

LAUGHTON FAMILY TREE PROJECT

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File: JULIA LAUGHTON 1867

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- FAMILY PHOTO (NAMES ON REVERSE)
- 1949 CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH DATES
- 1953 LETTER TO GRACE (1905) AND WALLY
- 1954 LETTER TO FAMILY (NEW YEARS REPORT)

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COPY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a part copy of the births recorded in our old family bible:

I FURTHER CERTIFY that this record is in my Father's hand writing and that I am a sister of DAVID LAUGHTON now residing in Nelson, B.C. and that I am the fourth named in this record.

COPY:----- "THESE ARE THE BIRTHS OF THE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CATHARINE LAUGHTON."

"BIRTHS:

John Hugh Laughton
Born 1859, July 1
Niagara

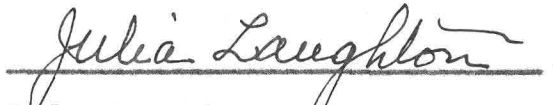
DAVID LAUGHTON
Born June 8, 1861
Malton, Co. of Peel.

Mary Ann Laughton
Born July 17, 1863
Malton, Co. of Peel.

Julia Laughton
Born Nov. 25, 1867
At Hamilton. "


I would state that all the places named are in the Province of Ontario, Canada. Also, that "Niagara" is now called "Niagara-on-the-Lake".

SIGNED this 20th day of June, 1949.


1515 Ontario Ave.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

SWORN to before me this

20th day of June, 1949


Notary Public

AMY V. MILLER
Notary Public, State of New York
Appointed in Niagara County, Reg. No. 886
Commission Expires March 30, 1951

January 23, 1955.

Dear Grace and Wally,-

'55 off to a 23-day start, and it finds me that many days late in doing many things and one reason for that is because so many things seem to heap up around Christmas and New Year's. I was so happy to get your letter Gracie dear, it merited an earlier reply. So pleasant to know you have a nice apartment, congenial and kind neighbors and like Trail-just splendid, admitting of course "There's No Place Like Home". Not so good is it to know that you both have been low in health for a time. Minnie has kept us informed of your health problems and they have not been easy for you to solve. When we pass from our care-free diet of eating everything set before us to a diet quite restricted the schedule is rather a hardship to follow. But I understand ~~xxxxxxx~~ it is rewarding if followed- s-o-o-o- FOLLOW IT CLOSELY and yours will be the reward.

I can well realize you miss Nelson, the Home Folks, the friends, and that dear cottage which you described to me Grace, with a stone wall in the garden, a brook near by, that new room on the second and all the things your Wally was doing about the place. I always thought I would LOVE a wee cottage- a dream- tho never to be fulfilled yet a very pleasant dream,- while the dream is ON one is transplanted to a brighter realm from which I have always been let down easy.

Another married milestone for Dave and Min - 63rd- marvelous- Christmas notes from them reported fairly good condition. What a storehouse of memories in 63 years !! And the later years you have all helped in their happiness.

Christmas with us was happy and bright. Bert and Ed felt free to come up other years for Reid & Molly always went to her home and Betty & Norm to Betty's Mother. Now both parents of Molly & Betty have passed away and both Betty & Norm, s-o-o- Bert was loath to leave Reid & Molly- Knowing how much it meant to Ed to get home- never missed it for fifty years- Reid said they would try to come up too if he could get a substitute and weather permitted. Transportation out of Manheim is poor (small town) several changes by train and long stairs at transfer points- which Bert cannot manage. They risked motoring up, just 350 Miles, but Ed has to take two days to it- they left Tues. the 21st, arrived noon the 22nd. Thur. is Reid's day off so they started and arrived that night. Our dining room is small, a little more crowded since you were here with addition of another small china cabinet. The men wheeled the table into the living room, put in the extra leaves. with so many flowers

and blooming plants sent in, the room had a gala look and when the table was spread with its lovely centerpiece arranged by Molly, it looked like a lovely banquet hall to me. Ten of us - B & E, R & M, Jack & Sue and the four of us.. It will always be a happy memory - we thought of all of you wondering just how the day was passing with you. Irene is a wonderful help, the leading lady in the cookery dept. since she has retired. She takes to it just like her Mother did. Molly & Reid left for home Sunday the 26th, Nert & Ed Jany. 4th, they all had good wheeling both ways-they took the risk. You may have found this detail tiresome.

You remember Niagara-on-the-Lake? At mouth of the river on Canadian side just across from Youngstown. This year August 18-28 the 8th year Boy Scout Jamboree will be held there. 10,000 Scouts from all parts of the World will be gathered there and mammoth preparations are under way. A bevy of Drs., nurses, Interpreters, leaders etc. required. Sanitary problems, food and water supply and 100-and-one things have to be arranged to run a tent city for 10,000 inhabitants- to me bewildering to even think of.

And the world problems, Grace and Wally? Guess we better let President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill take care of them- what say?

What can we say to you? Your Doctor knows the story and how to make it all come out Happy with your earnest help as the days go by.

