

Mary Frances Parsons to Janet Hennipman

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WA-PA-KE-WAY FARM
"THE PARSONS TRIBE"
PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

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Dearest Janet,

I have just got home from the show & it is exactly 10:30. Ninnie had a date tonite so I am very lonesome & thought I would drop you a line.

I receive your letter over a week ago. Florence was here at the time and of course I had to let her read it. Her and I rode to Plainfield Thurs. on our bikes & she her hair fixed. Friday we went down to Plainfield and took a health examination. We had to take off all clothes before a man Doctor & the county nurse. Were we ever scared!

Martha Jane Barnes spent last week-end with Florence. I guess they ~~hand~~ had fun since they are such good friends.

Why on earth don't you ever come down. I am always home except on Tuesday afternoon. I am anxious to see you.

Last Sunday afternoon Mom & Dad went to a Legion meeting at the Boy's School & Buddy went to the show so Va. & I stayed home by ourselves. Just as soon as they had left Randall & Hadley (Bob) came over. Did we ever have a grand time!! I was never so miserable in my life. Then the Walton kids came & me & Marjorie were going real high in our swing & it broke & liked to ruined one of my fingers. We slid down the rope & it just burnt a hole in my finger.

Well I guess I had better close as I can't think of anything to say. and I think that's a good reason to quit.

Lots of love
Jake.

P.S.¹ Please excuse the writing & the iodine on the back of one sheet

P.S.² I saw Delmar, Squirt, Chet, & Elvan Money at Plainfield and was I ever surprised when they all spoke to me. I seen a lots of other people I knew besides them too.

P.S.³ I am sorry I am so late answering and please come down & see me for I want to talk to you.

Please come.
answer soon

Love
Jake

Historical Notes:

Janet Pauline Hennipman (1923 – 1938) was daughter of Dutch immigrants John (1887 – 1968) and Elsie (Van Dyke) Hennipman (1891 – 1992). Janet was the 4th of 5 sisters and lived near what is now the corner of 200N and Raceway Rd. She died June 14, 1938 of strep throat.

Virginia Miller Parsons (1921 – 2018) was the sister of Mary Frances Parsons and was referred to as “Ninnie” and “Va” in this letter. Virginia graduated from Avon High School in 1939.

Florence “Flossy” Lillian Broyles (1923 – 2015) was the daughter of Luther Cornelius (1896 – 1978) and Hazel Ruth (Seymour) Broyles (1896 – 1975). Florence had 2 older brothers and lived very close to Mary Frances Parsons. She graduated from Avon High School in 1941.

Martha Jane Barnes (1923 – 2018) was the daughter of Robert O (1886 – 1957) and Iva (Kemp) Barnes (1893 – 1986). Martha was one of 12 children that grew up on Hadley Road, about 1 mile from Mary Frances Parsons. Martha graduated from Cascade High School in 1941.

Francis “Frank” Hanson Parsons (1926 – 1995) was the brother of Mary Frances Parsons and was referred to as “Buddy” in letters. Frank graduated from Avon High School in 1943.

Lewis Randall “Randall” Blair (1922 – 1992) was the son of Eddie Eldo (1894 – 1937) and Mary Mills (Davis) Blair (1898 –). Randall lived with Lawrence & Ruth Roach after his father died and graduated from Avon High School in 1940.

Robert Arthur “Bob” Hadley (1922 – 2001) was the son of Walter Elias (1888 – 1966) and Annie M (Martin) Hadley (1893 – 1969). Robert lived in Danville and did not graduate from Avon High School.

Marjorie Elene Walton (1925 – 2002) was the daughter of Paul (1903 – 1946) and Mary Jane (Wear) Walton (1901 – 1996). Marjorie was the 2nd of 3 children and lived about a mile from Mary Frances Parsons. She did not graduate from Avon High School. The other Walton children are Martha Imogene “Imogene” Walton (1923 – 2020) who graduated from Avon High School in 1942 and Billie H Walton (1928 -) who graduated from Avon High School in 1947.

Delmar Lloyd Hubble (1921 – 1997) was the son of Jesse Levi (1892 – 1942) and Pearl Irene (Masion) Hubble (1897 – 1996). Delmar lived in Middle Twp and did not graduate from Avon High School.

Squirt is Earl Davis Blair (1918 - 1994); he was Lewis Randall Blair's brother. However, Earl lived with his aunt & uncle Indianola "Nola" and Nolan Blair. Earl graduated from Avon High School in 1936 with Janet's sister Elsie Hennipman.

Chet is Chet Francis (1918 - 2002) who graduated from Avon High School in 1936. Chet played basketball and baseball at Indiana University and later played professionally for the Indianapolis Kautskys Basketball team (now Indiana Pacers) and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox.

Elvin G Money (1916 – 1981) was the son of George Herbert (1879 – 1961) and Winnie (Kress) Money (1881 – 1966). Elvin lived in Plainfield and became a farmer and correctional officer.

Mary Frances "Jake" Parsons (1923 – 1996) was the daughter of Chester Adrian (1887 – 1977) and Hazel (Miller) Parsons (1896 – 1983). Mary was the 2nd of three children and lived near what is now the corner of County Road 625 S and 100S, about 7 miles from Janet. She graduated from Avon High School in 1941.

Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Farm was named by Mary Frances Parsons' grandfather after he purchased the farm in 1885. It is a Native American name for White Lick Creek that flows through the farm.