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Dear Mary -

I am sorry that I have been so long in answering your most interesting letter. It was a surprise after these many years, & pleased me very much. Yes, I do remember you.

I am quite in touch with Jesse Stuart & in most interesting ways which concern former students, just like you, upon whom his books had such a lasting effect. I hear from him two or three times a year, & have talked with him on the telephone. I buy all of his recent books, the last of which is called Come Back to the Farm. I am trying to get as many of his older books as I can find. Some are out of print so they are expensive & hard to locate. I have also contacted his three biographers, one of whom predicts that he may someday be a Nobel winner. He had a severe heart attack a few years ago but is quite recovered although he has to be careful. His daughter is also a writer.

I have been retired since 1964 & am having the time of my life, & busier than ever doing the things I want to do, gardening, fishing, more than concerned with historical research in

several fields, writing, + keeping in touch with many of my former students who are doing great things everywhere -

Your family sounds most interesting & I know that you are very proud of them. It was nice to hear from you + particularly the reason for which you wrote. I will send Mr. Stewart a copy of your letter -

Most sincerely,

Virginia Wilson

May 24, 2021

Dear Ms. Smith,

Enclosed are the class picture I had promised which were taken from 1948--1950, first thru third at Lincoln Elementary School. I tried to remember the teachers and students names as best to my recollection.

1948--Mrs. Guisto FIRST GRADE LINCOLN SCHOOL

TOP ROW from left--Mary Olsen (me), Marietta Stephens, Fred Hymer, Dorothy Black, ? Tom Peters, John Rawlins, ? Charles Lopez, Robert Morris

2nd Row--Betty Oram, ? Gail Wilcox, Darlene Estes, Steven Hisher, Ann Whitley, ? ? Grover Andersen, Gary Coleen.

1st Row--??? Marleen Seeburg, ? Shirley Wong, ? James Hyer,?????

1949--Mrs. Garms SECOND GRADE

TOP ROW from left--Robert Morris, Donald Wooley, John Rawlins, Tom Peters, Bobbi Jean Proctor, Barbara Mannering, Gordon Lovie, Kenneth Nivens, Charlene Lake, Mary Olsen

2nd ROW--Margaret Whitley, Noel Schmutz, ? ? James Doyle, ? Fred Hymer, ? Darlene Estes, ?? Carol McPhee, Lexy Storm, Mary Dalton.

1st ROW--Larry Smith, Gail Wilcox, ? Larry Lyle, William Rodriguiz, ? Ilene Walker, ? Ronald McCann, James Hyer, Ann Whitley, ???

1950--Mrs. Bybee THIRD GRADE

TOP ROW--Tom Forrester, Joan Marceau, ? Shirley Carr, Mary Olsen, Margaret Whitley, Charlene Lake, Carolyn Smith, Kathy Tolman

2nd ROW--Bobbi Jean Proctor,Carol McPhee, James Johnson, ??? Gary Coleen ? Gloria Burns, Roberta Harned, Fred Hymer

1st ROW--Gail Wilcox, ? Roberta Birch, ????? William Rodriguiz, Sue Cooper, ?

1953--Miss Wilson SIXTH GRADE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TOP ROW from left--Steven Christ, Robert Morris, John Kerr, William Sphon, Charles Rather, Martha Wren, Darlene Estes, Carolyn Smith, Mary Olsen

2nd ROW--Buddy Logan, Jill Dorland, Dorothy Lovie, Sharon Bucher, Janet Moore, John Olson, John Rawlins, Darrel Crow, Gordon Lovie

1st ROW--Sandra Hytholt, Marie Daldorff, Earl Kinsel, Donald Judah, Alvin Paulson, Ronald McCann, Roberta Birch, Linda Yepson, Beau Martin, James Doyle, Donnald Wooley

I hope this is some help. I tried to remember the names of most of these students and think I did pretty good.

I hate to part with these pictures but know, no one else would want them. They have given me much pleasure and fond memories over the years.

Maybe someone else will appreciate them.

Also included is a letter written to me from my favorite teacher, Miss Virginia Wilson. She had quite a history herself. She got me interested in the writtings of Jesse Stuart, who was a friend of hers. I got the chance to visit his home in Greenup, Kentucky a few years back as my son has moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am glad I can contribute a little history to Napa County as my family goes back in time with the area.

Sincerely, Mary C. Olsen Campbell

PS: While going thru some old clippings I found a few articles written by newspaper columnist Ray Orrock, from the Argus newspaper back in the 80's or 90's. He was raised in Napa along with two brothers. I saved the articles as they

NO FOURTH GRADE--CHICKEN POX, I did have Ruth Warren at Intermediate School

1952--Mrs. Porter FIFTH GRADE INTERMEDIAT SCHOOL

TOP ROW--Gilbert Williamson, Jackie Jones, Sherildean Powers, Mary Olsen, Carolyn Smith, Joan Marceau, Noel Schmutz, Steven Hisher, Darrel Crow

2nd ROW--Kieth Kerry, Edward Davidson, Kenneth Nivins, Robert Morris, ? Kay Bonham, Lexy Storm, Sue Cooper, ? Carol Batchelder, Joan Jacks, Sharon Bucher, Deanna Collison

1st ROW--Bonnie Ingerson, Vicky Rawlins, Thomas Forrester, Jacolin Marie Balsley, Sandra Hytholt, Earl Kinsel, Gary Bertinoli, James Hyer, Alvin Paulson, T Tom Judah, Gary Coleen, Norman Dow

mentioned Napa. I think his grandaughter is writing a book about him.

Also some odds and ends I had saved from the Register years ago.

Again thank you for helping me send these photos to a place where they will be appreciated.

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Also included is my Realgemini Jr. High 1957 sweater pin