



Christmas 1996

Well, another year has passed and things are about the same here in California. The weather has been very good this fall and winter. Our roses are blooming and everything is green. My computer is on a desk in a corner with windows all around so I can see outside while I spend many hours a day there.

I have a new program for my computer with CD's that have lots of family groups on them I have been going through them and find many dates, places and names to fill in on the families I already have on my computer. It will take me a long time to go through the ones I have and there are more I want to get. One of my lines goes back to William the Conqueror of England.

Cherie's son Frank has been in Okinawa for the last few months. His ship also made a trip to Russia. The Russians all wanted to have their pictures taken with the American marines and sailors. He was just transferred off his ship to a hospital for awhile. He is replacing a woman nurse who is being sent to care for women in Huiat. No man is allowed to touch them,



so they have to have women nurses and doctors. If all goes well he expects to be back in California in March.

Jackie is going to have two more ^{great} grandchildren in the spring. That will give me three ^{great} grandchildren. She left today, 10 Dec for Victorville, about 40 miles from here where she will be an extra in a Jodie Foster film about aliens. Her son Danny and his family have bought a house a few blocks from where we used to lived on Mildred Road in Loves Park, Illinois.

Glenna married Darryl Calvin Martin the 3rd of October. They live next door. Her daughter Sherie is graduating from high school next June at age 16. She has a scholarship already and plans on going to school in Riverside and becoming a B.N. by the time she is 18.

John was out to spend two weeks with me in July. He had to attend some meetings for the company he works for in Maryland. We spent a lot of time at the computer while he was here. He is also interested in genealogy.

I will spend Christmas Eve at Richard's with his family and probably have a large group here on Christmas as usual.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season!

Love to All

Myrtle Traaxler and family

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Dear Lorraine,

It sounds like you had a wonderful year. I'm glad to hear your book is out. Sorry I can't afford one. However, let me know how much the CD will be and the microfiche. I have both, so maybe I can get one or the other. I was thinking about putting mine information on microfiche, but maybe a CD would be better. At the present I'm having a problem with Word Perfect. It will not make an index for some reason. It did before, in 5.1 but now I have 6.0 and it won't work all the time.

I would love to get back to Salt Lake City again and spend some time. Maybe one of these days it will be possible. Also I have a lot of new leads that I need to go back to Pennsylvania and New York for. However, money is short and I'm having a lot of trouble with my legs. Have to use a wheelchair anytime I go some where. Thursday I go back to the doctor and find out if they are going to have to operate on my leg. I have a screw in it just below the new and the xrays show some trouble there. Last month for a couple of weeks I wasn't able to stand on it at all. It is better now, but if I miss a pain pill, get gets worse.

I wish I knew how to use my modem. Maybe I'll figure it out one of these days. When John was here in July he bought me a APT 486 with CD. I've not been getting much new on the Trawler's but have found a lot more on my family. Go back 52 generations. Now just to fill in all the blank spaces. I bought the Social Security Death Index and World Family Tree, Volumes 1 & 2 which have over 6 million names with family links and events. A friend bought me Family Tree Maker on CD and I am looking up things for him also. He is just beginning genealogy research and has Family Tree Maker.

My other computer is still going every day with my grandchildren and daughter using it. It is also set up in my office.

Love
Myrtle