Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Griffiths:

Un doubtedly you will recall our conversations regarding the sale of your farm of last November, and my subsequent letter explaining why I felt I must refuse your offer. You will also remember that you told me that, in the event that I did not want the place, you were determined to sell it as soon as possible after the new year. You also mentioned that if we could sell it for you, there would be a commission in it for us. I took this to mean that I was to act together with Dad in this matter, and so far, this is what we have done. I have seen all the correspondence, both ways, regarding the proposed sale to Stan Souch, and initially it was my suggestion that we contact Stan as a possibl buyer, since of all the persons who were in touch with you last spring regarding the place, he was the only one who had the courtesy to come to us thinking we might have an interest in it, before he made any attempt to secure it himself. Therefore I feel some responsibility for the matter at hand at present, and in connection with this there is one point I would like to make absolutely clear. It is simply this: I neither want nor expect any remuneration for myself, regardless of how the deal turns out. I appreciated the opportunity you gave me of renting the place for one year, although I think I would never rent any land again on a one-year basis; and I appreciate the opportunity you gave me of buying the place; for this I was quite willing to give any assistance I could in helping you dispose of the farm, as you seemed to want to do a t that time.

However, I may say that your recent letters regarding the matter have left me somewhat confused. I now feel sure that one of us, or both of us, should have had something from you in writing, empowering us to act as your agent, and setting forth the price you were willing to sell for. I am sure that both Dad and I were under the impression that $25,000.00 was your asking price for a cash sale, and it was on this basis that we approached Souch, feeling sure that we had the authority to do so. He, in turn, agreed to the price, put up a down payment to bind the deal of $1000.00 more than you had suggested to me, and had gone ahead and made an application to F.C.C., which, as far as I know now, is in the process of going through their books. I think his offer to try to get hold of the cash immediately, or in lieu of that, to pay interest on the balnce due at 6% until the money comes through fron F.C.C. an eminently fair one. It puts us in a very awkward position to have to keep going to him with alternative proposals once he has started to deal with F.C.C. and has agreed to the original price. For my own part, Mr. Griffiths, once I have stated my terms on any deal, and they seem fair to both parties concerned, I feel duty-bound to continue along those lines and any second thoughts I may have, I keep to myself. If you do not wish to accept the price we have been dealing on, please let us know before we go any further with Stan. I expect to have him for a neighbor for a good many years, and I do not wish to have any position as an unsatisfactory middle-man in this deal affect our future relations, and I am sure you can understand this.

I hope you do not misunderstand my motive in writing this letter; it is simply that I have always tried to put my cards on the table, and in this matter I feel that I am at least entitled to this much say. From my knowledge of you and from the talks I have had with you, I know this is how you have acted yourself in times gone by. So please let us know if you are not prepared to accept either of the proposals earlier mentioned regarding the price at 25000.00, so that I, for my part can withdraw from any further negotiations with Stan Souch.

Yours very truly,

155 Queenston St
Wpg 9.
Man
10/2/66

Dear Norman

Was pleased to receive your letter & Bank Draft for $20000.00 for balance of payment on my farm. In accordance with Mr Souch's wishes I am forwarding by registered mail to him at Foxwarren
1 receipt for $20000.00 balance due on farm.
2 clear titles to E½ 5.19.27
On receipt from him that he has received them this should complete our part in the transaction.
Was sorry to hear that you may have to be hospitalised for a few days but hope everything goes alright.
You will be sorry to hear that Jack is back in hospital again but we are all hopeful that he will soon show improvement.
Accept our kindest regards & best wishes and trusting to hear from Bob & yourself shortly with your accounts - we can then clean up another chapter

Sincerely yours
Bert.

Receipt 10/2/66.

155 Queenston St
Wpg. 9. man.

Received from Mr Stanley W. Souch
of Foxwarren. Man. Bank Draft No A. 630467
for the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20.000.00)
being the balance of payment in full
for the E. ½. 5·19·27 W.1.
N.E. ¼ Cert No 46189.
S.E. ¼ " " 48803.

Signed
Isaac. B. Griffiths

Copy for.
Norman L. Turnbull Esq

4/2/66

1

Dear Norman,

I am writing you these few lines to confirm the many points we discussed yesterday & which I think we were mutually agreed. If there are any discrepancies you can correct me

1 If Mr Souch pays the balance of purchase price of farm $20000.00 cash in a few days I would suggest that he asks the Bank to send me a Draft for the amount

2 Mr Souch then give me instructions in writing as to what he wishes me to do with the titles which are clear & which hold both ground or surface rights & the under rights which go with them. I would suggest that he have them sent direct to Mr Cofflemen his Solicitor at Russell who will then carry out Mr Souch's orders as he directs & at his own expense which is the usual procedure. This will relieve me & yourself from any further obligations to Mr Souch in regard to sale.

2 When Bob makes out his account to me the following

1 The rolls of barbwire you will accept as payment for labor when Mun road was built.

2 Payment for the work done over & above the 120 ac S.F.
90 acres cult. at 80¢ per acre $72.00.

3 Cost of fertilizer used chargeable to me $40.00
This I shall deduct on my Income Tax now being completed.

4 Cost paid to contractor for scrubbing $40.00 which will reimburse you for what you have already paid.

5 No's 2 & 4 since they were incurred in 1966 to complete sale of farm would be deductible from my Income tax return of 1966 & from returns of grain on hand & which I hope to dispose of this year.

6 Any other expense you may have incurred & not mentioned.

When quotas open Bob take out ~~my old~~ wheats (4 & 3 n) approx & leave all other wheats of one grade if quotas are not sufficient to take all

3 Payment to you of $250.00 which I shall not report on my Income tax returns & which I do not think is reportable by you.

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4 The portables with the exception of those claimed by Charlie (2 tied ones) are to be turned over to Mr Souch as they become empty.

5 Access to farm & right to keep grain on farm now in bins until sold when bins can be turned over to Mr Souch. This will protect both you & myself until we can dispose of grain.

Implements

1 Give to Prov. sponsored collection (Austin) old 6 fo binder & any other old stuff which they would like to have.

2 You & Bob can take any thing in the way you can use eg. packer &c which may be useful to you

3 Balance of all other things on farm to be sold by you either privately or at Charlie's sale if he has one or any other way which may be advisable.

4 There must be a lot of some small stuff eg. 2 12 guage guns 2 twenty two rifles ½ ton pulley small tools &c things in the house - bed & stoves which were left there when we moved although some may have disappeared.

5 If any proceeds left after auctioneer fees - your expenses &c have been paid to be given to the Anglican W. A of which Mr Percy Gooda is the President.

Looks like a lot of things depend on Mr Souch !!!

Yrs. Bert.

Binscarth, Man.,
Feb.14th,1966.

Dear Bert:

Enclosed is the expense account for our operation on your farm as of 1965. Regarding the scrubbing that was done. We did this without your authorization and I personally feel that you should not be charged with it. I spoke to Stan about it and we pointed out to him that he would be the beneficiary .I have no doubt that at some time when we need the help he will return us that value.

Regarding the amount of $250.00 for sale of farm. I think you should claim this as an expense in you 1966 Income Tax Returns . This is of course entirely up to you. If I find it necessary to declare it in 1966 I shall enter it under Casual Earnings Sec.11 Page 2 T 1 General. This would be quite all right with me. As most of my time has been in the line of accounting to you it could go under Accounting Fees in your staement of farming Income and Expenses.

In settlement would you please send Bob a cheque in amount of $132.00 for land work and share of fertilizer. The $250.00 to me. We can then keep our accounts adjusted.

That is all for that part of the business. I have your wishes files as to disposaal of the furniture and equipment off the farm and will get a clearance from Stan to permit use of storage space and access until all grain is disposed of. We will try and work out your three Nor. wheat as you suggested.There may just be a possibility of disposing of that wheat for seed once the final payment is announced.I think I will try and get a sample for germination test just in case there is a demand. Germination is very poor in last years wheat round here. We have way of knowing just how old that wheat is. If it germinates O K might be someone interested.

ry that Jack is hospitalized again. We do hope that oo long and that he can obtain time enough to e hooking into harness again. The hospital usy the past few days. I had to settle for idor with a screen !! Well there are ot even a corridor ! Mrs Gordon Orr up last week with a heart attack al list.

e in best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

No. _____ February 9th 1966

Received from S. W. Souck

Twenty thousand ~~~~~ Dollars
100

Balance of payment on E ½ - 5 - 19 - 27 W1

$ 20,000 00/100 R. L. Turnbull.
Agent for J. B Griffith.

Binscarth, Man.,
February 9th 1966.

Dear Bert:

Stan Souch has just been over and left me the attached bank draft for Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for balance of payment for the farm. I have attached the copy of receipt I gave him as your agent.

Stan would like the Titles for the farm sent direct to him at Foxwarren. He will then arrange for transfer with his lawyer. Will you attach your receipt for the balance of payment to the titles when you send them.

