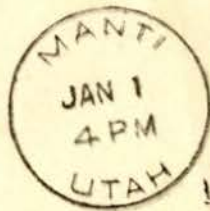


Howard Cox
Manti, Utah.

Mr. & Mrs. William Brooks
St. George, Utah.



Dear Brooks:-

Manti, Utah, Dec. 22nd 1954

Like a welcome wave of warmth from your " Dixie " land your card is our best Xmas gift. Thanks for remembering us.

Like you my thoughts " still linger o'er the past, and moments of delight that were too beautiful to last."

They take me back to the time you, as mail stage driver for Bob Lund, first attracted my attention by your solicitude for the comfort of your passengers, and the unusual, as compared to most "Mormon Skinners", care you gave your teams. also recall your ability to make a tiresome journey a pleasant one as you told amusing anecdotes of your early days such as getting tipsy on Sacrament wine, and writing swear words on a board at side of road so next traveler could read them, and many others.

Have heard that Milt Sammon is still at Ursine (Eagle Valley) where his lovely wife died some months ago, also that Frank Walker & Pete Helms live in Pioche & Magnus Ahlstrom in Caliente where Jennie Wadsworth & Lady Lee have their homes, often wonder if these last two still have the power to make us foolish fellows act still more foolish, any way it was a pleasant privilege to know all those good gals & guys and I'd like to meet them all again, would also like to visit St. George, and the grave of the best man I ever knew, Geo. Brooks^{2nd}, and perhaps try to make amends for some of my unkindness to him.

So much for the "dear dead days that are gone beyond recall" let's turn to today, and to morrow, where bright destinies await us, enclosed clipping show that I can still act foolish without help.

2) You may recall that Mr. Hackett, Chas. Mc Henry and I
"gamb-staked" Geo. Hatton while he prospected down the "Wash."
after two years time and many many gallons, or barrels, of
booze he found an out-crop about 30 miles below Caliente
& located 13 claims, I went there & did assessment work one
year, and went again a year later expecting Hatton to help with
assessment, but too much booze, so I gave up and abandoned the
claims with Hackett's hearty consent.

But have recently been reading a booklet on ore identification
and according to it that out-crop may be a dyke of Berillium ore
and very valuable, as its 50 yrs. since I was there, my memory
may be at fault or the place may be relocated & owned by someone else.
It is, I think about midway between Elgin & Carf stations on R. R.
and 4 or 5 miles south or south-east of Kernan's Ranch, and about
1000 higher than R. R. in bottom of Wash & near top of Mormon Mtn.
Kernan's team & buck-board could haul $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or more from ranch
to claims in about 2 hrs. there may be a better way to get there from
high-way south of Mormon Mtn. so if you want to jeep over there
and look it over you have my very best wishes with no claims
or shingles attached, the several assays we had made, averaged about
\$4.00 gold per ton with traces of Copper.

End of R. R. then was at Uvada & no water except at Kernan's
which he owned so it wasn't workable then but now with R. R.
only 5 mi down hill it might pay even if it is not Berillium.
I often think of it but don't expect to go there again, so its
all yours so far as I'm concerned.

Seems to me you will need a good paying mine to keep four
kids in school. Again best wishes to you, her, and them.

Howard Cox

Manti, Utah, Aug 19-1955

Dear Will:-

Thanks for your letter which came as I expected it to, bringing to me a feeling of security to know that I have a good strong snubbing-post in Dixie.

The funeral was as pleasant as such an occasion could, ^{be} and just as hell would like it.

Maud Mayo was here and asked about you; seems I'll never get to answer all the letters from her many friends

The enclosures need not be returned

Thanks again and best wishes to your family

Howard Cox

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

As members of the Ladies Literary Club of Manti we are here to express our love and admiration for Nellie Cox - lovingly called Nell by all. She was an honored Past President of the Club, a loyal and enthusiastic member for many years.

None knows the day that friends must part and Nell cherished her friends as if each day might be the last she would see them. Once a person was accepted as a friend, their place in her affections was secure. To her, friendships meant giving and she gave freely of herself and her material possessions.

Despite her love and loyalty for the United States, some part of her remained forever British. Perhaps it was her love of English Literature that preserved this spark.

She was no ordinary person but one who stood out in a crowd. Her character, molded by events and people in her life, but mostly by herself and her communion with God, was worthy of admiration.

The Ladies Literary Club extends to Howard and to the Members of her Family their deepest sympathy in the loss of a beloved member.

