

Boiestown N.B.
Dec, 17th, 1950

Dear Ruby;-

Thanks for your Christmas Card Greeting that has come to hand, Am glad to have your address, and note it is changed from your old address in Los Angeles,

We are very glad to know that you and Doris and other members of your family are well, and that you find California a lovely place to live, It must be delightful there in the winter months? and especially that you are not in the recent flooded section,

Here in New Brunswick we are haveing a very mild fall so far, No snow as yet and very warm, Lots of rains during last three weeks that flooded several rivers and some minor damage done, All records for a warm December have been broken, and no ice has yet formed in the rivers which will be an all time record to date for the Saint John river which has been eighteen feet above low water level during the week just past,

I dont know when you was east, but Lizzie and I were down in Boston during October for twenty four days, Visiting with Josie most of the time, and sorry to have missed out on meeting you, We did not go around to much, as I have been more or less laid up for more then two years, but am feeling a great deal better and have been able to do some work and drive a car during the summer and fall, I took a very severe attact of Arthurititis and had to give up work two or more years ago, so we sold out our business and have been on the retired list ever since, Was operated on in Boston two years ago this coming February, and spent seventy five days in hospitals in U.S. and Canada, But thanks be to God, I am feeling so much better now that I am indeed very thankful,

We sold out our tourist business, and Preston built a new home here on some of the property we reserved, and we are now living the cabin he and his family vacated, We are very comfortable, and love it here, when we are not traveling around, In fact Lizzie and I traveled quite a bit during the summer, Went to Cape Briton for ten days, It was a lovely trip, then we visit around among our family quite a bit, so with going to the States for almost a month, the season has passed very quickly as well as enjoyable,

I took Uncle Ben Griffin and our two grand sons, Bill Griffin, and Billy Moss down to the National Fundy Park where we spent a week camping and haveing a good time, Uncle Ben is eighty seven years old, but he got a great kick out of it all, He is a very young man for his years,

We also visited Vermont where we have a grand daughter going going to college, and the trip through the White Mountains was very beautiful as the fliage was at its best, and we hit two wonderful days there when the air was as clear as gin, and the sky as blue as blue, and the snow on the high mountains, It was all very lovely,

When Father was alive he and Lenard Yerxa of Milford Maine kept up a correspondence for years, So we called to say hello to him on our way to Boston, He is a cousin I had never before met, No doubt you know him, as you wrote something about visiting cousins in Maine when you return east again, You will have to visit your cousins in New Brunswick as well at that time,

It is only a week untill Christmas comes around again, but we do not know what is in store for any of us with the world in such a mix up. Life is an uncertain factor at any time, but with so many people trying to make war that will do no one any good, It seems to bad that every one must suffer, and especially those who have sons in Korea, It will not be a very joyful Christmas for them,

This is a lovely December day here in New Brunswick, as we missed out on quite a snow storm that went south of us through New England and Nova Scotia, But perhaps we will get enough yet, Strange as it may seem to you in California, We here do like the snow, and every one almost, is wishing for snow for Christmas, for with cold weather and dry snow such as we have here most of the time during the winter months, is not like the wet snow that comes to New England most of the time, and generally speaking, Our ~~winters~~ winters are much more enjoyable then they have there, or at lelst I think so, and I have spent considerable time down that way during winter months,

Thanks again for your kind thought for us at this time, and with every good wish for you and Doris and all members of your family, I am,

Very sincerely,

Bill Griffin
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