

Letters Received 1969

H. G. McCrie

Monday, July 28-69

Dear Len + Jean,

Your announcement concerning the annual McCrie Re-Union has just arrived as a reminder that it is "that time of year again". Regrettably, we will be unable to attend the gathering of the clan this year. When our children were small, and our parents active, we would just pack up and come regardless of the distance, the inconvenience and sometimes the weather. On at least 2 occasions we started to holiday in the opposite direction even, but the recognition of the annual conclave reversed our steps. Back in 1956, we suddenly turned to each other, Kaye + I, and both said - lets go home to the Re-union. We were in Moncton, New Brunswick at the time. So we turned the car around and headed for Sarnia, 1400 miles away. We travelled night and day until we reached home at 2:00 o'clock in the morning, the day of

The Reunion The Mc Crie re-union has always been just chuck full of happy memories for me and my family. I wonder how many of those still attending remember the Re-union at May's home on RR # 2 in the days of Aunt Tilley - who remember Brights Grove with its wonderful beach (at that time) and the sun filled merry-go-round? And how about those thought-provoking picnics at Grandpas (Matthew) and Uncle Andrews? I wonder how many can remember Uncle Amos leading us in a sing-song and who can forget his hearty laugh? How many have savored Mabel & Jack's delicious chicken (I always liked to sit next to them) Some of my happiest memories though have been latterly or since the Centennial which was a wonderful gathering of the clan. I'll never forget the time we got rained out and ended up in the Hall at Mooretown. Remember the fun and games upstairs? I'll never ever forget the grim determination and dispatch with which my mother wielded her rolled newspaper as she beat and

battered the bobbing balloons on the rear of us all during that fantastic game - (or was it mayhem)? Len, I'm sure you know, that we all referred affectionately to you and your gang as the "Detroits" or "Detroit Mc Cries" - so I ask "Do you remember when the Detroit Mc Crie entertained when young Jim & Janet played and danced it became to me a highlight of the festivities on a par with the watermelon eating contests and better than the nail driving. I'm kidding - but really, it is to ~~me~~ one tradition that I do hope will remain with the Family. we must have a paper and dancers. And there, to me is a very important word in our family relationships - "tradition". The Mc Crie annual Re-Union is a family tradition that has influenced and bettered the lives of all of us. ~~Any~~ And my Mothers old Maxim will ever be true that "blood is thicker than water". And it is the annual Re-union which holds the clan together and cements our family relationships. After 3 years overseas during world war it none of you could ever realize how happy I was to

get back among my relatives again - and how my appreciation of the annual re union had taken on a new perspective.

Although we are unable to join you all this year, we hope to be back again one of these days. Both Bill & Linda are working and we can't leave them (although Bill we could), and it wouldn't be fair to make Linda give up her job at the Hudson's Bay Store here which she worked very hard to get and especially when jobs, at least in this part of the world, are so scarce for youngsters.

To all the members at the 1969 Re-union we send sincere greetings and very best wishes for a happy meeting together. We would also like to extend an invitation to one and all to visit with us in Nunipeg, if you are ever travelling this way. We have been lucky in having such swell people as Mabel and Margaret stop with us in the past. We hope more will accept this invitation.

And although each year some of our beloved faces are no longer present to bless the gathering, we are sure they have been happy with the legacy they have left to

us - love, friendships, a feeling of belonging
kinship -

Many thanks for sending us the
reminder Len. We appreciate your thought-
fulness and remembrance. And we'll be
thinking of you all, too.

With love

Kaye, Bill, Linda & Bill
(The Winnipegers)

235 Ash Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Aug 7-69

Dear Jean

Unless there's a drastic change, we will
not be at the reunion - you'll recall I came
alone last year so Dad could attend - ~~So~~ It
meant so much to him. Bob is in the
Boston area and I don't know whether he will
be home or not. And I don't feel up to making
the drive by myself. I've been having stomach
difficulties and I don't re-charge as I did a
few years ago. Give our best to everyone.

Sincerely,
Patsy McCrie

Aug 5-69

Box 314

Port Stanley Ont.

Dear Friends,

Rec'd. your kind invitation to the McCrie reunion, and would like very much to be there but due to my wife's ill health, we will be unable to go this year. My cousin Norman Kerr and I spent a very enjoyable week with the McCrie Families quite a few years ago, around Sarnia and Mandamin.

To let you know who I am my grandmother was the late Jane McCrie, who was married to James Kerr & lived near Durham, in Grey Co. Hope you all have an enjoyable time.

Sincerely, Tom & Eva Derby.

7019 Northcote Ave.

Hammond Ind 46324

July 25-69

Dear Len & Jean

So nice to hear from you again and to know that there will be a McCrie Reunion. And once again I must send my regrets and I do mean regrets - I'd love to come.

I am on my way back to Saskatchewan where I have a nephew being married - last year it was my niece. (I don't think this will happen three years in a row.) At any rate I will be in Kyle Saskatchewan for about 3 weeks.

Hugh McCrie's family of Kyle will all be there Grace & her husband Allan Burr, myself Brother Jack lives there and our youngest sister Hazel & her husband, who also live there. It is Hazel's children who are getting married.

Dad and his wife Harriet drove back from California at the end of May. Dad loves to get back home each year. However he has not been as well as usual this year. He had a stroke after Christmas from which he is recovering but it frustrates him no end. Still he likes to go and is hoping to get to the wedding next week. The rest of us are just fine and very busy.

Arthur McCrie's (Dad's brother) widow, Lena, is still living by herself attho is going to be 89 in Sept. She is quite a gal. Her daughters Edith & Audrey watch her pretty closely. My dad's sisters are five Mary Hooton, Margaret Weston, Lillian Skelton, Edna Noble, Jessier Hallicky & Alice Van Buskuk. I will see them all this summer. I will also see Billy McCrie (Dad's Bro) children & Walter & Katherine's

children. If you don't have Walter's name on the mailing list he would enjoy hearing of this picnic & would certainly be interested in coming some time - Walter M'Cre Kyle Saskatchewan

I hope everyone is having a good time. We were fortunate to see Hugh & Mayme in Sask. last summer

Sincerely Dabel

Dabel M'Cre Webb

July 29 - 1967

Dear Jean

Thank you for sending us an invitation to the M'Cre Reunion. We are sorry but we cannot be there in person but will be thinking of you all on that day. Aunt Mary has not been feeling very well lately & she had a cataract operation in June. She is finding it difficult to adjust to the "temporary glasses". She both are anxious for the day to come when she can see again. We know that you all will miss two of the always faithful members - dear Margant & Bob. We hope the weather will be just right & that you will have a very happy day together. Our best wishes & love to each one
Mary & Lucille.

580 Chelsea Cres.,
Beaconsfield Quebec
August 6, 1969

Dear Jean & Len -

Thank you very much for notice. Unfortunately we will be unable to attend. Moved to Quebec (Montreal) last fall. - need a 4 day week-end to travel. Remember us to everyone & hope weather is good. - au revoir (extent of French)

Bernice & Bob Pequegnat

July 28 - 1969

Dear Len & Jean,

Thanks for reminder - Like to be there but 800 miles & 2 young daughters will prevent it. Mara Elizabeth was born May 17th - 69 & Carla Alejandra now 16 1/2 months old. Both are doing well. - still losing sleep with younger one.

Glad to see any of family who come to N.Y. City. address is 521 East 14th Street - N.Y. N.Y. 10009 - Phone 777-7976. Julia & I hope Re-union be a great success.

Cordially Bob McCrie

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