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Dear Paul

Your letter of March 6 and the enclosures were read with great interest and appreciation. But I am very sorry to learn of your problems in connection with this recession. I can see that you need the temporary job, despite its limitations; yet your role as parent is also critical just now. No wonder you are feeling serious stress! I have no solution to offer but will mention two people in your general area you may want to check with for possible suggestions of someone who could help with the children:

- a) my niece Elizabeth Ann Wirtz, Homer's daughter, lives at 1503 Richmond Road, McHenry, IL 60050, telephone 815-385-0191 (as of 1990), Ann was born 1949.
- b) A cousin in the Warren Selby line is Alice Selby Douglas who works in professional health services called "Selby Associates" at 91 Stephanie Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, telephone 312-858-3226 (as of 1987). She must be a few years older than you. You may tell them that I suggested the contact, and hope they think of one who could help.

I am very glad you sent the 1933 letter from my mother to Aunt Bertha. It was a time of great economic depression! Just a month after that letter, Homer had returned to Ozark and Margarette gave up a teaching job to marry me. Since I was still in graduate study at the University of Chicago, it must have seemed very questionable to my parents at that time,

with all their problems and many young children. But they accepted her with joy and we never regretted it. Also, Homer settled down on a near-by farm, as an orchardist, became a pillar of the local church and he and Ellen are still living there today, long after all the rest of us moved away. I do hope that somehow your current problems can be resolved equally well.

Thanks also for the other old items you enclosed and return of the book which lists so many of our cousins. Aunt Alice's poem "Little Mother in Heaven" is clearly about my grandmother Eva Lambert Selby. It is good to see Mary Ann Vernon Embree's picture. Thanks for identifying her in the group picture in the Edgerton book.

I stay busily involved both with our church building projects and as Council president for this retirement community, so I am not active in genealogy research now. But I will always be interested in hearing of new discoveries from others and I do want to see your archives and your children when that can happen.

Our Smith family Reunion is scheduled for July 25-26 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, W. Va. If you should become available we would like to see you there. Sam, in Edwardsville, IL, 618-656-0637 will have details. You will always be welcome here too.

With best wishes, Sincerely,
Malcolm