I was beginning to wonder when he would show up, However he came just as I was leaving for town. I am glad that much is settled.

Your letter came Monday with the items set forth as of our talk last Thursday. I will send you an itemized account by another letter. Bob expressed his wish that any settlement for his extra work go on this years (1966) account for income purposes.

We both wish to thank you for the visit we had with you last Thursday and Grace says to please thank Margaret very much for the recipe she so kndly enclosed with your letter. I am looking forward to some cake like that one of these days.

Have to have a chat with the Doctor this P.M. so may end up in hospital for a day of two. I want to get any of that sort of work done up before spring and the busy time sets in. Nothing serious, much the same as Margarets operation.

Best regards from us all,

Sincerely,

Norman.

NLT/.

Binscarth, Man.,
February 9th,1966.

Dear Bert:

Attached is Stan Souche's cheque (Bank Draft for $20,000.00 Twenty Thousand Dollars.) This will complete the deal on sale o f land. I,also attach copy of receipt I gave Stan as your agent

Binscarth, Man.,
Feb.1st 1966.

Dear Bert:

Just a line to corroborate my phone call to you this morning. Stan Souch came over and told us that he had arranged for the balance of payment on the farm ($20,000.00) plus the $5000.00 cheque you hold, a total of $25000.00 . He assured us that he will definitely have the balance of cash by Monday Feb 7th. I asked him if he would like me to phone you so that he would know definitely as of today. He said he would like to know, thus the phone call.

When he was leaving he asked me if I would ask you to send him a receipt for the $5000.00. over your signature as it will help him arrange his papers. I have given him my receipt as your Agent acopy of which I sent to you attached to his cheque. If it is convenient for you please mail it to Stan at Foxwarren .

Grace and I thought we might take advantage of the improved weather and drive in to the city Thursday. I will bring the suggestions you sent me and we can go over our decisions regarding them.

Stan does his legal business with Smellie and Coppleman at Russell and I think would like to finalize the agreement of sale through them. Should something arise that we cannot get in to the city we will be sure and let you know.

Best regards from all here,

Johnson

NLT/.

Binscarth, Man.,
Jan.26th 1965.

Dear Bert:

Margaret's letter of Jan 24th came last night. We had been planning on coming in to the city today but this morning it was almost thirty below with a wind. Just now it is twenty two below and the wind is so high one cannot see across the fields.

Regarding the Stan Souch deal for your farm. I have just returned from seeing Stan and we talked your alternative over re the $28000.00 price on terms. His down payment of $5000.00 which you are holding, the balance $23000.00 @ 5%.

He said that within the next two days he is going to try and raise the balance of payment namely, $20,000.00 cash. Failing that he made an alternative offer of paying you 6% on the unpaid balance of $20,000.00 until the Farm Credit Corporation consumates his loan with him.

As you will recall the F.C.C. take their time at this time of year and are, usually adamant on their policy of inspecting the land before loans are made. It is thus very difficult at this time of year to give a definite date. Off hand my own opinion is that it would be some time in May.

I have hesitated in phoning you in this matter. Party lines are not always out of order. We still intend to come in when the weather permits. It will not be until early next week now. I will have more information , one way or the other by then.

Thanks for writing Margaret, and our best regards,

Sincerely,

Copy

Signed M. [illegible]

Copy

For IB.Griffiths Esq., E½ 5 .19.27. W1 .
Record of Expenses incurred for farm by N.L. & R.O.Turnbull
During 1965 Crop Year.

To two days for two men moving off one mile fence from East side of farm @ 8.00 per day per man, tractor power included..... $ 32.00

Accepted in payment App.1½ miles ofbarbed wire @..... 32.00

PAID.

By fall work done by N.L.& R.O.Turnbull App. 90 acres @ ~~80¢~~ 80¢ per acre deep tillage..... $ 72.00

By share of fertilizer 10 bags (800 lbs) ~~1/2~~ @4.00 per bag..... 40.00

132.00

To agreed commission on sale of farm 250.00

Total..... $ 382.00

Received

155 Lillenstown St.
Wpg. 9, Man.
27/4/66.

Dear Norman.

This note is rather late in being written, but we were glad to hear the sale was over - am sure you & Bob will be pleased. We had a letter from Mrs Gooda a couple of days ago, & she said you had given her $40.00 - for church purposes. We thought it quite good - as actually, no doubt all the things which were sold, were in the 'scrap' class.

She seemed very happy with the surprise donation, & every little helps, where church funds are concerned!!

We were pleased the flood-threat passed - Everything was nice & dry - & then this morning, & up to the present time (5 P.M.) we have had about 4" of real wet snow - such a mess - Wonder if you got any of this lot - such a Winter, & Spring.

Jack was supposed to go home by ambulance one day this week. Hope they had'nt decided on today - the day has been such a long one, that another few days won't hurt. I saw him last Friday, & he was just beginning to walk a bit.

Sorry to see that Roland Widdecombe's death was the result of an accident.

I 'phoned Delmar Fraser's widow, the other day, & apparently he moved for

a week after a heart-attack - she likewise said that Bill's wife (Irene) is not as good as she was for a while - it is too bad, but - suppose one just hopes for the best with that complaint - (cancer).

Now - this is all for now - hoping Spring is <u>almost</u> to the corner!

Best of everything to
you all, from us both.

Margaret

Again thank you for all you & Bob have done during the past year.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
8/3/66

Dear Norman & Grace;

Well, I hope you have not got as much snow as we have, otherwise, Norman, I am SURE you will not be in the hospital, as things here are simply awful, as far as travelling is concerned.

However, trust that there was not as much of a storm further west, and that you were able to have your operation, as planned, today, hope all goes well with you, and that you are soon out again, and feeling well, but it does seem to take a while to get quite up to par, after any type of surgery.

Grace, I hope you are well, and got back safe and sound from your visit to May's--you will soon need an adding machine to keep track of all your grand-chidren--it must be nice to see them all growing and hope they are all well, and miss the 'flu bug, which seems to be very prevalent here, but am glad to say, that so far, Dad and I have escaped it--but the winter is not over yet, from the look of the streets--but here's hoping!!

You asked about Jack, also Bob did in his letter, well, I am sorry to say, that his progress is really very slow--he had a third heart attack about ten days ago, in the hospital, but he rallied from it, but what will be the final outcome, is very hard to predict, as the reason for them appears to be hardening of the arteries around the heart, so the all-over picture is not too good, to my way of thinking, but one can never tell what miraculous turn may take place, and that is about the only way one can look at the situation, and hope and pray for the best.

I don't seem to have much in the way of news, as have done very little worth recording this last while.--Dad seems to be fairly good again, I am glad to say, in spite of the fact that it is impossible for him to get out, as the only place one can walk is in a little narrow path from the front door, to the sidewalk, which I got a neighbor boy to dig, as the men who do our snow-shovelling have a few too many jobs to my way of thinking, and never get here too soon after a snowstorm of average size, so am glad I did, as they have not been yet, we cannot get out the back door--the snow is up to the top of the fence, all over the garden, so we should not have to do too much watering--if we ever see it again, and get a garden planted!!

Now, this is only a note, to thank you for your last letter to Dad, which was quite a newsy one---I hope your cousin from New Zealand will not get here until the snow, and the promised flood are past.

Hoping you are soon out of hospital--your opinion of them is exactly like Mother's used to be, in spite of the fact that she had such a long siege, in 1925, and then with her last illness.

Best wishes to you all, from us both,

Margaret

I just looked out the window, the men are shovelling large squares of snow out of the walk around the house.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg.9, Man.
12/4/66

Dear Norman; !!

Thank you for your letter, received this A.M.--glad to hear you are about again, and trust you will keep well, also the rest of the family, sorry to hear Jessie had a spell in hospital, but the 'flu this year was bad, and seems to last so long, with so many side-effects, am glad to say, that so far, we have escaped it, and trust we will continues to be fortunate.

The flood threat has been very bad for the past number of days, but a great deal of work with dikes etc. seems to ensure against any major threat to the city 'proper', and they have taken the precaution of evacuating those areas which are not protected by dikes--but the situation to the south of us is not nearly as good, as it is almost impossible to protect the country parts, however, even there, a lot has been done.

Am sorry to say, that Jack is still in hospital, and his progress seems to be VERY slow, --no doubt all this flood talk is not helping, as no one can stop a person's brain from working, --all one can do is hope and pray for the best.

Now, in answer to your questions, re the house things, sale, etc. Whatever you decide to do with selling, or giving to Austin, will be satisfactory to Dad, as far as the implements are concerned.

As far as the books, any that are mildewed too badly, burn, and if there are not too many, Dad said he would like to see them, as he did destroy a lot, so figures he must have had some reason, at that time, for keeping--(possibly when he sees them now, the reason will not seem as important!).

