

FIRST GROBERG FAMILY REUNION, August 3, 1969.

Dad: The first speaker to give a report and to give some instructions and some thoughts for the D. V. and Jennie H. Groberg Family will be Mama and next will be Mary Jane.

MOM: We are each allowed 10 minutes so I'll take 5. Maybe you've noticed the dress I have on; Gloria made it. And if you noticed the one I had on yesterday, Beth made it. And the pretty pink one I wear, Mary Jane made; this beautiful pin came from Dee and Sharon; and I have a most beautiful ring that is being sized from Figi from our Tongan children, so I'm going to be all fixed up and let Barbara fix my hair or choose my wig. We're really thrilled, though I think of all these things that have been given me, I believe the thing that kind of touched me the most was when Lorraine told me that she and Kirby got together and spent some time really going over these ancestor stories and pasting in the little ancestor pictures and really getting acquainted; that really thrilled me, Lorraine. We have the rest of them here, maybe you've noticed that chart, so that you'll have something to really go by. Of course, nothing is more exciting than what is going to happen to Julia and Jean; that's always the biggest thrill of all, so maybe we'll have reports on those at our next family reunion. I have thought that if any of you care to have them, we'll make complete minutes of everything we've done the last three days and include some of these little anecdotes about the ancestors. I think they'd be awfully nice bedtime stories to show the heritage we have and also the tremendous responsibility we have to carry on and to see that our children carry on. Now, if you'd like that, I'll do that. Daddy, I would like to recommend that we talk just a minute about another reunion and maybe put someone in charge. We do not have John Enoch spoiled, so don't anybody get that idea! He's just making sure that everybody knows he's around. Also, in preparing for the reunion, I wish you could have been here and watched what Beth did and what Mary Jane did and what Gloria did and little Jenete Blair and some of the other little children were all busy cooking and planning, so if anyone gets credit, they certainly are the ones.

I have two thoughts that I would like to leave with you to conclude my brief remarks. Gloria and I slipped over to this last Testimony meeting because we missed the first one and I was so grateful because Gloria was the first one on her feet to bear her testimony and it was beautiful. She talked about teaching the Junior Sunday School this morning to sing "Give, said the little stream" and it was really very special. The message I would like to give all of you children in addition to encouraging you to get your Books of Remembrance well under way (I remember that Mary Jane and Julia had beautiful life stories in their Treasures of Truth), but why don't we set a goal, at least I heartily recommend it for our next reunion, to have our life's story brought up to date. For this purpose we have tried to put pictures and other information here that you are very welcome, any of you, to have. Think about it; I think it is a good project.

I have on one of those charts a beautiful letter from my mother. Some of you have never known her, but I'm hoping some of you have read this letter. Just to give a concluding thought here, I would like to read one paragraph from Mother's letter that she wrote to all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and had sealed it up to be opened in fifty years in a building in Provo. The building was torn down a little earlier so we got it earlier. Several of you have had notes from this letter. Just let me read her last paragraph, from this one letter, to all of us. This, I would like to say, will be a much better way of saying what I would like to say. But, before I start, I would like to say that I think we have the very best Daddy and Granddaddy in the whole world. I don't know where you could go to find a man that just loves everybody so much. Why, if you'd seen how many times he would get up at night with John Enoch, for instance, and never says a word, and if anyone calls from the hospital or anywhere else, he never complains. He really is. . . I can't believe he's real. (we're) He is so kind and good and yet he still is a very successful businessman. I'm real proud to be his children and wife and sure appreciate Dad. Now, the last thought from Mother's letter which is to all of us, as if Dad and I were saying it:

". . . As memory takes you back, even as far as the day upon which I write (it is dated 1930, Oct. and she thought it would be opened in 50 years; it is opened a little sooner) think of Father and Mother as soul-mates in a glad eternity, smiling at the climb we have made. We will have a home for you and yours to come and make your joyous visits. We will even be on hand to help you select a choice spot for your own dwelling places. (She is, of course, in heaven) If this sounds earthy, to me it is heavenly, because it invisibly associates with you and yours. Our Father will not permit any great harm to come to any of you, for you are his children as well as ours. Your kingdoms are unquestioned because you started them in the House of the Lord. When this reaches you, no doubt, we will be just full of desire to tell you many things. Your needs will be of great concern to us, and if we have power to help put your petitions over, we will not fail. Present them to the Father morning and night in your families and many times in secret throughout the day. What is wisdom in the Father will be granted you and what is not will be supplanted with peace in your hearts. Dearest children (oh,

pardon me, she's writing this as if it were from herself and her husband. He's still with yous. She figured by 1970 he would probably wouldn't be, he'd be with her.) Dearest children, and grand-children, great-grandchildren, and more: be true to your faith, live the gospel, and remember the Lord never requires anything of you that he does not prepare a means whereby you can accomplish it. The art of glorious living here and throughout all eternity is within your reach. Goodby for a little while. You see, I take it for granted that Papa and I will go where we want you to go. I trust it may be so. Father & Mother, with gratitude for the privilege."

