

Dear Griffing Clan,

Fellowship Square, 6945 E. Main St., Mesa AZ 85207

August 15, 1999

Three cheers for camaradery that brought our Robin family, Jr. & Sr., to unite. I set right to work to see if I could do what I promised. The result may not be quite what you expected. I was interested in the addresses that Alma and Nina submitted - I know it wasn't easy! Also Mike's membership is very productive. Wouldn't it be great if we could get at least one youth from each branch to aid the bonding of a "circle letter", even if we have had to give up annual Griffing reunions? Family history and family values are important to every descendant in these days of confused youth and disfunctional families.

What I have striven to do is get the addresses available but get each one in a "Tree" arrangement.. I hope the format is not confusing. I'll send appeals to Nora's branch (they were not included in Robin Sr.'s routing). Art and Bessie may like to see the List. We still need more information.

I didn't always date the divorces, just the births of those I have heard about. Also I hope this format is not too confusing. * indicates that that person is no longer living. I hope marriages are indicated; the capitalized surnames indicate there is offspring.

I discovered that I didn't have updates on Zelma's tree - take a peek, Sandy!.. Mike gave us valuable news from Lois's branch, but we need specifics - did a marriage take place?. Carl's branch was beautifully handled by Nina (not as confusing as my format) - you really went after data - could we have more of the story of your detective work - more about how you keep in contact with Barbara's brood.. I've included e-mail names when they were provided - we could have fun with that kind of contact. There are a few changes in Leo's family news - Alma mentioned expecting a new great-grandchild---I'm expecting one in September! Also several address changes, as well as my own. Then there is Alma's! I found it fascinating to use her information to ferret out identities in the picture she had shared.

I am loading down the Robin again this time but did not include for each a copy of the Griffing Handbook "addenda," but I will send a copy directly to you when more is corrected and if you show interest. Yes, inspect for corrections. The master is in my computer...or you can go to a copy shop..... It will help you understand and be able to look up the names we mention in each of our Robin's rounds.

I hope you of the sixth & seventh generation will volunteer to join ours or start your own. Perhaps Art, Sandy, Nina or Debbie, Pat, Gwen or Doug, and Marshall or whoever might be interested then pass it on to others of the cousins...If we can't have reunions any more, there are other ways to keep up the "Family Bible."

If you haven't heard the details of my "adventure" of old age. I always thought I was unusually healthy but the time comes when one begins to crumble....mine started back in 1991 when I followed a doctor's suggestion to look at a mammogram and consent for a mastectomy. On the operating table, my weakness was discovered to be eletrolite imbalance (insufficient sodium). Ten days later I awakened from a coma and all sorts of other flaws began. July 28, 1998, I repeated this again for two days followed by an

imbalance diagnosed as a chemical depression. Anti-depressants caused a wild ride, which, once started, must continue!

On July 25, 1999, I finally am on a milder anti-depressant, moved to my address above: I can walk without a walker, have experienced some mini-strokes, losing some of my hearing, and other faculties. I was in "assisted living" at Village Oaks but now have my own apartment here at Fellowship Square with kitchen facilities and own washer/dryer, and one or more meals per day in the dining room. Also have transportation to church, movies, and community events, a luxurious pool, card games, beauty parlor, and many other activities.

When I fell and broke my shoulder three years ago, the kids said I had to move near one of them, not be stuck off without family in Arizona. They were surprised when I chose a mobile home near Darryl and Linda in Mesa AZ. They all helped me move to a cute little muted-pink mobile about a mile from them. That was fine until I sprawled into a coma and was told I couldn't keep my car and could not live alone any longer. For several months I was studied in a psychiatric hospital known as "Generations", where they attempt to help the elderly adjust to that stage of life. Somehow, I suffered some mini-strokes affecting my hearing, my balance, and other discomforts that I have somewhat recovered from but am told to continue modern anti-depressants for the rest of my life. We'll see! All my vital signs are fine. I'd always been so proud of my low blood pressure but that doesn't always save one from disorders, it seems.

I spent the first two weeks in July with Gwen's family, Brad's girls and Lois for a week in Kansas. I came back walking! That was when I moved and had to furnish an apartment. Darryl and Linda helped me find bargains and it is very comfy. I take part in activities and meet new friends, all facing similar "adventures." I call it "Grandma's Attic", for I have never given up my family letters and genealogies and identifying old photos that were not labeled. It will take too much time and I will never get around to piecing those memory quilts that I've always bragged that I would do when I stopped traveling. The kids have all been great in remembering me. They nearly all have computers and e-mail sharing.