/S/ Margaret Parry

/S/ Thelma Smith

/S/ Alice S. Woolley

Resolution Committee

Manti, Utah, Dec. 26, 1953

Will & Juanita:-

Your card is my best Xmas gift. Thanks, but neither you or the Trib reporter in St. George, tell much about you, loosen up, and give me the Brooks news. Frank Robertson sent me a copy of his "Chopping Block" column in the Provo Herald of Oct. 16 in which he tells some stories about Hlog Valley. if you have not seen it better get it. Very interesting to me, my copy sent to Wells folks in England, showed to Fred Cox, Denise Wright and Maude Mayo, all of whom were there during that summer, but none of them & myself, have slightest recollection of him. Had two letters from him & answered both but he has not answered my last one written about Nov. 1st. he seems very interesting & I hoped to continue correspondence.

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#2/ Everything here with me is about
as usual, am now fast 80 yrs and
my mental & physical health is as
good, or better, than it was ten years
ago, you will think my spiritual health
is bad as it has not changed since my
last year at D.Y. 1906-07 when Herbert
Redd used to pray for my redemption,
good old Herb, too bad he had to leave
us so soon, Geo. Hurst told me recently
that Herbert's son was married in
Manti Temple last month.

Tom Larsen's son Bill is attending U.
majoring in geology, but says he
can't see into a rock any farther than
before he started, he is a fine boy.

Tom keeps busy cutting stone for the
Manti Temple, seems healthy & happy.

Would like to see you & to hear
any news about Late Leeper Madsenworth
Milt Hamson, Frank Walker or any of the
"49ers."

Hope you all have good health. Howard Cox

Manti, Utah, Dec. 26-1956

Brooks Family all of 'em:-

Of the many greeting cards received by me yours is most unique, appropriate, practical and economical. Thanks for it and for remembering me.

It is not likely that old George Brooks expected his family would be so large so soon, too bad that young George could not stay to enjoy his share of it, and it's probable that old E. W. Perry will stop his "blowing and blasting" in some paradisaic stone quarry, to beam with pride in the fact that his orphan boy has left so much to be proud of, so, do I have pride in the fact that I was permitted or privileged to live and work with several of this family, all because one of Bob Lund's young stage drivers considered it part of his job to be considerate of his horses, and courteous to his passengers. This would more than pay for a few extra sips of sacrament wine, or for his failure to bring home the studs.

Pex Ritter says "Think good thoughts and keep good company." I say keep healthy & be happy thru New Year
Howard Cox

Manti; Wiah, 1/1/38-1 Pm.

Dear "Billy Brooks":- You started this mutual admiration society so, it's my pleasure to balance the account by saying to you, what I've said to many others, you are next to best man I've ever known. George has first place among the many men like him & you, it has been my privilege to know, but with all that influence for good bestowed upon me, my tolerance, sympathy or will to forgive is far less than yours, as shown by fact that I still dislike and try to avoid meeting several men who want to shake hands every time we meet, all the time knowing that I know they have intentionally wronged me or another.

In addition to these few individual dislikes I have a general feeling of aversion & disgust for all who find pleasure in causing pain or death to any harmless defenseless living thing, so - you can see you are far above me in the ability to, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Perhaps my associates and environment have not been such as would foster feelings of friendship for all but in spite of that it has been my good fortune to find and appreciate some of the world's best people, some personally, others thru their records, such as; Bards, Poets, Martyrs, Sages, the noble of all ages whose names crown history's pages and Times great volume make.

Among these last mentioned is Elbert Hubbard and his wife Alice, the enclosed leaflet giving some of his sayings, that are to my mind the essence of Truth over

#2) Another thing that stimulates my animosities is the constant effort of our greedy, predatory + wealthy stockmen to defame + discredit the U.S. Forest Service in its thankless task of trying to protect + preserve our vital watersheds.

Even worse than the ruthless "big hats" are some of our so called leaders, such as Bro. Clark who at recent convention said a reduction in number of cattle allowed to 16 permittees on an overgrazed watershed "would ruin our main industry"! or, - Our political Savior?? Sen. Watkins who proposed a further "study" of the problem for several years, before cut is made, same tactic he used to kill Dawson's humane Slaughter bill. Well - enough of that unpleasant stuff.

Was pleased with your short family history also with the story of Lonely Well which is good + has already been enjoyed by several friends with others waiting for their turn with it. Your Southern women must have a special gift of narrative as Juanita, Maurine Whipple, Hazel Baker Denton, have well demonstrated, good luck + good writing to them all.

Was pleased to hear of Willa-hita again have missed his name for some time. My best wishes to Kay + the hope he will meet many many Buena Hornbries "south of the border down Mexico way"; My two year experience with them in New Mex leads me to think they have more of the "Gospel" --- of Good will than many of the whiter + meaner folks who invade their land. Much to my shame + embarrassment my Xmas income far exceeds the outlay, so far have been able to say thanks fast enough as this tardy reply testifies, among others who contributed to this state of affairs are the "Faces of Caliente", who like you. - - Have me Best. Hope this will be your best year.

Howard Cox