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40 Flanders Rd.,
Westborough, MA 01581

October 6, 1975

Dear Cousin Alex:

I really wasn't shocked to hear from you, actually I was pleased.

Sorry it has been so long since I answered your Sept. 9 letter, but have been very busy. Seems as tho things just started "popping" even more so than ever. Church group meetings started up, work meetings for our annual Fall Fair, to get things made, etc.

Also, besides being Secretary of my Church group, I'm Sec. of the Bay State Abrasives' Retirees Group with over 40 members to record meetings, keep attendance, and to send out a monthly letter advising the program for the month, which I have to compose. There are actually 145 Retirees to whom the letter has to be sent, but only between 40-50 who joined the Club.

I retired five years ago, and in 4 of those 5 years I have been called back to Bay State to substitute for the Receptionist, and for the typing clerk in the Purchasing Dept. to type out all the purchase orders- from 75 to 100 a day, some with from 5 to 10 items on them. But, this year, due to the recession they gave used employees from other departments, to give them more time as they gave been down to a 32 hour week.

✓ Dorothy still lives in Framingham and has had a bad year, with two collapsed vertebrae, for one hospital trip, then a back strain meaning another trip to the hospital. A heavy brace was necessary but now she doesn't have to wear that. But these troubles have taken over most of the year and she still is very weak, and is not able to do much. I go to visit with her twice a week. On Wed. afternoons I take Don and Edna, and on Saturdays I go down about 11, we go out to lunch and then I spend part of the afternoon. We enjoy watching bowling on the T-V and of course now, the Red Sox. I am a loyal Red Sox fan, win or lose, and am so happy they are doing so well in the playoffs. She has trouble writing so it can be read, so asked me to type her replies for her.

I had a cataract operation on my left eye in Sept. of 1974, and still am having problems. The hard contact lens which they made irritated my eye, so they experimented with a Soflens which worked fine for quite a while, but then developed a tear and is now back at the lab at Bausch & Lomb. Also have glaucoma in both eyes which requires drops four times a day. Will be glad when I get the lens back as it is over a year since the operation. I can't drive at night, but do in the day time.

Went fishing with my grandson, Kenneth, in June and slipped, strained my left sacroiliac, low back strain, and caused pain in my left burser, so was rather out of action all of June, but am fine now and back in the swing.

My family is fine, Elaine sews most of the time, she had many customers, and does real nice work. Greig is at Bay State.

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Ken (age 15) is at Assabet Vocational Regional School, outside of Marlborough, is taking machinists, and is also interested in cabinet making, carpentry, etc. He also loves fishing, and belongs to a Rifle Club at which he is very good.

Mark the baby, age 9, is very active (never a dull moment around here) and is a whiz at math, and good at spelling, also likes fishing, all kinds of bugs, animals, maybe he will be a vet, but still too early to decide. Also likes to collect - almost anything, likes books telling about all sorts of subjects.

Jo Ann is just 21, has a good job at the State Medical Claims Center here, works on computers, data work, etc. Still single.

Russell is 25, married and has two children, Denise and Ian. He also works at Bay State, but is also a chef at a restaurant in Westboro, and is very good at it, also gets up refreshments for wedding receptions, etc.

I hope you do get a chance to get up this way, it would be nice to see and visit with you. I see Pearl quite often, and we go to the same church.

Now, for your questions:

Dorothy Farquhar Murphy - born 1/27/06
- Married 6/12/37 - Francis Henry Murphy
St. Stephens Rectory, Framingham, Mass.
- Children - Jane Frances Murphy - 3/31/40
Dorothy Ann " - 4/27/45
- Jane married Gerald Davis on 8/4/63 At
St. Stephen's Church - Framingham
They have two children:
Staci Ann Davis - born 6/16/64
Christine Davis - " 3/11/67
Jane's address : Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Davis
385 Grant St.
Framingham, Mass. 01701

-Dorothy Ann married Andrew J. Doyle, Jr.
on 10/27/67 at St. George's Church,
Saxonville, Mass.

They have 3 boys:

Andrew Frances Doyle born 1/3/69
Matthew Michael " " 4/10/71
Sean Murphy " " 3/18/74

Dorothy Ann's address: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Doyle, Jr.
444 Massasoit Rd.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

Now for mine:

Mary Ella Pike of Westboro married
John Farquhar of " on 9/10/02 in Westboro

My husband - Jonas Lennart Johnson born 9/26/02 Oravais, Finland
died 4/26/69

Geneva Margaret Farquhar married Jonas Lennart Johnson on
(born 8/23/04) 3/30/29 in Marlborough, Mass. at
Rev. Percy Beatty's home.

My daughter Elaine Mae Johnson was born 1/3/31 In Memorial
Hospital, Worcester

Married to Malcolm Greig McPherson on 2/12/49 in Westboro

at the home of Rev. Arthur Hanson. They live in the same home with me at 40 Flanders Rd., Westborough, Maaa.

Their children are:

Russell Lennart McPherson - born 8/11/50 - is married to Kathleen Ann McDonald and they have two children:

Denise Ann - born 1/24/72

Ian Christian " 1/1/75

They live at 16C Mayberry Drive. Westborough

Jo Ann Elaine McPherson - born 9/21/54 - single
lives at Park Village West, Westborough

Kenneth David McPherson - born 4/29/60

Mark Christian " - " 7/12/66

I trust I have given all the information you asked for, but if not, please let me know.

In reading the letter you wrote to Dorothy, you spoke of a family by the name of DeArmond, and I do remember them. In fact some of the descendants still live in Westboro. You mentioned a Peter who was a contractor and that he had no children of his own. Maybe the ones I knew were nephews but they were in the same business. In fact, there is one named Robert who is now retired, who built one of our High Schools and has done lots of building in and around Westborough.

I guess I've rambled on enough so will close so I CAN MAIL THIS BEFORE any more days elapse.

Sorry about your Dad's passing, also Uncle George, they were both great men.

My best to you and yours

Geneva M. Johnson

P.S. please excuse any typing errors.