DAD; Well, thank you, Mama. You know, in kind of conformity to the family song that David wrote, while Mama was speaking to me I said (that maybe didn't go into the record) Thank You! Mama mentioned that we should have a committee set up for our next reunion, and in Dee's letter, he said that he didn't know when he would be back, but I think that at the termination of his 3 years would be a good time to have another main reunion. We could have some other annual reunions; we would like to have the cabin at Macks used. Peopel can arrange for it and have their friends and families there. But, what do you think? (George would be on a mission; maybe just before he goes) Well, let's have Mary and John in charge. John can have Mary do the corresponding and getting out the letters, and John could take charge of the arranging and lets have some thought given to it.

MARY JANE: This might be more scary for me because I don't have a husband to be the head of the family. During the last three years, I taught school at Kearns Hgh School and enjoyed the summers. The first summer I worked on my Master's Thesis and the second summer I got my degree in June and then I came home and played with the Idaho Falls Sociables and then went to the BYU Summer school which helped me a lot in teaching the next year and then I think we're to this summer. I went to a Workshop at Weber College and then a photography workshop in Salt Lake, Granite District and then came here. That's just about it. In the Church I was a Speech Director first and then I wrote a bulletin for the Ward to pass out every Sunday morning and now I, with the girl I live with, am a co-editor of the Ward newspaper. One of the nicest things, as far as inspiration during the last three years was reading the letters from John and Jean from Tonga. I really enjoyed that a lot. I gave one little talk in Church a while back on Brigham Young, and I'll just relate one or two things from that.

1. He was really an authority on women, because if anybody was, he was. The kids in the ward didn't realize that he had 26 wives and almost all of them were really happy, except possibly for the 26th, but the others seemed to be quite harmonious. Here is one example of how he realized the responsibilities--~~is~~ of the women because they didn't have so many of the labor saving devices in those days. One time he was talking in Church after the peopel have only been a few days years in the Salt Lake Valley. He said he received word that the handcard company was going to arrive that day and that they have been under a lot of hardships. He said when they get here they are not to be housed separately but to be put in nice, warm homes where they can feel the warmth of you people, your spirits, and your hospitallity and your service, ministering to them. So, I want all of you ladies to go home to prepare room to put somebody in from the Handcard company, and there will be no Church services this afternoon so you can get ready for it. I think he was really a great leader and so concerned with the people. That's all, Thank you.

JULIA AND BOB: (Dad: take your choice of languages and your choices of experiences; you've had quite a few in the past three years)

BOB: We've been in Provo for the past three years. Julies been going to school, teaching; She's taught a Freshman English class for mne year, and last year was teaching at Farrer. She won't be teaching this next year, but she still has activities planned; classes she wants to take and such, but the big thing, of course is our new baby (boy) which should be here sometime about a month from now or so. The kiddies have been involved in school, of course, The Youngest, Our Lisa, now is 8, we baptized her last spring. She is going into 3rd grade, Jeneate into 4th, Bobby into 5th, Del is going into 8th and Margaret into 9th. They're active in sports and school activities. Both Del and Margaret, I think, have had parts in the assemblies this year down at the school, and they jst have a generally good time. They are active in swimming, all of them are on the swim team, collect blue ribbons, red ribbons, and white ribbons, mostly blue ribbons. We've been involved in Linguistic Department business. The Department has been building and has given an opportunity for me to get closer acquainted with some of the family. Joe and Beth have worked with me and Dee has worked with me. Dee and I went to Paraguay in 1967 together and then worked during the following year together. It's sort of been a family affair, this Linguistics Department down here. Peace Corp invovlement has been a family affair too, with Dee and me involved in different things there.

It's for me always a privilege and an honor to be associated with the family. I didn't have any brothers and only 1 sister, and I feel like I'm so involved with brothers and sisters now that they keep me on the straight and narrow, that's for sure. It's a real pride and joy in my life to be a part of the Groberg family.

JULIA: Bob has said, too, on occasions when he's had a little minor disagreement with or things at the "Y" that he's sure that thing that makes him pretty sure they won't kick him out is the fact that he's in-in-law of the Grobergs.

JOE: That's what we say too, is that we're related to you, Bob.

DAD: Yes, I think we've got a real ally there.