Of my school books, the only ones I can think of, that I have sometimes wished I had , are

Duncan's Canadian History

a Botany book--(rather small, and blue cover, as far as I remember)

a paper bound blue cover Grade IX Literature book-(Poetry, chiefly)

I would like the mandolin--it was Mother's, she ussd to play, when she was young---we never could remember where that was--

Percy never sent a photo of the farm, so we would appreciate you letting us have that.

Now, that seems to be all for this time, we do appreciate all you and Bob have done, during the past year, it has made it much easier for us, with not being on the scene.

P.T.O.

We hope it is a good day for the sale, as weather does seem to make such a difference.

I do not want the pictures, thank you, there are more pictures here, than I willknow what to do with, when I come to move--and as for the SUBJECTS---we get plenty of REAL winter, without having it framed on the wall!! (Some buddy from Enda might like to buy them)

Whatever the outcome of the sale is, we are ABSOLUTELY satisfied.

Best of everything to you all, from us both,

Margaret

Dad says to take anything that you would like or can make use of - either in the line of implements, or in the house.

Were there any dishes etc left, or such - we left a lot of that sort of thing - there was a cupboard in the kitchen, which was absolutely full - so take or sell, of course possibly it has all disappeared in 25 yrs. - I do not want it.

M.

We will look forward to seeing you - whenever you can get down.

155 Queenston St
Wpg. 9.
Man.

9/12/68

Dear Norman.

I was pleased to receive your letter & to hear ~~to hear~~ that you had pretty well completed harvesting. It would I am sure have been more satisfactory if you had the knowledge that you would be able to dispose of it. although I think prospects do look a little better now than they did a while ago. I also notice that the quota will be no more than six bushels so it looks you will have to hold a great deal over. Did you have much tough & damp grain & have any of the farmers got dryers? Margaret did hear from Mrs Jarvis this morning & she says they have sold the farm. Who bought the place? Looks as though you will be losing another neighbour as they contemplate moving to be near her mother who is apparently not any too well. The weather ~~last~~ has changed here & now we have snow & it is still falling. However on the whole the summer was cold although November was good. Surprisingly, the garden stuff was not affected as much as one would have thought with all the rain & we were very pleased with the results from our. You must have had a trying time with the pump & I often think what trouble I would be in myself for I never was much good at keeping machinery in order it seems necessity forces one to learn what can only be an expensive problem if you cannot fix things yourself. Quite different in the City where you can get 24 hrs service in most cases. This morning the decision on the Air base in Wpg was given & it is interesting to hear the reactions of West the employees. Surprisingly one wonders why they do not look the situation fairly in the face. They want the Govt to take

~~to take~~ action whether economic satisfactory or not. I wonder what the reaction would be if the Govt said they were taking complete control including wages hrs of work etc. the cry of Communism would be loud. Not much sympathy for the farmer in his difficulty - I suppose a certain amount of prejudice & selfishness in all classes. What do you think of Manning resigning in Alberta. He will be missed some but no doubt things will run along smoothly - Strom the new leader seems to have a good record. When one looks all over the world it makes one wonder why people are so anxious to get into power. - I suppose it was like we ourselves, who thought we could improve conditions that is the principal incentive. I don't know what to think of the international & national monetary systems. You would think that with all the scientists, the educational facilities we enjoy that some solution could be found to many of our problems. I read the other days that only 243 years out of the last 3400 yrs have we been peaceful. + if this is the case we are due to live in turmoil for a long time. I see you are nominating candidates for the Russell Constituency. It will be interesting to see what happens after some of the things such as the Education districts, the blackmailing to make everyone conform to what the Govt thought the people should have whether they liked it or not, the sales tax & now medicare. It appears to me that very soon all our thinking & actions will be dictated to us & Communism will be here. Leslie & Dennis should be having a good time in Europe & no doubt with their education should be able to give you a good insight to many of the problems which seem to beset the Europeans Conditions have altered so much since we were young - a trip like many of the younger people take, as a matter of course was only a dream to us. However here's good luck to them - if they don't spend some of what they earn the Govts are going to take it from them. I don't mind paying taxes when I am living but the estate tax makes me wonder where we are headed for. This is a rambling sort of letter - could talk things much better if we met. Margaret & myself are keeping well & we send our warmest greetings to Mrs Turnbull & yourself + also to Bob Ivy & family & trust that we can forget our troubles for a little while & enjoy the Christmas Season

Best.


NORMAN LESLIE TURNBULL



239, 285 Pembina Hwy.
Winnipeg, Man.
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27/11/81

Dear Norman & Grace;

I was really pleased when I got your letter yesterday, I was quite sure that when I saw you in the Fall, you said you were due for another visit to the doctors in October, so have sort of been wondering whether I had made a mistake, or if your plans had been changed, but see now, how it was. glad you got good reports again---I guess maybe the nose-bleed relieved whatever was causing the problem with your eye, anyway, am glad it is better--and also that the results from your trips to Brandon were O K--as somehow, even if its bad doing it, we all seem to want to live for a little while longer!!

You mentioned Jim and Ken--I thought once I remember you saying that Jim was in B.C.--or is that another dream I am having--I used to pride myself on my good memory, but not any more---it is a very bad one now.

Had a nice note from Will Scarth---I presume he is still in the suite, as the address was the same---the fact that he is able to see Bob and Ena without too much difficulty is a great help, I am sure, when none of his own family,(children?) are in the immediate vicinity--the fact that he is so interested in historical type of things, is a good time-consumer and a way to sort of get away from the everyday doings for a time, as know he must feel lost still--he says they still feel more or less stunned, and find it hard to realize as having happed.

I noticed in the Banner today that Shirley Ryan's daughter is to be married shortly--no wonder when that is the case, that my memory is fading a bit, when it only seem like yesterday when her grandmother was married!!

I suppose a lot will depend on the weather and health factors in all areas, as to whether you go to Baraboo at Christmas--suppose Leslie's family is growing up, guess it is,more than a few years since they came along---times have changed since we were young, when it seemd as if it would never be time to hang up our stockings.

I remember the year we moved from the Nelson place back to our own farm it was winter, I was thoroughly worried for fear Santa would not know where I was, and remember writing a letter to him, and giving it to Dad to post so that he would know where to find me.---at NINE years old---I MUST have been dumb!---at least I would be 8 and a half, I think, but that is bad enough--nowadays one can learn quite a few things from the average eight year old!!

It will be interesting to see what happens in the provincial house now---I suppose the constituencies have changed since the last election, (at least I hope that is the case,)because I didnot realize that Harry Graham was not the member for the constituency which includes Biscarth & Russell---anyway am glad he got back, as have always felt he was a good type of a man, from what I have read and heard of him, since he was first elected, which, at that time came as a bit of a surprise that he was one of the Foxwarren Grahams.

I, too, will be ever so pleased whenthe Constitution gets resettled in somewhere to live permanently, I have never got so sick of hearing about any current event, as I have about the constitution, as far as I can see it makes very little difference where it calls 'home'!

Things seem to go on pretty much as usual at this end, there is always lots of activity. but much of it I just let pass, as somehow I still am

not at the stage where I cannot keep myself occupied, without having it all planned for me.

I do miss the piano in my own room at times, as very often I could just play for a few minutes at a time, and one does not go to some other floor and do that, as when in your own room, however, do use the record player a lot, so that makes up for the piano to some extent.

Saturday, 3.P.M.

It is not cold, but a very dull day, looks as if it will snow again, at the moment there is really not much snow, but the streets are not nice as far as walking, some spots are slippy.

I had a long letter from Cecy about six weeks ago, she told me all about what she had done since John passed away--re visits to his ~~side~~ side of the family, it is the first time I ever knew what he had in the way of brothers or sisters---didnot realize she had had much to dowith any of them , due to them being in the U.S., and them not, however, am sure they would be happy to hear all about the funeral etc. since apparently some of them could.not attend.

I am so glad that Mary is fairly close to where she lives, as they can see each other at times, and she loves the two girls am sure, being so fond of children---her John must be a very clever chap, she says she just sits and listens and looks wise, not understanding too much of what he is doing,or talking about----very much the same as I used to be whith Dad, when he would get over-jealous about some sport, and be drawing diagrams with his fingers on the table-cloth at a meal-time, and I would not have a clue just what the 'play' was, but learned to look wise, and listen!!---finding that a very good non-commital answer would be very satisfying if I just said,' that must have been a thrilling sight!!

Well, when I have reached the stage that my news has been reduced to 'stories of the past', it sounds bad.

As it is so close to Christmas, think I am going to call this your Christmas letter, and so will hope you have a very good one, whatever you are doing, and all the best of everything in the'New Year', hoping it will at least be a little more peaceful than the last number have been, but one wonders if our generation will ever know what peace is, as there is so much local violence even, that it is not far from our own back-door step.