Darryl and Linda are doing fine and Doug is really going great in purchasing electronic wiring for the new cybernetic age...Gwen and Gene are very busy on the farm. There was a river flood last winter and, although many rains, may have good soy bean and hay crops. Gwen is thrilled in seeing Janelle off to KU, is a nationally known speaker in a San Diego meeting this summer, and very active in the community and church projects. AC is still world traveling organizing big corporation meets in Hawaii, Paris, and wherever. Lois will start a new project stage managing the Broadway musical *Ragtime* on its second tour, beginning in September. After *Miss Saigon* and *Chicago* she needed a rest but toured Spain and took a course in Spanish. Brad has had a traumatic experience in the past two years when his wife Terri, who a year ago was diagnosed with MS, asked for a no-fault divorce. They finally agreed to share the girls - go to Terri's on the nights he works and be with him the rest of the time. They are 12 and 16 years old - important!

Placing my Robin greetings and love on the wings of a guardian angel,

The Arthur Clay & Jennie Price Griffing Clan, August 1999

This update includes the recently submitted addresses by the members in touch by Griffing Round Robin (1975-1999). Many family statistics are missing but this adds some current information helps with recent identities and ADDRESSES. More corrections and additions will be welcomed.

1986 CAVEN - PRICE - GRIFFING FAMILY HANDBOOK (Addenda)

(Fifth through Ninth Generations, 1986 Handbook, p11)

A * before a name indicates that person is no longer living.

5-1 *NORA BELL GRIFFING & m/1*Fred WHITTINGTON & m/2 *Howard Taylor

6-1 Arthur William "Art" & Freida WHITTINGTON, 1617 Smith, Lincoln NE 68502

7-1 Jenny WHITTINGTON & Donald HOLMEN

8-1 Amy Marie HOLMEN WOODALL 7-24-65

9-1 Douglas Bart WOODALL 1-?-89

6-2 Bessie Mae "Bess" WHITTINGTON (adopted) & m/1 Leon John "Jack" BEERS;

m/2 Peter Howe FREEMAN; m/3 Floyd Harold WESTON

644 E 400 North, Springerville UT 84662

7-1 Lynda Kay BEERS & m/1 Erwin Paul YOUNGREEN m/2 Raymond Douglas SEUS

8-1 Clinton Bennett YOUNGREEN 3-31-63

8-2 Sausha SEUS 3-10-77

8-3 Jebediah Jacob SEUS 3-28-80

7-2 Patti Jo BEERS & Richard Dale FLOWER

8-1 Sarah Elizabeth FLOWER 4-13-75

8-2 Jack Weston FLOWER 4-31-77

8-3 William Keyes FLOWER 26-11-80

8-4 Joseph Patrick FLOWER 3-2-84

7-3 John Michael "Jack" & m/1 Jolene BEERS; m/2 Antoinette

8-1 Kasasty Anne BEERS 1-1-71 (Jolene's dau)

8-2 Shylee Marie BEERS 2-4-74

8-3 Brittney Mae BEERS 12-19-75

7-4 Lisa Christine FREEMAN & Bret L. ANDERSON

8-1 Ryan Bret ANDERSON 7-21-81

8-2 Rachael Christine ANDERSON 4-30-83

8-3 Maria Michelle ANDERSON 5-14-85

(Floyd D. WESTON had three sons and two dau from a previous marriage)

August 16, 1991

Fellowship Square, 6945 E. Main St., Mesa AZ 85207

Art & Freida Whittington
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Lincoln NE 68502

Dear Art and Freida,

I'm not sure that you knew that the Arthur and Jennie Griffing brood have been keeping in touch by a "round robin" or "circle letter" for many years but didn't ever ask if you would like to contribute. The 5th generation listed in *The Caven-Price-Griffing Handbook* is crumbling away : Nora, your mother; Ralph Monia in 1988 and Zelma is a rest home, quite disabled but cheery (Sandy writes for her); Carl and Dede are gone but Nina writes good letters; Norman is in a rest home with Alzheimer's and Lois visits him every day and helps; Leo passed away in 1992 and I have recently moved into a retirement village close to Darryl here in Mesa; and Alma is in a condo in Nashville. Last Thanksgiving her 36 family members gathered for a loving celebration.

In thirteen years, the data in the *Handbook* is outdated. It is time to update. Sandy, Nina, Lois, Alma, and myself have been keeping up a "Round Robin" and in the past two years we have been attempting to collect an up-to-date Address List of all the living descendants. You need to be in on the Round Robin, and we need statistics on your family. Family Bibles are not kept accurately any more and we don't have family reunions. I do enjoy hearing from you at Christmas and send you a *Griffing Greeter* so I feel that we are touch. I have had a traumatic year and feel that I should get the addresses updated.

I sincerely enjoyed my last visit with you but did not record your family staistics. I will enclose your mother Nora's page thus far. It should include addresses and phone numbers as well as birthdates and marriage dates.

Eagerly awaiting a reply - with love and prayer,

Ethel Griffing