

The Kings road on Seen Mt.? or none
of your estate?

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Dear Miss Gilpin:—

Thank you for your
munificent gift of your pic-
tures, negatives, etc. to our ~~Amor~~
Carter Museum of Western Art.
Haven't seen the current dis-
play but hope to before its over.

My grandfather, Early Rogers
came from Georgia in the spring
of '84, was hired by the I. & P. RR
to take pictures of the right
away to attract emigrants. He
started photographing people
on glass plates - Negatives (3)
were difficult under pioneer

Conditions and don't know
 if he was able to learn it
 before leaving Co. Have one
 of his brother Thomas in
 C.S.A. uniform, but don't re-
 call if it is his handwork. When
 I see D'types opened to view
 I shudder - for light soon
 fades them out. Have ^{a picture} of
 Moma - taken when she was
 17 yrs. old. Born in '74, she was
 9½ when they got here. From
 the forested hills to the treeless
 plains was a hard experience.
 Have asked many people about
 their picture collections in
 hopes of seeing "Rogers Gallery"

but guess in the "clean ups" such as survived were unidentifiable & so "got rid of". Some people are too clean, or else determined not give house room to forgotten faces. Mom died Oct. '33, and with her went that marvellous recollection of who - birthday - ramification of Rin. What delight she would have taken in census rolls. Find I've developed a similar talent which makes me observe - "Was you even born then"? Few have the curiosity or time to test. For 3 yrs. Mom attended Sh.

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Alfonzas boarding school
in New Orleans, S.S. Mercy -
Took 2nd honor - also medal for
darning - which she taught me.
When the subject was part of a
high school sewing course
told the teacher had been
doing such for several years
& tried refusing to follow her di-
rections - which didn't help any -
Now collect odd socks from
people - darn if needed, and
give to nearby school so that wet
feet can be dried off, ^{even} socks
dried enough for them to wear
home. You know in large families
let dressed gets choice.

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Just recently lost my only
brother ($\frac{1}{2}$) & feel almost
"stateless". 12 new month &
bl. pressure up - so the tyro
of the diuretic. Last anti tetanus
shot - followed by 6- to 8 wasp
stings has left me scratching.

Berry season is just over.
Picked & sold - wish I had can-
ned now as there are poor pros-
pects of plum crop. New acquain-
tance "chasing" a cure for back
ache at Baden Baden left her ap-
ricot (hail damaged) crop, so
will try to utilize it. "Altrusa
Int". sponsors a Senior Citizens
Fair where I've sold jelly, jam
& preserves each hour.

The dread of my life is loss
 of drivers license & wrecking
 Ind. Line in my birthplace &
 no upkeep has it almost falling
 down - leaking, etc. Hoards of
 kittens which I must pick up
 & take to "Pound". At least they don't
 sturgeon - its over quickly -

Have been a widow 28 yrs. So
 tired of this lonely existence, "do
 good" where the opportunity affords.
 Have donated body to Osteo's school
 but will they "hear" about it in
 time to honest eyes, glands, etc?
 Carry directions but there are always
 purse thefts. Cursed with sleep of
 about 5 hrs leaves me "easy to drop off".

Collected & sell newspapers to
 supplement inadequate pension.
 Shifting load last Tues. Had me
 grabbing and wound up with wrist
 bugged by steering wheel. Skin
 torn, m's laid - Had to take tweezers
 & bring edges together - then match
 stick size bits of plaster held it
 while foam jell (postage stamp)
 on raw spot prevented weeping. Plaster
 wrapped bandage for cushioning -
 overall gauze (cloth) & wide tape.
 Due 1 more dressing, maybe. Hope
 so as they out \$3 in addition to "visit".
 Didn't break but some sore! Male
 student Dr. He was directed (guided)
 by clinic D.O. who is in charge.

This 50m. "box" house is hard to heat
 in winter. Stone wood heater, has
 hopper top, fuel door & ash door, lin-
 ings & grate. Original ~~as~~ ^{the} pot sup-
 ported by stakes (?) of metal that
 keeps the bottom from too much
 heat, thank goodness! Benefi-
 cent owner of lumber yard allows me
 to pick up wood scraps from where
 they build those gables? Triangle
 supports roof, fastens to joists. Some-
 time there is a louver type ventila-
 tion provided. It is usually pine
 from Weyerhaeuser (?). Use ^{paper} milk
 bottles for kindling. Get along fine
 as long as wood is dry, feeding the fire
 makes me "str around",

John A Harris
 Paternal grandpa was a drug-
 gish - in the days when he extracted
 teeth (hone his foreeps) shallow
 bullets and "blue moss". He died
 of T.B., as did his son George, also a
 pharmacist. In those days it took
 3 wives, Luceta Crawford &
 Fanny BATTERY (?) Dodge (Walter), 1st
 wife was an Eng tailoress, sunny
 —. Wore diamond ear screws.
 The stones were reset in a stick
 pin & wedding ring for Mom. He
 Grandfather is buried in "Flower Mound"
 Cemetery in Wise (?) County. E.R. is
 in Lampasas County, where he &
 Sally Pitmon lived out their lives.
 Puloski was her middle name & a
 "real" step mother

X None group picture (on 1 card) of
Dead Dalton gang - eyes open in 1. Ever
see such? Bought as curiosity.

Mom & Dad went to school together
in Weatherford - 30 miles W. of here.

Mom's 1st husband was Herbert
Snell Dumas - died of typhoid.

Was a fence builder ofoucher fence
(similar to cyclone nowadays).

Mom was too fat - enlargement of
the heart - Dad apoplectic stroke.
I feel I've outlined my usefulness
but somehow keep kicking along.

If interested in our pictures -
will show if you are ever here
again & you have address to reach
me. All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

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