Anyway, I do wish you both the very best of everything, also your family, who, as you say, are not too far away from you, which is really nice for you---what ages are Doug. & Donald now--it does not seem too long since they were playing with the soil in the garden, and then they were quite small, I remember.

love and good wishes to you & yours,

Margaret



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15/4/77

Dear Norman & Grace;

I am afraid I was very amiss at Easter, but I didnot send very many Easter letters--however, was very pleased to hear from you--it was a beautiful, warm week-end, but for once think everyone would not have minded a shower--it is so terribly dry and we have had so much wind, that it has been bad weather for fires, of which there seem to have been a great number, for being so early in the season.

Ena came on Thursday,(no, Wed.) and we had a lovely visit--we always seem to be able to talk--they were leaving the next day for B.C.

I also had a card from Mr. Cooke, his writing is getting very shaky, but think, on the whole, he is a marvel--Ena says it is a long time since she has seen him, and it is almost imposible to get him by means of the 'phone, on account of being so deaf.

It was nice you were planning to go to Heather's at Easter--they will be further from you when they get to Carman, but after all, it is not that far--and in the province.

I am sure Bob and Ivy must have had quite a trip--if even Bob had a special set of reactions--he has seen, and done SO much in his lifetime.

It is cloudy this morning, but I am beginning to have my doubts as to whether we will get any ,or much rain out of it--never have I seen the ground so dry at this time of the year--it is just dust, we had so very little snow, and practically no rain for the best part of last summer, but, the weather is one thing with which we cannot control, so perhaps it would be worse, if we could!

I hope your Festival of Faith would be a success, it seems so hard to get too many folk interested in such things in this very materialistic and sport-minded age in which we are living--we have a small study group at Christ Church, but it has been a bad year, this past one, our numbers are small, and of those few , most weeks some of them always have other obligations.

I had them here yesterday, and the poor souls must have been nearly cooked, as we still have our winter heat--and if it is a south wind, this suite is not exactly cool--I had to close the windows, as it is too noisy off Corydon, to do much in the way of talking--and the air-conditioner is worse, when it is on.(worse-worse)

They are all rather quietly spoken--or, perhaps I would be more honest if I said that my ears are not too good---from your remark about having a transistor in your ear--are you having trouble with your ears, or were you doing some type of 'recording!---one does not value one's faculties when they are in good repair, in our youth, I am afraid!

I understood Ena to say that you are planning a trip to the U.S.--when will that be, after Bob and Ivy return, I presume.

Now, I want to get this in the 10 A.M. pick-up--there is then a chance be it ever so slim, that you might get it on Saturday--our mail service gets worse by the year.

Anyway, this is all, for now,so will stop, hoping you are both well, and, if you are going away, will have a nice trip.

With belated Easter greetings, and love,

Margaret

155 Queenston St
Wpg. 9.
Man.

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Dear Norman.

Was pleased to receive your letter and to hear that you were all keeping reasonably well. Sorry to hear that you may have to go into hospital shortly but ~~but~~ realize that as we get older little things are apt to go wrong, but on the other hand I suppose we should be real thankful that we have lived in such an age of great changes & have had a reasonable amount of pleasure in attempting to play our small parts. Now to answer your specific question of milling. I can't help you in so far as Assessoffis is concerned but do remember the Grant mill in the Birdtail but the millwood mill which eventually tumbled into the Assiniboine Joe Willis could give you a great deal of information - he was one who recovered some of the large timbers as they were floating down the river. Ed Dupont managed to salvage one of the big boilers. I would imagine 15 minutes is all too short a time to do justice to the subject you are speaking on but you will have to call on your Legislative experience to cut down on time. Am sorry we are unable to get your "Reach for the Top" program. We get one on Channel 6 every Monday night & this is one of the programmes I do enjoy. Was pleased to hear about Walter your grandson & the way he seems to be applying himself to the various subjects he is tackling. I think it would be fair to say that a lot of the younger generation are taking themselves seriously but on the other hand I have just been reading the Canadian Churchman or Rupert's Land news & it has a lot of disturbing news re drug taking, drinking &c among the young set. I sometimes think this is another phase in our social structure something akin to the Reformation period & no doubt if its course is channelled intelligently some good may come out of it

Interested to hear that the book Bob is writing is coming along pretty good & hope to read it when it is published. Certainly, he should be able to give some graphic & interesting viewpoints on the north after his experience up there. There are some things that baffle me at times The first one is the former & the difficulty he is in, partly of his own making in listening to Govt advice & growing all grain instead of diversifying as many still do. These are not experiencing the same difficulty as those who have only grain to sell - The second is the almost indifferent attitude towards the farmer's position. I certainly think the Govt could help in one or two practical ways - The Govt could stop the seizures of implements which they (the dealers) were pleased to sell him on credit but can not to be too patient when he can't sell his grain. Not much help from the Banks either. The interest rates are getting to be out of this world. I would like to see the protection our industries have enjoyed for so many years cut drastically if not eliminated altogether - not much chance however but if the reports as published of farmers buying tractors in Britain & shipping them out and saving large amounts is an indication of what can be accomplished then I think it should be done. We hear the cry of unemployment if this was done but little sympathy for the farmers who are being forced off the land.

You and I know from actual experience that Govts have got to have money to run the country but I wonder at times if their actions & legislation does not outrun their common sense. It seems nearly every party is bent on out promising the other to stay in power, If we never had chaos before we certainly are heading for it now. I did think that the Trudeau Govt would have steadied things up a little but like many others just now am making up my Income tax. I have looked over Benson's White Paper & don't like it one little bit particularly his talk of changing Estate Tax & Capital Gains Tax However he will bring down his Budget shortly

155 Queenston St
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Man

15/10/66.

Dear Norman,

It seems the summer is coming to an end just like the old fashioned ones - the crop safely gathered in - a lot of fall work done & from the farmers who live near everyone seems satisfied. There is no doubt we have harvested a good crop probably one of the best with the prices having been raised some & this should nett the farmers pretty good returns. I was pleased to hear that you had another good crop - this is the fourth in succession in our district & this is something I do not ever remember happening. However there is always some little drawback & I am sorry for the few who lost all their crop by hail. Do you have the hail insurance in your area, if so, this would help those who were hailed all or partially so. I was interested in the poultry project you were venturing into & shall be pleased to hear how you are making out. It must be a pleasure to have all the conveniences around the farm & in the house completed. Rural electrification has certainly changed the West. My thought however is the fact that many farmers have discarded most of the lines we used to consider necessary, but I do feel that those who like yourself keep a few cattle. Pigs, poultry &c will eventually come out

on top. From what my neighbours in particular tell me many farmers have left the farm live in town & only go the farm for summer work. It looks as if the men on the land are becoming specialists in one phase - copying the labor people to a degree. When you write next or come to the City shall be pleased to hear all about the crop. - We take the paper (Express) but there does not seem to be very much in it. - yields grades &c. Fertilizing seems to be coming into its own - must pay & quite a few farmers are getting the soil tests done & the information as to what the lands lacks. The experts will be kept busy & personally I think it will pay off as it does in the Old Country. I am sorry to say that Jack is not doing too well - the progress is slow & it's just about 8 years ago when he first went into the hospital. However we hope & pray that it will all come out alright. Surprising the number of young people (middle aged) are in trouble with their health - certainly everything is going at such a break neck speed. Margaret hears from Bert Cook occasionally - he seems to be slowing up a little - must be a little sad by himself most of the time. From the papers it does not seem the Mun. elections caused much excitement. We have John Queen's daughter running against Juba, but so far not much excitement. An awful lot of talk about the centennial celebration & the mess the Boys are getting into particularly the States I think Johnson is slipping quite a bit - very few seem to favor his action in Viet Nam. Who would be a politician these days? We seem to be kept busy cleaning up around the yard & getting ready for the winter - it is getting a little cooler - around 36-38 today Margaret & myself are keeping reasonably well, have no complaint - just waiting to see Spring coming. I won't like being in after sitting out all summer. We send our kindest regards & trust Grace & yourself together with all Bob's family are keeping well & hope to see you when you come to the City

Sincerely yours. Bert. Griffith

3 & then we shall see what is good for us. One can well understand the viewpoint of many people that there is no sense in being thrifty, of saving for one's old age or as it has been aptly put "we shall soon be pauperised & take what a few men at the top think is good for us, - just one step away from Communism.

The weather has been on the cold side this last month something like we used to have. - not too bad however. There has been a lot of "flu" around & both Margaret & myself were under the weather for a few days - am glad to say am feeling better now. Shall be pleased to see you when you come to Wfg. In the meantime Margaret & myself send you our good wishes for '40 & trust that some of our troubles will be solved such as the "Prices Cntrol" !etc.

Kindest regards

Sincerely yours Bert.

Friday 31/5/85-

Dear Norman Grace.

It's such a long time since I have had from you, that I wouldn't blame me if you put pen to paper.

I hope you are both well - and keeping busy, still carving Lilly.

