

Transcript Courtesy of Patricia Ann Babb Lagemann, Omaha, NE

April 23, 1991:

Dear Patsy (Babb Lagamann),

I appreciated your Christmas card and letter. Frank died Nov. 30th and have been trying to get things in order ever since. My mother, your grandfather's sister, married Arthur Carr in Jonesboro, Tenn. When I was 5 we moved to Iowa. Stayed with Aunt Mattie and Uncle Jim until we found a place to live. They had 6 girls, one died in Tennessee and one in Iowa. Now all are gone except me. We grew up with much visiting back and forth from Omaha to Iowa. And enjoyed a long friendship with Mary, Virginia, Jessie, Isabel, Ida, Jimmy and Walt. In fact we were married at Isabel and Alfred's.

I was teaching school in Iowa and every fall was a Tonsillitis victim a lot of the time. When Isabel was visiting us one time she said, "You should come to Omaha and have our doctor take them out in his office. So in 1925, Frank was on vacation and took me up there. We decided to get married the day before the surgery. Isabel and Alfred took us into Iowa (Council Bluffs) on 15th of June we were married. The next day had my tonsils removed - had partial lock jaw for 17 days had to drink through a straw. So that was how we spent our honeymoon! We were at Ida's when her husband drowned in the lake ice skating (wk before). We moved to Idaho in 1929. (We wanted to go west). Virginia, Mary, Ida, Alfred and Isabel all have visited us here. Alfred even came to see us after Isabel passed away. (Little Alfred) came one time and stayed 10 days. I was campaigning for County Treasurer and he went to a lot of meetings with us.

My father lived with us after mother died in 1940. He passed away in 1977 was 97 when he died. Each winter of about 10 years he spent back and forth to Tennessee and was always stopping to visit in Omaha. Jimmy was at Western Union and easier to contact from the train.

Roy was in the second part of the family when a lot of the older ones were married and gone. I didn't get along with Uncle Jim. Aunt Mattie was my favorite. Grandma Babb was an aristocratic lady. I respected her very much. She always visited all of her children and pieced quilts for all she could.

We had a lot of good times in Omaha and they spent a lot of time on the farm with us. My youngest sister Ruth had 2 girls. Patsy in Garden Valley Idaho 62 miles up in hills from Nampa. Mabel 2 yrs younger lives in Seattle, Wa. She works for Boeing and will retiring (May) and moving to Hood River Canal. We never had any children. Just helped with others.

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Frank was 92 and I'm 88 in June. So thankful I can live alone, drive car and belong to some clubs and partake of the responsibilities to enjoy all. Thank you for bringing back a lot of memories growing up. Hope I live to meet you!

God bless you - Edith Huntsman