

KENTMERE FARM
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5th March 47

Dear Laura -

It was fine to get your letter of the 20th forwarded here. I was thrilled at all your news and your possible plans about Bettie are just about an answer to a dream. Nothing in my life has stood out like the trip I took with you Aunt Emma & Uncle Frank. I still look over the book of photos and plan to do it all over again. Of course I never will, but for Bettie to have this kind of a chance with you is almost too good to be true. She would love it & I know would make a good camper. Why not come east as my guest, the whole trip, and we can talk it over at home and you can do your other business before or after?

Your book must be really quite something & I want to see & hear all.

The Genealogy sounds perfect. Bettie's birthday is as follows.

Bettie Brooke Gilpin

Born July 3rd 1935

Note. Spelling of Bettie and Brooke with an e.

named after Father.

The more I think of the type of trip & place
you plan to go the more my mouth waters
& the more anxious I am for Betty to go
with you. No one could be more ideal
to take her in my opinion than you.

Its high time we both got together &
with Isabella & discussed many things. Donald's
& my illness has sort of upset several plans
we had in view but my temporary.

Donald's recovery is slow but really rapid
from the return of the disease.

All good wishes & keep me in touch with
your plans to come East.

Much love from

Kenneth.

Apparently I am going to have to spend my
winter here in the South so we have gotten a
small place here. If you run across a bench
& table something like following description in
your travels will you write or better write me.

We want an outdoor bench & refectory table
about 8 ft long - give or take a foot (7 to 9 ft would do)
we want it not to look new but of a type that

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can stay out in the weather. Uncle Frank's
"Land Blown" type would be the thing or
what I believe is called pickled wood.
Possibly some of the old Santa Fe shops have
this type from a monastery or old church.
Bench to have a back and preferably sides
at each end by not necessary. Sort of like
an old church pew seat. The Refectory table
of course long & narrow approx. same length
as bench. If I can get one without the
other it would be alright. They are to go in
the Patio against a high wall. Don't keep
out to look for this but thought possibly of
all places Santa Fe would be the spot to
run across them. K.