Now you are away from Brunswick I don't hear of you - it does to the clerks. He leaves come on the bees early, but we have had a lot of cool weather since - it is time to think it is June tomorrow - one of your girls birthdays is it not?



car again - the first one that was really new.

Have you got a garden in Harriota or are you going to get things from someone else who has? Well, will stop now and mail later, you will get it sometime I guess.

Ivy is wonderful to write a small book with her left hand.

Love from Margaret-

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I seem to be stuck in the same stage of progress for a long time, I use the walker, push the wheel-chair or go with two canes, but can get no further.

I am sort-of discouraged or fed up with the whole business.

Probably you hear about Bill- he got home from having the toes amputated last Sunday - went to his own home & has Home Care & a nurse once a day to dress his foot; so he is hoping he will soon be a bit more able to do things.

Did you happen to see Doreg. Campbell on T.V. last Monday (27th) He was up and they honored him at the Legislative Bldgs. - he still looks as smart as ever & his voice strong.

Mrs Campbell is not well, I phoned for her birthday in March, she was in bed, & her voice sounds very weak - it is too bad his ~~sight~~ ~~voice~~ is so poor - but suppose something is apt to wear out at ninety.

Had letter from Cora & Lacey a while back - Lacey sounded happy to be back in her own home - I am sure she had a nice six weeks with Cora. It is nice she has a

Saturday 27th July.

Dear Norman & Grace.

Your letter came about the same time that you would get mine I imagine - I was so glad to hear from you - so thought I'd reply, and then the next move is yours.

It is the limit to think it will soon be August - I have never known time to pass as quickly, and I don't know how it does, because it is a most monotonous type of a one I seem to lead now.

I don't suppose you go on long trips now - but as long as you have some of the family not too far away, it makes for nice short trips.

I am in the process of getting a different type of a brace for my one leg, the part that goes inside the shoe is uncomfortable - so here's hoping.

It is a long drawn out affair - the two accidents combined didn't last longer than it takes to boil an egg - but to get back in working order is something else!!

No doubt you hear from or of Bill Thompson sometimes - he got back from Russell hospital last Thursday (17th) so hope that is the finish of hospital for him.

He, like I, still has to use the canes or walker - it is a slow business.

Had nice letters from Tara + Beey - no doubt you have heard from them too.
I am so glad Beey got such a good replacement with the car, and also, that she is able to drive it - one thing sure, both she + Tara deserve any good "breaks" - neither of them had easy lives, and they never complain.
We had a small thunder storm this morning, it is beautiful out this afternoon, I sat out for a while, and will go and mail this letter later on - I push the wheelchair, and can walk on the street that way.
Have you got much wild fruit around the Hamiota district, someone here, said she had been out in the country (some place near Wpg., I forget) and the Saskatoons were as big as grapes - we had one year like that - we used to go out to the Tebbutts place next to Bob Walls - it was a prairie section, or part of it anyway, It was so easy to fill a pail!!
Well, then that is all for now, but hope it will set us straight again, as I enjoy your letters always
Hope you are well.
Love from
Margaret I presume you would see it somewhere
There was a full account of the Wedding & the Gathering - I will send it to Joe Thorp. Their

Monday 16th

Dear Norman & Grace

I hope you are feeling better Norman than you were on Friday.

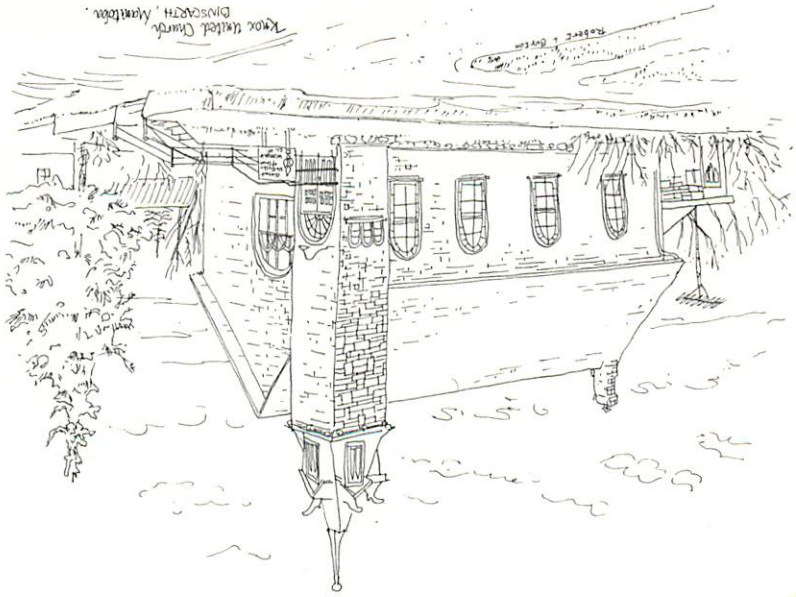
I was expecting to hear from you on Friday or Saturday, so when Bill phoned Sunday, I knew why I had not heard.

Too bad you missed Jim's wedding, but suppose these things happen.

I hope you were able to attend the Binscarth Memories night, as I know you are one who has done a lot of work.

It is good to be home from hospital, & have to go for Blood tests tomorrow so hope 12 pills a day are doing their stuff!!

As you will see by my writing my biggest trouble is feeling



Very shaky all over my body all the time - but may be that's one of the side-effects, and why we will see what the report says.

I never want another turn like it, if possible

I can walk with the walker fairly easily, but will have to have leg braces I think -

Hope you are better.

Love - Margaret

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Friday Ap. 8th

Dear Norman & Grace.

It was such a surprise when you phoned this morning, that I don't think I made the best use of the time on the phone - I don't seem as if I can handle surprises any more! - Anyway, it was nice to talk with you - as soon as I had put the phone back - it occured to me that I remember this is Jessie's birthday - am I right with the date?

Now for the information part. re. the farm - after Bob Searth was on Uncle's place Delmar Joyce
Adolph Dreifuch
John Pappin
were the three names listed in the Red-Cliff book - then I know Percy had it - from that time until Bob started to hear from Jack, whenever that was.

The humorous incident I recall Dad telling about was in the first spring he was in the country 1904 - he was seeding oats, somehow dropped the bag when filling the drill and thinking out of sight, out of mind, proceeded to kick the grain around then covered it with soil, and went on with his drilling

after a while the oats came up, & of course it was a very thick patch. Then Burgess asked him what happened, he told him, & Arthurs reply was "Yes, I figured that was what had happened."

As far as the snaps are concerned, I sent some (six I think) to the person who is looking after the Silver Creek history — Mrs Nydia Kostuik
Angusville
more than a year ago.
I wrote to her last fall & asked her if they had finished with them — she said, "not yet" — but returned three to me, these I sent to Betty about a month or so ago, & presume she got them — haven't heard since.
The two enclosures are absolutely all I have along that line now — so you can decide if they are any use.
I hope I live long enough to read the said history book — it has certainly been in progress a long time.
I forget if I ever up-dated what I sent — but if not, I suppose it would be logical to add the years in which Dad & Mother passed away, otherwise it would appear that they are very elderly.

Mother passed away.
August 1964 (Aug. 25th)
Dad died in July 1970.
(July 10th

Think that is all for now.
Norman, hope it helps
a little.

I do think of you all
so often, both in prayer
& ordinary thoughts of
you all.

Love—

Margaret.

Hope you can read this
but it's quicker for me,
than typing.

Just got the Buscaretta papers & as Drueck's name was in corrected the spelling from how it was in the Red Cleff Book.

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3/9/79

Dear Norman & Grace;

I don't know who owes who a letter, but decided I would write a note, and set the ball rolling, otherwise, it will either be a rotating, or complete postal strike in progress, or, it will be almost Christmas--in spite of everything, I have never known a year go as quickly, it was such a late Spring, that there was not much in the way of Summer, and what there was of that was very hot--so, we are a hard bunch to suit, I guess.

I hope you had a good garden in the end, it was so dry for so long, that it made one wonder how anything grew,---did you get much damage with the frost that went through in August--we did manage to miss that---however, the farmer has always lived on hope, so suppose it will be that way, until the end of time--as human nature does not seem to change too much.

I sometimes find it hard to believe that I have been here more than four months--I have my name in for a room on the other side of the building, but don't know how long I will have to wait--I still find it very noisy, but now they have finished doing re-sufacing and altering curb-stones on Pembina it is, so far, some better.

I have had a bad time with my sense of balancde again, this past few weeks, and the doctor says ymear-drums are not as good as they were, and that I should certainly try to gst away from such a

constant roar of traffic--and I must admit I do find it certainly very wearying--I hate to think of having to move, even from one room to another, but it certainly won't be as bad as from one place to another.

Had a nice letter from Ena--it was here when I got back from Binscarth the last time I was up--Evans had got home safely, so guess that will be their visit for this year.