DAVID & LORRAINE: Well, since the last time we've been together, I've finally finished my graduate work at the University of Utah and got my Ph.D. in June of 1967 and I was so tired of all of the hassle associated with the dissertation that I didn't bother to even go get it. They had to send it to me. But, I took a job before that at Sonoma State Hospital, northern California, working with the Mentally Retarded and then transferred to Agnew state Hospital to conclude their my return obligation to the State of California because they paid my way through part of my graduate work and I was obligated to work for them. After that time, which was just last year, I started working for the County and phased out of the work for the State completely last September. Now I am planning on going into business with some friends planning on building an Institute called the Institute of Personal Growth. There are 8 of us altogether planning on starting this business-clinic adventure, and I hope that we have more to report on that next time, but it is something that we are really interested in. Lorraine has been very active in home life. We've had four homes during the last three years. The last one we bought; the first home that we've bought, and it is in Saratoga, California. It is sort of a "garden estate"; really a beautiful home on a 1/3 of an acre with large redwood trees and pine trees and about 70 varieties of flowers and shrubs, 14 or 15 fruit trees and a big garden spot. We have a huge bush, a syringa, that is blooming right now. Wish we could all be there just to go out to smell it. It is the most fragrant of all our bushes and its really large. It's The Idaho State flower, growing in our back yard and really doing well. We're very active in remodeling our home. Just before we came and at the time John and Jean returned from Tonga and visited us, which was a really fun thing for us, Lorraine and I laid an old brick linoleum floor that took us, I think, about 40 hours of labor, a lot of it in the wee hours of the morning because we couldn't do it with the kids running around. One of the most frustrating jobs I've undertaken. But, after we had it finished, there was really a lot of satisfaction. It's sort of like Gloria's story of the "Little Prince": when you've contributed to something (like taming it), it was taming that linoleum for us, you love it, and we really like our floor now. The kids have been very active in swimming. We have a swimming pool right close to our back yard and I hope that in a few years they'll be able to have some friendly and fun competition with the Blairs. They are really just learning how to swim at this point and not ready for much competition although Randy came home with a Third, he was third in a race for his age. (It was a race where I think they could walk on the bottoms!) He really can't swim much yet. They take swimming and dancing and singing lessons but Kimberly is taking piano lessons. She played one of her pieces for the family reunion. Lorraine: (David is her teacher). Yes, I've been giving her stars in the John Thompson book. Thompson is the real teacher. Lorraine has taken a jewelry class and we went to a candle shop in Oakland and Lorraine just watched for a half hour or so the candle making process and came home and made some beautiful candles. I don't know if any of you have seen them, but I think they're the prettiest candles I've ever seen. She's also made three rings now in her jewelry class, and I suppose you'll all see jewelry coming out of our place. We have a little barn in the back of our house that we'd like to turn into a craft shop and Lorraine is interested in most of the crafts and very good at it also. She also went to Esolon, which for some of you who don't know about it, is an Institute that has been set up at Big Sir, right on the ocean, on the Central California coast, where people go for a weekend-for-a- of meditation, sense awakening, encounter, all sorts of things. But her particular class was in body awareness. It seems to have added a lot to our family; to let the earth do its part in all your interactions with it: you lie on the earth and let your body lie limp and enjoy the earth pushing back up and supporting you, that type of thing. It helped me go to sleep when we were camping in the Sierras, just thinking about it; some of the words that Lorraine brought back, some of the concepts of relaxing and enjoying kinesthetic interaction with the earth. She could tell you a lot more about it. We certainly have had a beautiful and interesting experience here at the family reunion. It was certainly fun to meet you, Barry and You, Jeanne, for the first time, and the little ones. I guess that is about it. Do you have anything to add?

LORRAINE: Well, I would like to mention about our house. It really isn't all that beautiful right now. When Dee saw it for the first time, I think he was the only one that was really honest. He said, "Wow, its ugly as a bear now!" But there's a lot of potential and we do have a huge piece of land and its really going to take a long time to fix up and the inside of the house is very old and quite 'run down, but we're putting down new wall covering and floor covering and I think we'll be able to make it a real enjoyable home. My experience 'in Esalon, I would just like to say that it was very enjoyable—I haven't talked to anyone about it, but it's a place where people live very naturally. They believe that anything that is natural is the best for the human body. The husbands deliver the children (they will have a Doctor there watching in case of an emergency or something) but the father is expected to deliver the child) and they do family bathing. They have warm springs there and the father and the whole family go down and bath together and they raise all their own food there. Most of the teachers are Ph. D. and people who have just gone there and lived—they make all their own clothing and their seminars are mostly making people more aware of themselves as human beings and what their potential can be. It was really enjoyable. I don't believe that David mentioned that all the kids were in school now and that next year we will have only one child at home, little Gregory, and he's the only one that takes all my time right now anyway, so it will be pretty much the same. The jewelry making has been so much fun, a lot more fun than I thought it would be. When you get a piece of gold and cast it, we do wax molds first and then you cast the gold and then you use all kinds of polishers and machines to just shine it. You hold this little thing that is all rough and you shine it and shine it till its just brilliant and you feel like you've accomplished something that is really beautiful.

You have surely added a lot.

DAD: Thank you very much. Sometime after this we want to get a recording of the original songs that you brought to the reunion.

DICK AND BARBARA: Since the last get-together, Stephanie was born, November 22, 1966 the same ~~day~~ date made famous by the assassination of President Kennedy, three years later.