With us- Irene the busiest girl I know- home duties, the shopping B & P W Club, Daughters of the Church, and this year Church Clerk, and being Centennial Year her duties were especially heavy - Charl-pretty stiff with rheumatism but still at office daily- Irene drives him down each morning- five-day week. Margaret has had her 80th, the most helpful and self-effacing woman ever- Jack & Sue happy and well and for myself having had my 88th, altho very very hard of hearing and failing sight, and a few other complaints, on the whole have much more for thankfulness than for complaint-

Very little snow here so far but cold- 10 to 30.

With our earnest hope for your health improvement and with love from us all -

"JULIE".

January 6, 1954.

Dear Sister & Brother
and ALL---

Happy New Year is still filling the air and again we all say to you ALL-HAPPY NEW YEAR !! Already it is the end of the sixth day with no apparent difference in our way of life, just 'The daily round, the common task' - and yet there has been to most of us a strong desire to live on a higher plane, to pray the prayer of the Psalmist in his 19th psalm-" Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" -

Christmas passed quietly with us, only Sue & Jack to dinner, which on account of Charl working we have about 5:30. Quietly, did I say! Dinner started off OK- all sat down to grape fruit with a cherry. Margaret & Irene started to carve the turkey in kitchen; Phone-Marion and rest of us waiting, waiting at the table. At last Irene told Marion we were just beginning to serve and of course she rang off saying would call later. Turkey and trimmings served and all started in again- hardly finished when another phone- this time from Jane & Jack, Watertown, N.Y. and asked for all to come to phone to say Merry Christmas. Deserted table!!! Finally we sat down again to dessert, and I felt obliged to apologize for the stiffling formality of our dinner. How Sue laughed and said "Just like home". Dinner cleared- tables up for cards. Door bell. Irene ushered in a fine young man, Paul Hayes who introduced himself as a classmate of Ivan's. Were we surprised for we had not received Dee's card saying he would call. Surely it was a pleasant climax to our Christmas Day. I invited him to play cards and he did so, playing with Jack Black against Sue and Charl. It developed that Jack played golf with Paul's Father at the Frontier Club. We all knew of Dr. Norman Hays, Optometrist- Paul's Father. They now live at Youngstown, suburban to N.F. I felt disturbed after he left thinking he might have had other plans for part of the evening and I had roped him into cards. We liked his friendly manner and enjoyed him, but as we were an older bunch probably he was a martyr for the evening. So glad to have met a young man who knew Jack and Dee and Ivan. So we ended up with a SURPRISE PARTY.

Fine to hear of your continued progress Irene, no doubt you are back at the office again and starting the New Year with a stronger physique. And you, Min & Dave will be relieved to see Irene so rapidly recovering- to be free from worry is a splendid heart tonic.

Word from Manheim is better in so far as they were able to take Norm home Dec. 24th after four weeks in Hospital- to be home for Christmas was good. No relief to the awful swelling in legs and ankles- he cant get slippers or even hose on. They went next door to Molly & Reid for Xmas and had to bundle his feet in towels to get him over. He is on the strictest diet which makes it a problem to feed him. Ed says Bert is so patient leaving nothing undone to help him. Reid is on the spot to serve him when needed.

Please tell Dee about Paul's visit. I would like to write to each but still am The Scribe for all The Clan and not so brisk 'as I used to was'--

We enjoyed Greetings from you all. Jack of London, Ont. sent us a beautiful poinsettia, two others were received and two pots of beautiful flowers, one from Marion & Bud, one from Jean & Bob. A neighbor said #It looks like Florida in here".

Bill & Eleanor are building an addition to their home, bedroom & bath, game room and utility room. Bill said they have a small piano at the Hospital-Clinic he calls it; he went over pulled it to 'Grandma's' door and played Xmas carols and Jingle Bells and made her very happy. A new roll for a Dr. I think I told you Jack opened up another store at Watertown-drug store with fountain and lunch bar- located in a new part opposite new collegiate- doing well at start off. Seems too heavy a load to manage-but no such thot from him.

Our city is in a terrible upheavel. Two new councilmen in office-elected by the great labor vote here-heavy foreign vote. It is said they secretly planned to oust our good City Manager if they could get one of the other councilmen to go with them. He did and City Mgr. was kicked out in first hours of their first meeting. WOW - WOW - is the City indignant-organized to have Mgr. reinstatedp but can it be done is the question.

Our weather is cold 24 and lower, but very little snow to date, just a light ground covering. Hope you are not having it very cold and will take the greatest care to dodge colds- they do make one miserable. You will miss Grace and Wally, and they will miss you. changes do come so unexpectedly, but most of them all for the best.

Irene and her friend Reta Hall who was her Pal on Hawaiian trip, went to New York Dec.27, returned Jany.2nd. A great City and they were on the go every minute, spent some time at the U N, most interesting place- at Times' Square at midnight in the wild revelry New Years Eve. Irene 's first visit there . As we had no company this year she was free to go.

Wanted to write sooner to tell you of Paul's visit but did not manage it. This is Ivan's graduating month we understand- success to him.

All join me in wish for Happy New Year to you all and in our love to all.

Julia.