

PEEPLES

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Dear Robert,

This past Thanksgiving found me most thankful. It was wonderful spending it in Washington with my sisters, brother and his wife and seeing so many of the relatives and some of my friends. Besides this, we had no hurricane this year, everyone seems well, and as always I feel blessed in having Leslie.

While in Washington, Aunt Edna's son (John Marshall Green of Ocala, Florida) came through with his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and three granddaughters. It's hard to believe that I hadn't seen him in over forty-four years when he keep his head buried in books studying for his degree in law!

I have asked Va. Peniston to get me all the information on Sister Bess' descendants, and am writing to one of Aunt Edna's daughters to send me all on that line. It would be nice having all this for future reference, etc.

Mary Wright gave me the picture of Patrick McKenzie which Mother had. It appears to be a photograph of a painting of him (what on earth could have happened to the original?) and was cut to fit a small oval frame somewhat like a miniature. Some words written on back have been cut off and some indiscernable (refuse to get my dictionary) but am copying what I can. "...officer.. 1776 - taken..picture on ivory which was possess..by mother, his only daughter - her mother being the oldest daughter of Dr. George Moss of Savannah, Ga. M.G.R. in infancy wore (?) the name of Patrick McKenzie and has had this copied for his children and friends - W. H. Robert, Washington, Georgia." Aroundk the mat surrounding the picture is: "'Twas troublesome times those days of old when Britain dared provoke and tend to force the Americanw back to bear the goading yoke. They forced the war! But many a hardship marked, etc., etc." I need a magnifying glass and even then think it would be most difficult to read. I would say he was in uniform, or so the hat with plume would indicate. Aunt Edna had some copies made of this and gave a much larger picture to M.W. Maybe someday I'll have it also but much prefer having this original copy. Thought you might be interested.

Gladys Countryman of my DAR chapter couldn't get over how promptly you and Mrs. Tonge replied, and really appreciated your help. Mrs. Tonge was of special help to her. She said that so many never replyto inquiries. I told her I happened to have especially nice relatives!!! I, too, appreciate your answering her letter. She is trying so hard to build up our DAR library as well as help others trace ancestry for DAR, and as you know, it isn't the easiest job.

A regional bridge tournament was held in Mobile in June and I played in three of the events. While there, met two very nice young men who played to together (incidentally very good players) - Tom Rutledge (W.T.Jr.), and attorney from Charleston, and Jeff Stafford from Pearisburg, Virginia. You see all kinds at tournaments, and these two were so well groomed and such gentlemen. There was a time when most looked decent and dressed for the games, but these days it seems as if anything goes with so many! I had to hve an impacted lower wisdom tooth but out the week before, and suffered the entire time. However, did manage to pick up some points and had fun otherwise.

My daughter and her family will be here for the weekend of the 19th, but none of the others will be in for the holidays so it should be rather quiet without all the hullabaloo of grandchildren. I kept Rushton last February when Mary and Henry went out to ski in Colorado, and haven't seen any of them since. It will be a real treat as the two little girls are growing up so fast. Katherine started to school this year. Mary sent me a copy of the News Sheet published by Junior League of Birmingham which had an adorable picture of the girls. It was their Christmas issue.

King is now living in Denver but had to leave this week for Montana to be there until in January. I surely will miss having him but should have grown accustomed to this by now. He was here in March.

Would you be interested in copies of any of these other letters I have? If so, I'll make copies of some during the coming year and send them to you. Two or three which Grandmother wrote over 110 years ago while in school in Mobile are supposed to be published in the Mobile Historical Society paper, but I don't know when.

I had hoped to attend the reunion this past summer, but---@!! Maybe one of these days I can. It would be nice if any of you are ever near Washington and could tour it. It is such a pretty town, and I'm sure Mary Wright or some of the others would be more than happy to show our relatives the sights there. Betty Lee is descended from John Robert's brother, and then Willingham Wood's house is there. It is a lovely place. W. H. Robert was the Baptist minister there in the 1840's. There will be a tour of homes this coming spring, and it is well worth attending.

Please excuse the terrible typing. One reason is that I am hurrying, and the other is that my typewriter slides on this desk and the carriage ends hitting the wall!

May you and yours have a very merry Christmas with all kinds of blessings then and during the new year.

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alice".