

KENTMERE FARM

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DEAR LAURA:

ISABELLA AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO GET YOUR LETTER AT CHRISTMAS TIME. I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN BUSY AS USUAL, AND I AM SURE YOUR BOOK WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS. I AM GLAD YOU HAVE SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS, AND EXPECT YOU WILL SEE DONALD BEFORE VERY LONG. HE AND MADELAINE STOPPED BY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS ON THEIR WAY WEST, AND I CERTAINLY ENJOYED SEEING THEM ALL.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS HERE TOGETHER, THE FIRST FOR A LONG TIME. TYSON, CATH, AND THEIR THREE YEAR OLD SON HAVE A LITTLE APARTMENT OVER THE STABLE AT KENTMERE, AND HIS JOB IS SUCH THAT HE GETS ABOUT THREE MONTHS OFF IN THE FALL. HE GOES BACK TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK. KAY WAS HERE FOR THE HOLIDAYS FROM PRINCETON, WHERE HE IS A SENIOR, AS HE HAD STILL HIS THESIS TO WRITE BEFORE GRADUATING, AND I AM GLAD HE IS GOING TO FINISH UP. HE WILL PROBABLY GO IN BUSINESS HERE, AS HE AND ANOTHER MAN ARE RUNNING THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY, WHICH SELLS ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM TOMBSTONES TO BABY CARRIAGES.

ISABELLA AND I PLAN TO LEAVE JANUARY 15TH FOR FLORIDA, TO BE GONE UNTIL SPRING, AS THE DOCTORS INSIST I BE IN A WARM CLIMATE FOR THE TIME BEING. FRANKLY I DON'T PROTEST TOO MUCH, AS IT WILL BE A PLEASURE RATHER THAN A HARDSHIP. MY STORY IS BRIEFLY TOLD; I HAD AN ATTACK OF CORONARY THROMBOSIS AUGUST 27TH, AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, JUST AFTER OUR SALE UP THERE WAS COMPLETED. THIS ATTACK WAS FOLLOWED BY FOUR OTHERS OVER A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. I WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK, WHERE I STAYED UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER, AND THEN HOME. SO FAR I DO PRACTICALLY NOTHING, EXCEPT TAKING A DRIVE IN THE AFTERNOON, AND WALKING ABOUT THE HOUSE A BIT, BUT BY SPRING THEY SAY I WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE A CAR, AND GO ABOUT LIFE NORMALLY.

MY VERY BEST LOVE, AND DO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US,
SENDING US ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

AFFECTIONATELY,

Kenneth

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P. S.

I MAY HAVE WRITTEN YOU ONCE BEFORE ON THIS SUBJECT, SOME YEARS AGO, BUT I WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO GET YOU TO DO SOME PROFESSIONAL WORK FOR ME, AS I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY DATA. THAT IS TO TAKE OUR GENEALOGY, STARTING WITH TYSON, KENNETH, JR., AND BETTIE BROOKE (REALLY STARTING AT MCGHEE TYSON, JR., TYSONS' SON) AND CARRYING IT ON BACK TO THE GILPIN THAT CAME OVER FROM ENGLANDS. I AM NOT SURE WHETHER IT WAS JOSEPH, OR JUST WHICH ONE. FROM THERE ON BACK I HAVE IT. ANY OTHER DATA THAT YOU POSSIBLY HAVE COULD BE INCORPORATED IN SUCH A PAMPHLET. I KNOW THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME WORK, AND REALIZE THAT YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY DO ANYTHING ON IT UNTIL SPRING OR SUMMER, BUT I WISH YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW IF YOU COULD DO IT.

K.N.G.

N.B.

IN TELLING YOU OF THE FAMILY ABOVE, I COMPLETELY LEFT OUT BETTIE BROOKE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT HER IN BOARDING SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS WHILE WE ARE IN FLORIDA. SHE HAS GOTTEN VERY TALL, IS VERY STRONG, AND IS VERY MUCH OF A TOMBOY. I THINK YOU AND SHE WOULD GET ALONG SPLENDIDLY TOGETHER. I HAD HOPED TO TAKE HER ON SOME SORT OF CAMPING TRIP IN THE WEST THIS SUMMER OR NEXT, BUT I IMAGINE THAT IS OUT AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED.

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