

Monday June 14, 1976

Dear Betty:

Your fine letter came the other day and I will try to answer it the best I can. The weather is quite warm here now and I have partial air conditioning and so am in front of a fan right now. A woman who helps me came this morning and we finished housecleaning the kitchen and got the rest of the house in order. I manage to run this place with a little indoor and outdoor help. I have a lot of trees and a good big yard to mow and flowers in the spring etc. So on the outside I manage with the help of neighborhood boys. The thing is none of these boys would have to work. They just do it for spending money so I can't always have them work when I want them to work. The people who own the Colonial Taxi Co. live across the street. One of their boys just graduated from a Naval Academy (H.S.) The next one will graduate from H.S. next year and he works in the summers as a mechanic at the plant. Their oldest a girl, is now a part of the Co. She has her own apartment. The little girl aged 8 or so is the only free soul.

I am glad you had a nice time in Florida. My sister Lucile Lambert Webner and her husband usually spend a couple of months at Cape Coral Florida in the winter (after Thanksgiving and Christmas are over). One year they went to Spain instead. She said that last year it was crowded and they made reservations for this coming winter. I know they go into Ft Myers to the Methodist Church when they are there. Natalie Lambert Schmick goes to that area also in the winter. She is Ira Lambert's daughter. He was a Pres. minister. She lives at a Presbyterian residence in Cincinnati now but was not too pleased with it the last I heard. She has trouble seeing and so can't drive her car any more. She and my brother Charles Lambert are the same age. She graduated from the Un. of Tulsa but went for post grad work to Chicago Un. She has 2 married daughters. First of all she was married to David Hamilton of the Hamilton Tailoring Co. but he died and the Co was sold. Then she married Jim.

(My cat is here on the desk beside me and wants to have me pay more attention to her.)

Dan Harris may still be in Miami but he was going to move to N.C. where his one son lives. Bernice, Charles' wife said that Phil Charles + Bernice is building a house in N or S. Carolina but that is all I know. He was in Guam for a good many years lately. He is aunt Caroline Lambert Charles' son.

My father recalled 3 wives and 16 children and that is why I could not account for that many when you consider all the second wife had.

My father used to brag about that grandfather with the 16 wives and we did not think that was anything to brag about. Now you say the first wife died and one of the boys too.

The fact that there were Presbyterians in the family is interesting. I never knew that before. New Jersey was a place where many Quakers lived but I guess people of all religions were welcome. They lived in R.I. also (Newport) and R.I. was a fine place for people of all religions.

Dad had in his records Matamuskeet but I never found a town by that name altho I wrote to Un of N.C. and asked if there had been such a town. There is a Lake by that name I know.

Abner is a popular name with the Lamberts. It is interesting how he got to be a Quaker. (Sounds like the Mormans today. A young man I know well, brot up a Catholic, graduate in architecture Un. of Penna. married a Morman girl and became a Morman!)

The story of the Catwrights is interesting.

The reason all those people in Belmont Co Ohio made up a meeting was that they went as a group from Brown Co. Redstone Old Fort meeting. So when they went it was a new meeting.

I am interested in Steve and Margaret Smith. I guess they live in Dallas. How do they find out about these reunions. How did so many Lamberts get to Fort Worth?

The Lamberts of Fort Wayne have mostly died except the younger generation.

They were all my first cousins.....Alva Lambert's children. Glenn Lambert died a good many years ago. His wife Mabel Fleming Lambert just died this year. I notice that the younger members of their family gave money in memory of Mabel to Otterbein College at Westerville, O where so many of us graduated, for the Music School. She was a musician. Ralph my sister's age died a good many years ago. Frank died in the 30s. Clare was very sick with cancer the last I heard. Marie never said whether he died in S. Dakota or not. Marie has not been too well but is still living as far as I know.

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Marie Lambert does not know much about the Lambert genealogy. In fact she said she would like to know more. I'd like to see her some time.

I still do not know whether the Marie woman Abner married as his last wife in Belmont Co. O. had any children. She is decidedly listed in the Quaker index. There must be some way to count 16. In those days the wives were out before the husbands. Today the husbands die before the wives! I think Winnifred must have been a strong woman. When you consider that long trip from N.C. staying a year in Winston/Winchester Va. and a year also in Redstone Old Fort (Brownsville, Pa.)

Some day when I get out the records again I can make more sense but right now I can't get them out and work on them.

Love to you,

Pauline