

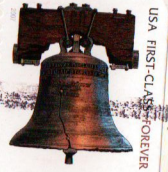
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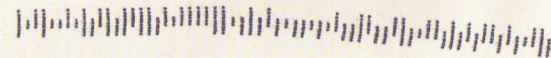
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It is hard to believe but I am close to living in Franklin, TN. for almost 12 years. What is even harder to believe is that I got rid of so much before I left and still brought too much with me. All the kid games and puzzles upstairs are lonely as the grand kids don't come very often. Even Raines (16) is driving now.

We still play games though when all the family is home. Raines and Mary Bliss are not quite the game persons that Natalie and Thomas are. Of course, I play cards off and on all week. I have two neighbors that we play all kinds of games, even "SORRY" usually once a week. We are not very sorry when playing! As with my family, the fight is always on!

The grand's have grown, no one is short anymore but Brenda and me, (I shrunk) so I have two tall boys and two girls that I have to look up to. Mary Bliss was only 1 year old when I moved here.

Natalie, 21, will graduate from the University of TN. in the spring. She has been very active there and has done well in school. We'll see what next year will bring.

Thomas as I told you last year, went into the Marines and is still there. He has been stationed at Camp Lejeune in N.C. much too long for him. He did get to go to the California desert for a while before Thanksgiving. However, since he has been in N.C. he has been able to get home more to see us. We enjoyed him for Thanksgiving and think he is coming for Christmas.

Raines is still enjoying band at high school. They went on a winter trip to New York City and Philadelphia at Thanksgiving and played in the

Philadelphia parade. It was so cold their fingers and ears were beyond painful!

Mary Bliss has one more year of Middle School and she will be in high school soon. Still enjoys playing the clarinet, soft ball and basketball.

My two little girls in Charlotte are growing up too. Abigail is going to Kindergarten and is at an Immersion school doing half day Chinese. She can count to 100 in Chinese and actually does some Chinese characters. Clara is a full of herself, 2 year old. I don't see them very often.

I am on oxygen most of the time that I am home but do pretty well going out during the day. I have not left town but once and that was on a day trip with Brenda and kids (minus Thomas) on a cave trip in August.

Dottie Bliss (97) (Dad's second wife) died this fall but I did not go for the Memorial Service. Paul represented us. Her best friend and my cousin, Laura Bliss, same age, is still up there and I would love to go up and see her. Maybe in 2014.

*what few
we had!*

I have had a lot of company that I have enjoyed. Friends and cousins on both sides of the family have been by. Cousin Mary Joe from Iowa and her daughter, Amy were here for a first visit and another cousin came up from AL. while she was here. We looked at old pictures and news clippings and learned a lot about Blockton and Redding, Iowa. (Mother's side of the family.) Dad's side was represented also with Montana and other Iowa people. I even had a visit from a grammar school friend that was in school with me in Omaha. There is a lot to show people in Nashville. Other friends have visited too and I did get to Macon, Augusta and Atlanta for very short visits.

I think this is more than you wanted to hear so I will sign off.

Love to all, Dot and Kiko (last dog for me)