We started with our new Minister at Christ church yesterday, he is fairly young, but think, when we get used to him, he will be very good--at least he is easy to hear, which is a real treat, as far as I am concerned--and is for many others, am sure.

I really liked your new one, the Sunday I heard her--suppose 'hubby' will have to do double duty for a while, when the baby arrives--that is one child, who should know about regular church attendance from a very early age!

I hope Ivy is improving--it is hard when the speech is affected, but she has come along well, am sure, sinceit first happened.

Do you use your record player much?

I have a couple of records by Nana Mouskouri--she has a lovely voice--I took the first one I got up with me, and Bill taped it--the second one I just got a few weeks ago---I use my player a lot, as since coming here, my radio reception is very poor, I don't know why, and what one gets on the T.V. is not worth the use of one's eys, in the main--perhaps when the winter programs come, they may ~~improve~~ improve.

I have been substitute organist all summer at church, hope they soon settle on a new organist, I enjoy playing well enough,but feel they should have someone who can also lead a choir, and that I cannot do,(at least I should say, who can train a choir)--I was hoping the new one would be here to start with the new Minister--but suppose all summer no one thinks of anything, as I.know the lady who.is in charge of getting someone, has been at the beach most of the summer, so don't suppose she has put much(if any) thought into it.

Well, I don't seem to have much in the way of news, and from the look of the preceding pages, my typing in no way would pass a test, so think I will stop now, and say that I do hope you are both well, and on with the business of harvesting--at least Bob is, and suppose you do not do much in that way now, unless it is in the case of 'fill-in' work, after all, you have been at it for a good many years, Norman--you threshed for us, when you were 21.--so that was not exactly last year, was it? The first thing I remember you doing for us, was sawing wood--in 1918---a lot of water has gone under many bridges since then, has it not?

The world is surely in a mess now---what a ghastly thing that murder of the Earl of Mountbatten was--if there has not been ill-feeling between countries before, am sure there will be now, after that.

Again, hope you & yours are all well.

With love,

Margaret.

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Oct.30th 1985

Dear Norman & Grace;

I was so pleased to hear from you this morning, that I am replying while the pleasure is at its peak--with each succeeding day the urge to reply any letter seems to lessen a little--hope the same is true of everyone!

When the weather turned nice--about a week ago, I have sort of wondered each day, if I might get a call to say you were here---am sorry that it is feelings that held you back--I do hope the pain will soon lessen, or better still, vanish, so that your best ally is not a hot water bpttle---at any rate, I hope it is, or was mucular, rather than anything more serious,we take good health for granted, until we lose a little, or much of it.

I am sure all farm people , or those, whose interest is still there, will be glad the Fall finally cleared, and let the harvest get done, even with lower grades, it was a good repetition of 1925--I said that dozens of times to myself, and also to anyone who had the slightest interest in where their next few years food was coming from!

The market gardeners had a terrible time, as so much of their crop was damaged with the excessive rains in late summer, and early fall.

Did you have a garden---I miss it more than anything, I think, both for what can be grown in it, and the pleasure of working in it---not that I have been able to do ANYTHING like that for the past two years ---I am thoroughly discouraged with the whole business of walking---something one takes as a matter of course, from a very early age.

I am still using a walker, two canes, or wheeling the wheelchair ahead of me---my one foot hurts, in spite of all the places I have been with it -- wish I could go places without it)---and my sense of balance is not good.

The one doctor thoght a brace was the answer, and I have got two of them- (different types), but they don't answer the problem.

However, there is a therapy centre up at the west end of Corydon, so think I will try there as a last resort.

I have used the handitransit for getting around--the biggest trouble is that you have to phone two days before wanting them--so they are only good for appointments---however, should be thankful that they are availabe at all

Had quite a long letter from Cecy after their trip--it must have been very interesting, and she said the coloring of the foliage was beautiful.

She was still at Ena's when she wrote, but guess she would be going to the Dalles before too long, from the way she spoke, think she plans to go

to Portland , to be close to Mary, rather than staying where she has been for so many years , and she would be closer to Ena, also---time brings many cahnges, especially as one gets older.

I certainly think you made a wise and good move, while you felt able, and as you once said, youmare closer to the girls a nd Winnipeg, if you have to come for doctors etc.

When you spoke of Donald having a girl friend, it makes me will aware of my age---the last time I have a recollection of those two boys, was when they had dump trucks or some such toy, playing at the end of a field with soil!

I suppose after Ken went, whichever one it was who was not too keen on the farm, went back, so that they could work together, which was good.

It is nice that Jack Woodhouse has a routine for the winter, asin the summer, being alone is not too bad, with outdoor work .

Bill certainly made good progress after the 'holiday' doctor got at his foot---in his letter yesterday he said it is almost filled in now--he has it dressed once a day, but can walk without pain, and drive the car, so is happy about that--he says he does feel a bit of use--as he takes the boys from place to place on the farm, when trucks etc. have to be fetched--you know how it is!!---John & Warren finished at the end of last week---one of the neighbors gave them a day with his combine, so that helped a lot.

I had a visit from Anne Griffiths (Maraschuk on Saturday)--they were down in Winnipeg for the week-end, she is in Calgary now, and as you will note by the name, married again--her first husband was a chap from the Birtle district--Lock Gray--however, she is just the same as she always was even as a child--a good boss!!

Well, I seem to be coming to the end of my bits and pieces of news, so will stop---hope you are well, Grace---do you still do hobbies, or is there not space, to have things around like you did on the farm?

I have been in the city for over forty yeard , but am still farm at heart, I am afraid.

Love,

Margaret

(I need a proof-reader.)

I did nothing about World situations my brain doesn't seem to be able to absorb any of it--It is just like sitting on something that is ready to explode.

155 Queenston St.
Wpg. 9, Man.
29/4/70

Dear Norman & Grace;

We were so glad to hear from you this A.M.--and judging from your activities since you were in hospital, I would say that your recovery must have been very good--for which we are happy.

I am sorry to say, that I have not got such a good report from this end.

Dad has been in the hospital for the past two weeks, and I do not know how much longer he will be there, in spite of the fact that the doctors say his progress is good.

I think it was just about the time when you were here, that his ankles began to swell, and when the doctor came and looked at them, he said it was the old trouble of excess fluid, so put him back on a salt-free diet and stronger pills, than he had formerly been taking for years---however, the swelling in his feet went down, but a rash came, and also his feet got very sore--so that walking was a trial.

The result was, that he had to go into hospital for tests which took a week, or more, and in the end, they decided that it was an inflamation of the small veins in his feet.--and so started to treat him accordingly.

There is definitely an improvement in the rash, swelling etc.--but he still has some pain--(there were severe muscle spasms with it), and due to the fact that he has to keep off his feet for the two weeks in hospital, his strength is not too great, and any sort of movement, even in bed, is an effort.

However, the doctor--(cheery soul--aren't they all?) says he will most certainly not become that he cannot walk about, but time alone will tell that.

However, as Dad says, he really cannot complain, as he has had reasonably good health until now, and when one reached his years, one does not bounce back the same as we did when we were very young!!

We were sorry to hear of your fall Grace, but it, too, could have been much worse--it is so easy to break something more than glasses.--hope you are quite over it now.

It seems as if it is going to be a very late spring, but maybe that will be some of the answer to all the spare grain etc.--who knows.?

I do not seem to have news of much further interest, as my time has been fully occupied this past few weeks--however, the weather is improving(I hope), so travelling is not such a bother--Dad is in the General--I have had some rides, some bus trips, and some by taxi---Dad did say, not to bother going every day, but I hate not to, as he always seems glad of the visit, and to 'phone is useless, as they just read the most cheerful report they have handy and I have been fooled so many times on that, that I do not bother 'phoning at all--he has a 'phone in his room, but finds it too much effort to turn to reach it, unless a nurse is there--however hope he will soon really improve, and be able to come home.

Well, that has been a very self-centred letter, but that is really all I have in the way of news, for this past five or six weeks--I really did mean to write you a note, but the days just slipped by, without realizing it--fancy it being May, on Friday.

I will stop now and go and drop this in the post box, as our service is so poor, that at the end of the week, if one does not think of it--it is a while before the tings get picked up.

Again, thanks for your nice letter, Dad enjoyed reading it--and wishes to be remembered to you all. Very sincerely, Margaret

Griffiths

155 Queenston St
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Man.

12/8/69.

Dear Norman.