And since that time she's learned to talk and she swings and she sings and she dances. And she plays quite a lot with the Colonel, John Enoch. Barbara's been taken the hobby of ceramics. She's made several things. Many of received gifts and they will in the future. It has turned out to be a time consuming and quite an expensive hobby, which she seems to enjoy. In fact today she had finished up an owl which is a piggy bank for Stephanie. She's also been working at the office and has been Junior Sunday School Coordinator and a teacher during that time and her husband has been associated with the Groberg company and last year was, some time was spent in school. I took an insurance class to see if I could back it. I kind of decided I had to either get involved or not so I went back to Connecticut for three weeks. It was quite interesting to see how big the people talk back there. A lot of the companies there were bigger than the whole state of Idaho--just a single company, as far as insurance goes. A lot of them were sons of prominent people. Some of them went back to the 1700's when their families had been there and started in insurance right from the word GO. And then I took a first course in M.A.I. which Dad is, which was held in Pocatello--the only time it has been there. I found that rather challenging and fortunately passed it. In the professional work, they caught me off guard and at the Real Estate Board one time. I guess everybody else had been in and there weren't too many new comers so they put me in as Vice President of the Real Estate Board with actually no opposition. And then the next year it turned out that I showed up for a few meetings as Vice President so they elevated it to President the next year and that is what I'm in now. Some of our activities have included parties and various things and several times we've had over 100 people involved, over 125 at Regional meetings in Boise. They sent me back to Washington D. C. and Barbara came along. It seems that if you have any willingness they just keep reelecting you!

DAD: I would just like to comment on Dick's functioning as the President of the I.F. Board of Realtors. I've been connected with it for nearly 40 years and I don't think there has ever been a more popular president than Dick. Tony Naegle, who's a maestro of affairs, watched Dick at the annual meeting and he just came to be afterwards and said: "That Richard is just a natural. You would think he was a professional administrator."

DICK: Barbara and I went back to Washington D. C., the first time that I had been there for quite a while. I don't know about Barbara, I think she had just been to the airport. But it was kind of fun. We went to the necessary meetings but found them so big and so far above our heads really for what we are involved in here that we visited the White House and all of the places. And then another time we made a speech over at Boise, a couple of them on the Real Estate. Church wise, I went to a couple of meetings once and they put me in as President of the organization, which is the State Mission. That is about all it constitutes is just one President, and about three others that also have titles.

but very little force.

DAD: Dick, in his capacity as Stake Mission President and George (kind of an associate) baptized our neighbors two children. They've had quite a lot of success and Dick's 1st Counsellor is the Radiologists at the Hospital and probably one of the most capable young doctors in town. I think probably this position of his is one of the real dominant positions for this Stake Missionary work in this stake and area.

DAD: We'll just mention for Dee, he sends his love. Everyone here is invited to write to Dee and Sharon as they feel they're quite a ways from us and that their wishes and hopes and thoughts are with us here.

(INSERT: DEE'S LETTERS)

JOE AND JEANNE: Well, I'm going to have to at least start because three years back I'm solely accountable for what happened. Since then, both Jeanne and I have graduated from college at B.Y.U. and then we went back to Chicago and I've finished two years of law school at the University of Chicago. The two outstanding events, really, of the last two years: Some of you aren't familiar with the first one, that is, Jeanne's and my courtship and marriage. So I'll recite to you highlights of that. I first met Jeanne after I had had some dates with girls who were maybe good looking but not too smart...I can't remember what it was, but for some reason I found myself studying in the specially carpeted Honors Room for students who are given the privilege of studying there. Normally, I avoided it. But, I went in there once and I noticed there were quite a few cute girls. One day I was studying and in walked the girl who was most beautiful of all. So, I plotted to meet her, eventually I did, dated her for a while, and it seemed like she wasn't very interested in me. So I figured it wasn't going to get very far, at least she didn't seem very interested. So, I started dating other people and just sort of kept her in mind and watched her date all the "swingers" for the next year or so and finally I decided to ask her out again. I think she had dates usually when I would ask her out. But when I got another date with her and dated her for a while, I decided that I definitely wanted to marry her. This was Jeanne, of course. So finally, about three or so months later, I proposed to her, secretly, I don't think I mentioned it to anybody else, and she turned me down. So, I went back to plotting and figured out every possible angle and finally determined on the plan that had to work, it took me right to the brink, but it had to work, and that was not to mention marriage again to her until I had to if I was going to get married, until after school was out. I kept dating her and finally went out to Denver after school was out to visit her and her family. There, I tried again, after three or four months of silence. This time she readily accepted, but said that her parents might not agree. So, we sat out in back, swinging back and forth. I was going to go back the next day. Her mother kept coming out in back, changing the hose, and telling us it was late and didn't we want to come in. Then her father came out and checked a few things and said that it was getting kind of cold, and didn't we want to come in. So finally I decided that if I was going to say anything to them I had better come in because obviously they were telling us that they were going to bed. Finally, she came out and said, "Well, we're going to bed, you can stay up as late as you want. So finally I went in. They really weren't going to bed. They were just kind of straightening things up and just kind of locking the door and checking things, and I just kind of sat there bewildered and finally I said: "Sister Pratt," and both of them went right over and sat down on the sofa, looked up at me and said, "Yes". . . and they accepted. I still don't know if maybe Jeanne wasn't just putting me on about their wondering if it was right or not. In fact, they were very excited about it. Mr. Pratt said, "Well, we know that Jeanne is young and has a lot of things to do, but some things are just more important than others." So, we were married and that was a delightful experience, and then we had our first year and then on February 18th 1969, little Kristin was born and so now we are three. Those are pretty much the outstanding events of our last three years.

DAD: Do you have any rebuttal, Jeanne?

