

Jan. 14, 1994

Dear Wesley and Irene,

I can't remember what I've written, if anything, since my Aug. 1992 letter, which was just before we decided to buy our house in Madison, so I decided to do this addendum to my Christmas/New Year letter on the computer as well (so that I will have a record to jog my memory next time). We decided that it was not going to be practical to retire in our country location because of Barb's arthritis, and we found a house we both liked in Madison on a convenient bus line. We officially moved last January, though we didn't get the old house cleared out and sold until last summer. We miss the quiet of the country, though with all the new nearby construction out there it wasn't so quiet any more. Our new house has a good number of tall trees in the back yard, 2 showers, 3 bathrooms and a spare bedroom in the basement now that Robin is living in dorm at the University (in Madison). We hope you will visit us here some time, even though we can't offer you a country place any more.

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We will probably be out your way next summer, on the way to see Barb's parents and cousin in New York state. Mischa visited Washington D.C. last summer with his mom, and I'd like to show him the parliament buildings in Ottawa next summer, and see Evelyn and Eric and Lillian Park as well as you. You may have heard that Clifford died late last year. My brother Douglas and his wife Ruth, now living in Florida, exchanged visits with Clifford and Lillian there last winter, and my sister Betty saw Clifford 2 weeks before he died this fall during one of her trips to Ontario to see a medical specialist. I was sorry to hear of Evelyn's breast cancer in her letter to Warren, which he shared with us at Christmas, and hope it is treated successfully. James is receiving radiation treatment for his colon cancer following surgery in June which was not entirely successful. They will operate again in about 2 months.

Sorry to hear that getting "the hang" of your computer is still going slowly, Wesley, but you know you'll never assimilate everything about it that the manuals have to offer. I just focus on learning what is most likely to be useful to me at any given time, and I'm still learning. In the last couple of months I've been learning about Macintoshes for the first time, and wish Robin was around more to teach me. Warren also called for Robin's help with his Macintosh while we were in Minneapolis 2 weeks ago. (Our neighbor's Mac is the closest one around here.) You should get Jonathon ~~to~~ give you tutorials in the software you use most.

The best to both of you,

Robert