I hope you have experienced much better weather than we have had this summer. I think we have had the greatest variety for many years cold & wet to start with then odd days when it was nice & comfortable but on two or three occasions when the temperature rose over the 90's & the air humid. Sunday & Monday were like this but to day it is much cooler (72) but has been raining a little & is still cloudy. It has been a wonderful year for growth but the products seem to be a little later than usual although we are & have been using garden stuff for about 3 or four weeks. Lettuce, beets Chard, carrots, & I saw one tomato well turned this morning Potatoes we have been using for about three weeks. Lots of flowers. The summer is slipping by & it certainly has been rather exciting. From a political angle I expected an increase in the number of N.D.P. members but hardly expected Shreyer to have such a large number. Was surprised at Bend's showing — they polled a lot of votes but certainly have been pretty well mixed out. Trudeau's statements did not help very much. Incidently the biggest bonus I have ever seen was pulled by Weir — with a majority like he had to call an election was plain stupid. However after listening to Shreyer I think he will make a good Premier & I think I hope that he will not allow the few radicals he has in his group much headway. He is starting out alright & we will soon see since the Legislature is opening in a day or two. Was a little surprised that John Braendle did not do better.

From our own experiences anything can happen and this is what probably happened this year. How are the crops doing? I see you have had a normal amount of rain but down here we have had some real runs & a lot of grain has been drowned out & some of it ploughed under. On the other hand there are some excellent crops & it looks like another bumper crop for some farmers although the crop is a little later than usual - we really need hot & sunny weather & I would imagine cutting will start in about two weeks. What a lot of unrest & trouble there seems to be right now! I don't what to think of the youth & their actions not particularly here but all over the world. Disobedience & crime (petty & otherwise) seem to be very much in evidence. There have been about 30 petty crimes just around our district this last three months mostly entering & breaking. I will admit however that idleness seems to be one big trouble - apparently not much home life & the prevalence of drug using is growing. This seems to be a phase we are passing through. What do you think of the inflationary period we are in? - apparently no one seems to know what to do about it. One thing is sure the farmers are certainly getting it in the neck which is not unusual & certainly if we get another good crop the surplus is going to be expensive for many. I don't understand the reasoning of some leaders who say the Wheat Board are not making enough effort to sell grain. The great crops throughout most of the world has given the buyers the upper hand & being human will want to buy in the cheapest market - international agreements don't amount to much in the last analysis. I am pleased to say Margaret & myself are feeling fairly well. Trust that you, Grace & all the other family are keeping well & fit & hope to see you whenever you come into the City. In the meantime accept our kindest regards & best wishes

Best Griffiths

Charles + Millie Thorp

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Dear Norman + Grace,

Am sorry to have been so long before writing to thank you both very much for your nice interesting letter we were pleased to hear from you (as always) + that you enjoyed your trips overseas, + reached home safely, but sorry to hear that Grace was so poorly during the latter part of your journey home, but hope you are both well now. Charles + I were so pleased to see you both, + wished you could have stayed longer with us, we enjoyed your visit very much, it was nice to see you again after so many years, we were very interested in hearing about your family + of the folks we used to know + how things have changed since we lived out there, if we were not so

We haven't made any plans for the festive season yet, but are hoping to go to Joe's & Dorothy's for Christmas as we usually do, for then we are able to meet all the family which keeps on increasing, 14 all told counting us. Please give our best wishes to Lesley & Dennis & the little ones, we hope to write a few lines to them soon With love & best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas & new Year, hoping you are all well

Yours Affectionately
Charles & Millie.

advanced in years, I think we would want to go for a trip out there & see the country & visit all our friends, we had a happy life out there in our younger days. It was very kind of you to give us that lovely Jewellery, the bracelet is very dainty & I can fasten it quite easily now, & the pretty brooch to match has often been admired by my friends thank you very much. Soon after you were here I was taken ill with internal hemorrhage (glad it did not happen before) & was in bed for 5 weeks with doctors & nurses caring for me, am glad to say I am much better now almost back to normal strenght again. The wind has been very cold & boysterous lately bringing the leaves down from those large Oak trees from the end of our lawn making a lot of sweeping up for Charles, he won't be sorry when they are all down

Joe & Dorothy Hop

79. TORCROSS ROAD
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ENGLAND

12th Dec. 1979.

Dear Norman

As it is almost Christmas time once again I thought I would send a few lines to convey our best wishes to you all for Christmas and the new year. Somehow it doesn't seem much like Christmas here yet. Our weather keeps very mild and has been very wet for the past couple of weeks. There is plenty of Christmas fare in the shops of course, but not much of the sign of festivity. I expect you will have snow in Canada by now.

It seems strange not to be going to visit Mother and Dad at Sandhurst any more. They had been living there for more than forty years, almost ever since we came from Canada and for the past thirty years or more we had been going there to see them quite frequently. We spent quite a bit of time at the bungalow after Mother died, clearing up and disposing of the personal effects etc. Rather a sad business. I'm glad that is over. I still have the bungalow, it is rented furnished for a year now. The value of money is depreciating so fast in this country due to inflation that it is difficult to know what is best to do with it. Property seems to be one of the safest investments, so we have decided to hang on to the bungalow for the time being.

We still seem to keep busy all the time these days even though I am semi retired. I suppose we are slowing down

so that everything we do takes longer these days.

I still go to work two days a week, and quite enjoy that as it keeps me in touch with some of my old colleagues that I have worked with for many years.

There is an awful lot of industrial unrest and strikes in this country now especially in the big Companies and nationalised industries. There is also a lot of crime, and it is getting worse all the time, it is difficult to imagine what the outcome will be. It seems to be as bad all over the world so I wonder if things are as bad in Canada. Fortunately the place where I work is only a small factory - about ninety people - and they are quite a decent lot, so we have not had any problems there so far.

How are you both keeping these days? Still fit and able to enjoy life I hope. Dorothy and I keep fairly well, a few aches and pains now and again of course, but suppose we must expect that as the years roll by.

We spent a holiday at the seaside in Norfolk in July with our two daughters and their families which we all enjoyed. Our grandchildren seem to be growing up very fast, we get a lot of pleasure from them. Our son John also has two children but they are younger. One was only born last year. We are getting to be quite a family now there are fourteen of us when we all meet together

How are Bob and Ivy getting on these days? Please give our kind regards to them. In your last letter you said they had just left for a holiday to the west coast and the

States. Hope they had a good holiday.

Your grandsons must be getting quite grown up now, if they can be left to look after the farm. Are they planning to be farmers too?

When are you and Grace or Bob and Ivy going to visit England again. We would very much like to see you or any other members of your family. so do please come to see us when you can manage it.

Dorothy joins me in sending our kindest regards. and best wishes for the future to yourself and Grace.

Yours very sincerely

Joe.

Joe. Dorothy Thop

79. TORCROSS ROAD.
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12TH DEC 1981

Dear Norman and Grace.

I have just realised that Christmas is less than a fortnight away so am hoping this will reach you in time to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Time seems to slip by so fast these days and these occasions are upon us before we realise it. I suppose it is because we are slowing down as we get older.

We hope you are both keeping well and enjoying life I have just reread the very interesting letter you sent us last X-mas. time in which you told us of your large family gatherings for your birthdays and your granddaughters wedding. I'm sure you must have had some great times. it sounds like a real gathering of the clans. when you have such a large family and so widely scattered. It is nice when they still keep in contact whenever they can So many families these days seem to break up and the older generation seldom hear from the younger ones. We too are very fortunate in that respect. although our family is small at present. compared to yours (there are 14 of us) they come to see us quite regularly, and we shall be having another family party here on Christmas day. Of course we still miss Mother & Dad on these occasions, they were always very much at the centre of any family gatherings.

I always enjoy reading your very interesting letters. and thank you

for writing, and also for the photograph. It is nice to hear what you are all doing and to get news of the people and district I once knew.

Dorothy and I are keeping fairly well. slowing down a bit as we get older of course. Dorothy suffers quite a bit with rhumatism. but is still able to get about alright. I still go to work two days a week. My Company seem to want me to stay on, in fact would like me to do more but I feel that two days is enough at my age. I like to keep in touch with my old colleagues and with the work, but it still leaves me time for some of the things I never had time for in the past.

Conditions in this county are very bad at present and seem to be getting worse all the time. There are about three million people unemployed now. A great many of them are unskilled, and a lot do not want to work anyway. The employers still find it very difficult to get good skilled people. The situation is very bad for the school leavers., they have no trade or experience and so nobody wants them and they have very little prospects. I can see no solution to the unemployment problem. Almost every industry to day is highly mechanised and so employs many fewer people than they used to, particularly the unskilled. Also there are many more women going out to work than there used to be. So that even if trade did pick up I can not think there would be nearly enough jobs to go round. 463.34

We have a lot of coloured people in this country now mostly Africans and Asians. All the large towns and cities

have whole communities of them. They of coerse make the unemployment situation worse, as the majority of them are unskilled and a great many are unemployed. There has been a lot of trouble in some areas with them. No doubt you will have read in your papers about the riots in some of our cities during the summer, they all occured in areas where there are a lot of coloured people, but of course it is not all due to them. there is a lot of crime everywhere. Years ago we would never have believed it possible for such conditions to exist in this country. I wonder how it will all end.