BETH & BARRY: Not having quite as glib a tongue as some others, I've got all mine down on notes. It was approximately 3½ years ago that my Groberg life started. It started as a freshly returned missionary from Germany out hunting for a wife. This was in the spring of 1966. At that time Beth was very socially active as you all know. Singing at firesides, party chairman of the A Cappella Choir. One of her friends from the A Cappella Choir and my roommate lined us up. So, we met on a blind date, going to a M.I.A. Dance, and have lived happily ever after. That was in April, and I remember that she seemed more impressed with the feather flower she had just made than with me. She came bounding out of her apartment and said "Look at this flower:" and she wasn't talking about me. Well, that summer she help send John and Jean to tonga and after they were off she went down to the second session of summer school and worked in the bookstore. Mr. Stratton went to Los Angeles, bought himself a car, and worked on the railroad, trying to get enough money to date the girls for another year. in the Fall of 1966, Beth starred in

the production of Lakme and did the part of Mrs. Benson. She did very well and enjoyed it. I was also going to school and dating Beth whenever I had the chance. I found that if I didn't ask her out, somebody else would, so I asked her out just about every chance that I could. In the spring of 1967 Beth starred in the production of Orpheus. She was Euridice. Also, she, along with Joe, graduated and meanwhile became engaged. I was going to school and also working at the B.Y.U. Press. During the summer of 1967, Mr. Stratton went to Los Angeles to try to get enough money to get married on, and Beth came to Idaho Falls to make preparations for the marriage. Two years ago tomorrow we were married. After our marriage, we went to our Orem home (it was a nice little brick home, with two bedrooms). I worked on a trail up above Salt Lake. Beth had a good experience working at the Cannon Center, wiping off tables. She earned \$50. for one months work. That year she worked as a graduate assistant and also in the Elementary Schools teaching music and I was President of the Oratorio Choir and participated in the concerts there. Also that year I started out on an adventure I sometimes wish wasn't necessary, however, I was accepted for the Army ROTC program at that time. That summer I took my basic course at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Beth had a good baby-sitting experience tending two teen-agers while their parents were off in Europe. Then in the Fall of '68 we moved to Provo in another nice carpeted home. Beth continued working on her elementary certificate and also worked for Bob part time. At Christmas time Beth started in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" I came back from the ROTC camp fortunately or unfortunately at the top of my class, so I was the ROTC head last year at BYU and also worked in the Chemistry Department teaching some help sections and correcting papers. Last semester Beth did her student teaching. She had a very enjoyable time with the first graders and a not so enjoyable time with the fourth graders. I graduated at last with about 180 hours at BYU in Chemistry and then went to summer camp at Ft. Lewis, again ROTC. Beth stayed here, taking some more classes, helping with "the little man", John Enoch. The future for us is very uncertain. In the next five years, we'll have at least two years of Army, perhaps three, and two years of MBA and we don't know the order, the place, or the time. Beth will either be teaching or tending her own children and we think you know which would be our preference. (whichever will come first)

LEWIS: Three years ago I was in the Philippines. I had been there approximately one month and was stationed right in the heart of Manila. I stayed there for my first 7 months and then I moved out to a Providence area outside of Manila and I stayed there for about 3 months. And then I guess they decided that I looked like a pretty humble missionary so they sent me to a new area just freshly opened in Ilo Ilo. I spent 6 weeks there and I guess decided they had had enough of me there so they sent me to another new area called Sebu. It was the second largest city in the Philippines but it had only been opened for 2 months. This was where I had on so fhte highlights of my mission. There was akProtestant minister, Church of God minister, who had been teaching for 22 years in the thrd largest city of Devaw and he moved from Devaw to Sibiu. The missionaries, the very first ones who had come began to teach him. We were about the second or third who had been there. We continued to teach him. He came to all the activities ~~but when he came time to be baptized~~ but didn't have the desire to be baptized, into the Church, just wanted to look it over. My companion and I persisted on him and finally found his trouble areas and were able to bring him into the Church. He's one of the strongest members of the Church in Sibiu, in fact in all of the Basdas. From there I moved out to Manila where my companion and I brought in one complete family and then my last four months I worked in Tarlac branch. I learned a lot about branch work and then I stayed 3 extra weeks to wait for Dad and we then went from the Philippines down to see John and on the way down we hit a few of the high points of Southeast Asia...Singapore and Indonesia. Then we went to Tonga and spent about 8 days there and spent another day in Samoa with John and then we came back to the United States at the end of February. I decided to go to school and about 6 days later I enrolled in the Block plan at Ricks and after that I got a job working on a farm but this job didn't last too long because I broke my wrist, and had a cast for about two months. When I realized I couldn't do anything else, I signed up for summer school. I learned how to write with my left arm (during the first term) and then decided to complete the second term, and that is what I am doing now. Immediate plans are to get the 14 credits I need to graduate from Ricks and then to go to BYU.

GLORIA: Three years ago I was a Junior in High School. That was quite a fun year, although I can't remember anything too special about it, I was in Pep Club and went to the new school, Skyline High, except we didn't have a new building so we went split sessions and that was quite an experience. The two outstanding things about my senior year were two teachers that were really special to me. One was my Seminary teacher Brother Oakley and the other one was Miss Neuber (she just retired this summer so I was very lucky to get her). Then last year I had my first year of college at BYU. I really enjoyed that and had quite a few growing experiences. I had some really choice roommates and then this summer I went to one session at BYU and stayed with Blairs and then I came home, and have been getting ready for the family reunion.

