

Portland, Oregon

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Dear Jeanette and Hugh:

You will be surprised to hear from me but as you will see — Carroll requested that I forward Laura Tindall's Card to you. I thought I might as well send his note, too, then I would not have to copy everything, "Just lazy".

I surely do feel sorry for Carroll and Ruth. It is not an easy task for them at his age especially. He will be 80 years old in May, 1971.

I must say, that we have never met Laura Tindall nor have we met you folks. Jeanette — you have surely done a lot of work in keeping the family genetics.

It is truly a big big job and contribution to the family. All must be very grateful to you for this time consuming job. We do, I know.

We heard through Carroll that Hugh had not felt like traveling this year. We hope he is not really ill. Maybe, sorta like Rowe - he feels better at home. I do hope both of you are at least reasonably well and able to have enjoyment every day.

Rowe had a bad time last December and January. He's a diabetic and has diverticulitis besides a double hernia. His medical doctor did not watch his diet closely enough while he was in the hospital so he had

to stay there for 6 weeks. Then, they sent him home very weak, had lost about 55 pounds and had a bed sore for me to take care of. His clothes and shoes did not fit him. His feet and ankles were badly swollen. All in all it was quite something to overcome but we made it. He was changed from oral medication to insulin shots daily and this helped the healing processes tremendously. Actually, now he is better than he has been for a long time. I am amazed at the physical work he has turned out since May. It has been very heartening.

Our weather has been very rainy and generally miserable for several days.

They gave a ray of hope on the weather report this morning - promised warmer and sunnier weather soon. I hope so as there is so much to do outside.

Rowe does not write letters as he has a hand tremor. I asked Nick what caused this. He said, "Old age." So that's the way it goes.

Nick is not feeling too good either. He has a great loss of hearing, vision causing trouble and so much arthritis in his system. It is tough for him.

Rowe will be 78 years old this next Thursday. It just does not seem possible. As he cannot have a birthday cake, I make him a dietetic pumpkin pie instead. He's very fond of biscuits so that will be on

the breakfast menu, too.

I wrote more than I thought I would. Thought you would be interested in R. D.'s health problems due to you keeping so much data on the family.

Here's hoping you two are enjoying reasonably ^{good} health and will look forward to many fruitful years.

Thank you for all you have done in behalf of the family genetics.

Cheerio and love,
Bess & Pove Kennedy