

February 17th

Dear Ruth,

We will have already talked by the time you get this letter, but it is time to write! Besides, I am happy to enclose my letters to Senators Kerrey and Hagel and Kerrey's response. Now I should be back in your good graces!

Also enclosed is a copy of title, author, etc of a book I would like to find. I contacted someone here in Omaha who does book searches, but I thought you might have a better, quicker approach, especially since this is your field. My parents have one copy of the book, and we are all listed in it. I copied pages for Brian and Greg Greenlee, engineer at Daly who looks like Brian. I suppose we are cousins of some sort, but pretty far apart. We go back to two sisters in the 1700's. Greg sent a copy of the info to his Grandmother who lives in Des Moines, and she said she thinks there is another possible link through her sister-in-law to someone in our family.

All this has made me so much more aware of why people become fascinated by genealogy. This all started because Greg really, really resembles Brian. Then it turned out that he was born in October 1970. He went to Iowa State. Later he told me that he was going to Minneapolis for Christmas (his folks live there), but he and his wife were going to Des Moines to pick up his Grandma. She lives not far from Aunt Ruth's Valley View Village. Then, of course, the name Greenlee struck some kind of memory and I told my folks all this and Dad produced the book. Then I told Greg about the book and that my folks came from small towns in southern Iowa, Humeston and Cambria. He said all his family was from Humeston! His grandpa graduated from Humeston h.s., but it turns out that he was about 9 years ahead of my dad. However, his grandpa (now dead; grandma is the one living in D.M.) had a dance band...yes, my dad and grandpa both played in it occasionally! And, his grandpa worked for GMAC. The first car my folks bought where they needed a loan.....my dad's uncle, who sold cars, called Howard Greenlee to get the loan! What a small world!

I spent last weekend, Friday night to Monday morning, inside. Felt basically worn out but also had a sinus headache. Friday night I didn't notice anything other than the usual end-of-week tiredness, but Saturday it was all I could do to get out of bed. I know stress at work contributes greatly to all this. Now, if I only knew what to do about that! Anyway, I cleaned some drawers, did very light housework, washed some clothes and that was that. Moe grocery-shopped and brought in prepared food, and he worked around the house on his projects and business paperwork. It was nice to be lazy for a change.

Now, Monday and today, Moe is sick himself...but his is more a cold or bad sinus infection. I know he is miserable, and I think he is going to have to go to the doctor for medication stronger than what we have.

Mike, Holly and Jake stopped by for about an hour Friday night. We have been babysitting out there this winter so they don't have to take Jake out when it is so cold, snowy, etc. So they hadn't been at our house since Christmas day. I think I told you that Moe bought himself an electric train and had it set up in the livingroom....running into the fireplace. Well, guess where Jake went....right to the fireplace looking for the train. And he kept going back, looking behind the plant, etc. When Moe gets some of his basement projects completed, I think he should set the train up in one of the rooms there and start adding on to it.

Love Dad

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also have arrived
before this -