GEORGE: Three years ago was between the 8th and 9th grade of Junior High. I had just finished up my paper route and was employed by the D.V. Groberg Company as the head custodian. In the 9th grade I tried to play football and got to play about 3 or 4 quarters of the whole game and was in the band then and was some officer, president or vice president, I can't remember. In my Sophomore year I ~~decided to~~ try to play football again and go to play a little bit more this time, got to start in about every game in the Sophomore team. We had a losing season, about 2-7 or something like that. Again, I played in band, played the timpani, kettle drums, and worked on the Sophomore Hop. During Homecoming I was chairman of the Sophomore bonfire. One of the interesting things about it was that we got the bonfire all built and we were a lot ahead of the other classes, but the Seniors can't lose so they burned down our bonfire. We only had one day to go and so we had a teepee fire! My Junior year I ~~decided to play football~~ again played football, this time I was on varsity and got to start in the games. This time we had a little better season, we had a 7-3 season and was active in the Junior Prom and things like that. Now I'm working downtown at Hudsons, selling shoes for the summer, which is a little improvement over custodians, although I try to get down to the office once in a while. That is where I am now. My plans are to finish up high school

DICK: He's also President of the Letterman's club

DAD: He was also the Chairman of one of the Youth Committees at the Youth Conference at Ricks. That's where he's been this last couple of days.

That brings us to John and Jean. Our family reunion was geared originally on the theory that they would be home from their three year mission where they presided over the Tongan mission sometime in July and that Dee and Sharon would leave for Japan some time in July ~~that~~ and that this would be an opportunity for us to have the reunion at this time.

JOHN & JEAN: Jean said that we would answer any questions you ask! Starting out three years ago, we had just left for Tonga, so I guess our last three years would be strictly Tonga and the mission. We have had the family changes, we have had John Enoch since then and the rest of them grow up. When school starts Nancy should be in the 6th grade (we're not sure if she'll be in fifth or the sixth because she skipped one grade down there and I don't know how well they'll accept the school system down there. Elizabeth will be in the fourth and Marily will be in the second. Jane and Gayle and "the Colonel" will be at home. I'm not sure which home, whether it will be here or there. I

I think that probably all of you are pretty well up on our activities. We tried to write letters about every week and from what I understand they were well circulated around here so I think you're pretty well up on it. If I start telling any stories you'll be like the Queen's daughter when I used to tell her the "Three Bear's story at night and would get part way through it and she'd say "That's wrong. and I would say "no, it isn't". and she would say "Well, that isn't how you told it last week. She's a big girl now, she's bigger than I am, is only 17 or 18 and is huge....a lot bigger than I am in every direction. We really just thoroughly enjoyed the mission and I think that main things have pretty well been covered in the letters. I don't know what else we could say to fill in. I think that some of the detail of the area and the population might be interesting to you. We ~~have to~~ started out with 11 districts (a district is similar to a stake, in fact some of our districts are bigger than stakes) and we finally talked the brethren into converting one of them into a stake and it is one of the "going" stakes in the Church now, has about 4,000 members, 8 wards, and is really an outstanding stake. We have two or three others that are right in that position too, if we just had the buildings. I shouldn't say "if": when we get the buildings we'll make stakes out of those too. That's the only thing they're waiting for, they have plenty of leadership, plenty of population, plenty of ability, just no buildings.

We learned a lot from the Tongan people. I know that we learned more from them than I think they learned from us. But, I think we could all learn a lot from their value systems. David was talking a lot about communication and so forth. I don't know of any people, in the world that have ~~the~~ a better family organization and a better communication system than they do in Tonga. In Tonga a family is ~~the~~ consider to be anyone up to 17th cousins or something like that. I'm not sure how far. The family is the basis of their society, and it is a pretty broad basis too. They have if you are anywhere related to anyone you're in their family. Of course they always try to be related to the families that have a little more ~~than~~ than the others because they have certain claims. I think we could learn an awful lot from them on that basis. They have family reunions all the time, not really formal reunions but it seems like everytime they get together its a family reunion. I think we really learned from our family and sure wish to ~~exp~~ express our appreciation to our family: Grandpa and Grandma Groberg who have really born the brunt of rearing John Enoch and to Jean's parents, he was with them for 3 or 4 months. We really originally only thought that ~~he~~ would be here just a little while and thought we would have him back in Tonga, but it didn't work out that way.