We are having some very severe winter weather here this past week or so. The snow is about 6" deep. - the most I have seen for more than 30 years - and they tell us the temperature is the lowest since records began in some areas. It went down to -12°C here last night. I know that will not sound very low to you, but it is for this country One of the troubles is that it just about brings traffic to a halt. Many of our roads are almost at saturation point when the weather is good so when we get snow everything just about grinds to a halt. Some people were taking 3 and 4 hours to make a five mile journey last week.

I hope you had a good season in Canada last year and a better harvest than in 1980. Our season was not very good, dull and cold until quite late in the spring and very little warm or sunny weather after that. The garden was fair but not as good as it has been some years.

No doubt you will have read, there is a lot of disruption going on in the political parties in this country. We have a conservative government at present and they seem to be trying to get things under control and bring inflation down, but unfortunately are not succeeding very well, but I doubt if anyone else could do any better. I do not envy them their job these days. The labour party is torn apart by squabbling between the right and left wing factions. Many of the old right wing members have left the party and formed a new party called Social Democrats. Many people seem to think they will probably form the government when we next have an election, but that remains to be seen.

In spite of all the troubles surrounding us, I am happy to say our own family are doing reasonably well, John, our son and his family moved to the Isle of Wight this summer. His company transferred him to quite a good job over there. In spite of being an island it is quite easy to get to - about two hours from here including 40 minutes on the ferry. It is a very nice place to live, be very lucky. Our two sons in law also seem to be fairly secure in their jobs and are getting on well. so we are very fortunate in these times.

Please give our kindest regards to Bob & Ivy. We hope that Ivy is now feelly recovered and that they are all in good health. Tell them we hope they will be coming to see us again one day.

With our very best wishes to you both for the coming year. Hoping you will enjoy good health, happiness and peace for the future.

Yours very sincerely

Joe & Dorothy

Joe + Dorothy Thorp
originally from Boscastle Nth

79. TORCROSS ROAD
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6th April 1979

Dear Norman.

I was very pleased to get your letter a few days ago, and also the photograph of the threshing outfit with my Dad in it. I am very pleased to have that, thank you very much for sending it.

I should have written to you before now to let you know the sad news that Mother died on the 3rd February. It was very unfortunate, she had a fall in the nursing home and broke her leg near the hip. She was taken to hospital and they operated to put a pin in the bone but Mother never regained consciousness after the operation. The doctors were rather doubtful if she would be able to stand it but there was nothing else they could do It would have been very painful for her to go on living with a broaken leg and of course she would have been completely bedridden. We feel rather sad and of course miss her very much. Fortunately she had a long and quite happy life and did not suffer very much at the end.

Dorothy and I saw her in hospital the day before she died and she was very bright and cheerful and still talking about going back to the bungalow after she got over the operation.

It was a lovely nursing home where Mother stayed and

they could not have been kinder to her, she was very happy there but always talking about going back to the bungalow. Of course she never would have been able to do that.

We are still in the process of clearing up the bungalow there has been a lot to do there. Dorothy and I have been spending one day each week there clearing up. We are not sure yet if we will eventually sell it or rent it.

Since January I have been doing a part time job - about two days a week. An old colleague of mine was recently appointed as manager of a small firm making hospital sterilizers. It is a very old fashioned firm, their methods are very out of date but they make some good equipment for which there is an increasing demand. They are finding it very difficult to get engineers these days with the sort of experience they want and I have agreed to help out a couple of days a week for the time being. It is a nice easy little job, I can come and go as I please so am quite enjoying it. I did find it a bit quiet being at home all the time after a busy life at work. So what with one thing and another I seem to be just as busy now as when I had a full time job, suppose it is partly because I am getting old and slowing down

We too have had a long cold winter, about the worst I can remember in this country. We kept on getting falls of snow, in this part of the county it generally only lasted a few days then melted but we kept on getting fresh falls Up in the midlands and the north of the country it has been

much worse, deep and drifting snow blocking many of the roads. Some outlying places were cut off for quite a long time Now it rains nearly every day and is cold for the time of year. Normally the trees would be out in leaf by now, but there is hardly any sign of anything growing yet. It is going to be a very late spring

We had another grandchild born at the end of February John (our son) and his wife now have a baby boy. And a girl of three. That makes six grandchildren we have now. They are all coming here next Sunday. so we shall be quite a party.

I hope Bob and Ivy enjoyed their holiday, please give them our kind regards when next you see them. How is Ivy keeping these days? I expect their boys quite enjoyed looking after things while they were away; but am sure it was a comfort to know their grandparents were not far away in case there were any problems.

I was interested to hear that Mrs Widdicombe is still keeping well, too bad about her eyesight though. Please remember me to her and give her my regards when you see her again. Also please remember me to Sam and any of the others you meet

We are having a lot of trouble here with strikes these days, particularly in the public services and the health service. There doesn't seem to be any solution to it all.

We are having a general election on the 3rd May. but I can't see that things will be much better whichever party gets in.

P.T.O.

Dorothy and I send our very best wishes to you and Grace and we hope you are both keeping well and still enjoying life in your retirement.

Thanks you once again for sending the photograph.

Yours sincerely

Joe.

79. TORCROSS ROAD.
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1ST JAN. 1979.

for North Shop

Dear Norman,

I feel very ashamed of myself for not having written to you before this. I had intended writing before Xmas but somehow just never got down to it. I retired from work at the end of October but strange as it may sound I seem to have less spare time now than I did when at work. This is partly because I am trying to catch up on some of the many jobs around the house that I have been putting off for several years waiting till I retired.

Mother was very pleased to get your interesting letter a few weeks ago and has asked me to thank you for it. She does not feel up to writing to you herself now. I am sorry to say she has failed quite a lot this last year since Dad died. There are times now when she gets very confused, she also has to have regular medical attention by the district nurse. Fortunately she has a number of very good friends who formed a rota to stay with her day and night for almost a year now, and of course Dorothy and I have been spending as much time with her as we can. However it has been getting a bit too much for everyone lately and so just before Christmas I managed to get her into a very nice nursing home quite close to where she was living. Her friends still go to see her regularly and she seems to be settling down quite happily. Mother thinks that this is only a temporary arrangement, but I very much doubt if she will ever be able to go back to the bungalow to live, but I shall keep the place on for the time being.

We have had some lovely weather here this Autumn up to the end of November, warm and dry but since then we have had an unusual amount of rain and on Boxing Day it suddenly turned very cold and we have had some snow, there is about three inches now, and we are told that last night was the coldest since 1963. We had about 20 degrees of frost. I know that won't sound much to you, but it is a lot for us. We are not prepared for such weather in this country, so hope it will not last too long.

Hope you all had a happy Christmas, I expect you had a family party as we did. We all met at Margarets (our daughter) for a Xmas dinner at mid day and then came back here for tea and spent the evening. That way

We have five grand children now and one more expected in about two months. Unfortunately Mother was not able to be with us this year but Dorothy and I went to see Ish on Boxing Day. Fortunately the weather was not too bad then.

We are having a lot of labour troubles and strikes in this country now. things seem to be getting worse all the time. Inflation is very high & many people think it is much higher than official sources make out.

Dorothy joins with me in kind regards to yourself and Grace, hope you are both keeping well. Also please remember us to Bob and Ivy. We hope that Ivy is still continuing to improve in health.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely
Joe.

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Dear Norman & Mrs Turnbull

Thank you for your interesting letter received recently, we were pleased to hear from you after all these years, although we have had news of you occasionally from Margaret Griffiths, also Mr Cooke & the late Mrs Cooke. We were quite interested to hear about your family & they are all happily married & getting on so nicely, & as you say, your many grandchildren will help to keep you both feeling young, as we know from esperience from our three grandchildren, but of course they are grown up now, & Joe's two girls (Jennifer & Margaret) are both married & his son John is nearly 21, he is following the same career as Joe, "electronic engineer", he is in his last year of apprenticeship, he likes the work & seems to be getting on very well. We were surprised to receive a letter from your daughter Leslie, as we did not know she was in this country, she & her husband seem to be seeing as much as possible of it since they came & we are looking forward to seeing them when they come South during the Christmas holidays.

We are sorry to hear the weather has been so wet for the harvest out there & hope it has been better since you wrote & you have been able to get it all finished.

It has been a wet & cold summer here too, as this is not a farming district around where we live, we do not know much what the harvest was like this year. We are living in a Bungalow now & have a fair size garden which has been very productive this year, the weather being so wet, just suited it as it is on a hill. Joe & Dorothy live at Ruislip near London, but come to see us quite frequently at least once a fortnight, we spent a week end with them recently &

expect we shall go for a couple of days or so, at Christmas, as we usually do & meet the family there.
We are both keeping fit considering our ages, & looking forward to celebrating our Diamond wedding in about 2½ years time, expect you remember we were married from your home, there has been a lot of changes one way & another our there, since then, many of our old friends have passed on, but still hear occasionally from some friends.
With very best wishes to you both & all the family, hoping you are all well.

Yours very Sincerely
Charles & Mildred Thorp.

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