We hope to get better acquainted with him over the next few years. I think we will. One of the books that the King insisted I read, I think it would be a good one (I don't know if David has read it or not), it is called "On Teaching your Baby" He has the theory that the most formative time is the first few years. (Have you ever read that one David?) The author had his child, ~~age-5,~~ passing the College Calculus exam by the time she was five. They have a lot of good points. There is a lot that really is true about it. So, I am sure that if John Enoch turns out to be anything, we'll have Grandpa and Grandma, Gloria, Beth, George and a few others to thank for it. We hope that he does. He's pretty famous in Tonga. When we knew about when we were coming, the queen had been after me for quite a while to come over and visit, and I finally made an appointment just two or three days before we came home. Then she called me up and said: "Now that you're coming at this time, I want you to come an hour earlier so that we can have a good visit while no one knows about it". The main thing she wanted to know is how John Enoch was - and she made me promise that the first thing I would do when we got home was to take a picture of him and send it to her. We'll have to be sure to do that. It's not just a little interest, they really are sincerely interested. I think that John Enoch is a lot more famous than his parents ever ~~were-over~~ will be in Tonga. The fact that we had the five girls, and while in Tongan society the girls are valuable, they can't carry on a title and Tonga is built on Title.s You have to have a son to carry the title, it is against the law for girls to, that is they aren't considered at all. While we don't have the same system here, in the Tongan minds they really thought this was pretty good, to have 5 girls and then suddenly get a ~~girl~~ They thought we really had it made and that we wouldn't need to have any more kids. I think that they were quite shocked when Jean got pregnant again. Their idea was that the reason we had 5 is because we didn't have a boy yet. He's famous in more ways than one. We think he's pretty special. Someone said that it was really something for you to come all this way, 7 - 8000 miles to finally have a son. In fact, it was one of the leaders of the Church that mentioned it to me at one time and I said: Well, it has been a long journey, but I think it has been a journey more in faith than it has been in miles." I don't know what it takes to have a son, but I think it takes the right attitude. Maybe he'll need his five sisters just to hold him down. The way he runs around. He seemed to have perpetual motion in his legs until he got sick. You've all heard of the stories around his ~~bro's~~ birth and the things that happened and I would just like to say that it is very real and true that there wasn't anyone there of the outsiders who expected him to live. They run a lot of babies through that hospital and there wasn't a single person there, of course at the time they were sort of cheerful, but everyone of them came to me individually afterwards when they saw that he was going to make it and said: "I really didn't think he was going to make it." If you would have seen him the day or two before he came home, you would have wondered to. He was really ~~gone~~...I doubt a child could be closer to "gone" than he was and still make it. I really don't think it would be possible. If you drew a scale somewhere, I don't think you could be any closer to being "out of it" and then make it. We really feel that the faith and prayers of the good Tongan saints who had a mission-wide fast. And they did it spontaneously. I not only knew nothing about it, but because we were so concerned and were with him 24 hours, there wasn't any time for us to do anything. They were just entirely on their own---sent telegrams around, send messages over the radio, not only members of the Church but non-members who were friends of ours, even though they weren't members of the Church, have come to me and said: "You know, when we heard about the problem with your baby, we joined in on the fast, and we had our family prayers". Good Wesleyan prayers, good Catholic prayers....the spirit of the occasion was very real and very genuine. They just sincerely wanted to help. I think Bro. Monson, while he didn't give us one inkling of an idea that he was going to talk about him, he just asked us a lot of questions on Tonga, I think he hit it right on the head. He said: "On the Tongans path to greatness they haven't forgotten ~~since~~ ^{the} love and sincere concern for others". And, its true. They really have a heart full of love and deep faith and sincere concern for others and they were sincerely concerned about John Enoch.

Someone asked me the other day how I WOULD sum up the mission in just a brief sentence or two, what would I say/ is the highlights. I think we probably should have this in the record as a summation of our experiences. I really feel that it is ~~is~~ ^{is} a family mission, especially with John Enoch being here, I feel that all of you were writing and supporting and helping, and we felt your faith and prayers. We really honestly felt that it was a family project. So, we feel that that which we gained is family property, so to speak, and the right and privilege of all of us here. If we could sum it up, it would just be the simple statement that our greatest responsibility is to teach faith to our children, and that you can't do it without having it yourself, or to get faith yourself and to pass it on to your children. With the drugs and all of the people running around trying to figure out how to ~~happiness~~ and how to be in tune with this that and the others; the forces that are at work are so frantic that unless a person has deep rooted faith, they're just going to be off on something that will lead them to something less than a full realization of happiness. And the only way we can do it is to teach deep-seated faith in God as our literal spiritual father and deep-seated faith in Jesus as the perfect example and the Savior of mankind. There just isn't any other way. If you have anything less than that, you'll be swayed.

people that are more aware of the spiritual side of life at the end of 3 years than they were before, are more aware of the fact that there is spiritual guidance to everything, and spiritual power. Well, he said that that was a pretty good answer.

MARY: I heard someone once say that when I was young I believed that a person was a body with a spirit but now that I'm older I believe that a person is a spirit with a body.

JOHN: Well, I just do think that it is real important for all of us to realize this. Another thing that we have learned is the importance of free agency, and the fact that no one can be forced into anything. We had a lot of opportunities, too many, where people were really thinking: "If you'll provide opportunities for education for our children, then we'll come into the Church and will force our children to do this that and the others. We were able to say, Well, that is fine. You just go merrily on your way till you learn the principle of free agency because if you don't understand that then it is not good. You can't force anyone and the beautiful thing about it is that everyone will learn eventually. No matter how long it takes, they'll learn. Of course they'll be sad for the time that has been wasted, but everyone eventually will know, and will learn these truths and the sooner we learn them, the better. I suppose that Jean and I have been tremendously humbled by all that we don't know. I think that the closer you come to the truth and the closer you come to the spiritual values and realize how all-prevailing they are, and how real they are, the more you realize that your whole life should be wrapped up trying with all the energy that you have to just come closer to in tune with the spirit of our Heavenly Father. That's really what it would be summed up in. We talked about parents wanting their children to be obedient. I'll just experiment with George.

George: Do you think your Dad loves you? Do you think he would make any family rules that would be for your harm? Do you think that everything he would do would really be for your advancement? Do you obey everything he says? Why don't you? And yet you realize that everything he has would be for your good. We realize it and yet we don't do it. Now, we'll just take it one step further. Do you think that our Heavenly Father would ever place a rule upon this earth that would ever be for your harm? Do you think that everything he would do would be for your advancement? Do you keep all of his laws? Why not?

Well, if you just think about it for a little while. I would ask the parents in Tonga about their children and get them all excited. Dad: Does it please you if George obeys you? Does it displease you if he doesn't? Why are you happy when he obeys you? The only reason is because you think it would make you happy and that's really the only reason. Why are you sad when he doesn't obey you? Because it would bring unhappiness to him. Now, do you think that our Father in heaven feels very different from you towards you than you do towards your son? If you really love your son and make all these rules and regulations for his benefit don't you think that those regulations that our Father in Heaven makes are for your benefit?

in Tonga I would usually pick out a parent that wasn't paying his tithing. After we would get through I would ask: "Well, now, what do you think about the law of tithing?" After he had really committed himself that it pleased him to have his son obey him and displeased him when he didn't. How do you think your father heaven feels about your not paying tithing? And he would say: Well, hummmmm. It's easy to do this in Tonga. Tongans aren't too embarrassed. You can call people out in the audience and say now, "I noticed you were smoking last night. Have you quit it yet this morning?" They're really understanding.

Well, I think that the kernel of this is really true, that we expect our children to obey us, we're happy when they do obey us and unhappy when they don't obey us. We realize that we've got to teach and that we honestly are happy for them, not for our benefit. Well, we are parents and we as people on this earth never grow out of that one responsibility of being children. We're always children of our father in heaven. Even though we become parents and grand-parents and great-grand-parents. I used to tell the people that when it says in the D&C "Let everyman learn his duty" to act in the office that he has been called. We think well, we're called to be a Bishop or a Stake Mission President, etc. But one of the duties that every man and every woman has and one of the offices and calling that he has and that he'll never get rid of is that of being a child. When the Lord says: Children, be obedient to your parents that is exactly what he means. We not only need to be obedient to our parents, but to Him.

Well, that is plenty on that. I do want everyone to know that it is important and that it is true, and that it is the responsibility of every individual to find that relationship. I will just leave my testimony that it can be found. When the Savior left he disciples he made this statement: He says: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth. And that goal of achieving peace and harmony and knowing that it is the right peace and harmony, knowing that our Father and in Heaven is pleased with what you are doing, that peace can't be achieved any other way. But the great thing about it is that it can be achieved, and a person can have that feeling here and now. I would just like to challenge every member of the family. We talked about goals for the next three years, there is no greater goal in life. I am sure that David from a psychology point of view, Barry from a military point of view, that there is no greater goal than to be at peace with yourself. That peace in the world will be achieved when every

person has peace with himself. It is based upon obedience because our Father in Heaven is the one that gives peace, and he gives it through his Son. He said; My peace I leave with you if you will obey me. Every person in our family can achieve that. If you people knew the things that I knew, seen the things that I've seen, have heard the things that I've heard and have felt the things that I felt and have known what I've known and know, there wouldn't be a single person here that would do anything else than just strive with all their might, mind, strength and power, every faculty about them to be completely, 100% obedient to the teachings of the Lord. It can be achieved. Again, thank you all for all you've done. I would like to welcome Jeanne and Barry and all the rest of the "little shavers" into the family. We couldn't have done this mission without your help. I know that two of the people that we love out a lot are Dick and Barbara. Even though they are unsung on occasions, I know that Dick has carried a tremendous load at the office and Barbara has too. They've carried a tremendous load with our house. We appreciate them collecting the rent every month and getting it all fixed up for us. You don't know what ~~that meant~~ ~~meant to~~ meant to come into a place that is neat, clean. The only thing that I am concerned about is that I don't want to ~~any~~ have any situation develop where Dick would feel that he is any less valuable than he is right now. I'm sure that things will work out that way. So, we do want to leave our blessings and testimony with you.

DAD: We hope that all of you know that these pictures for the Book of Remembrances are available. Please let us know if you take any originals of them so that we can get originals back so that we can keep a master records. Also, please remember the writing up of your personal history, getting a start, anyway, on your own little kingdom. It doesn't seem like any time at all since Jennie and I were talking about getting married and wondering what we were going to do and, like David has said, "Turn around" and here we've got children that have their children, coming home and that will be the way with you in just a little while.. I hope that you have the same joy and challenge and overcome obstacles that will come up and grow under them and even do a better job than we've done.