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Dear Esther & Bud,

I'll try and get you straight on your relatives in the Mellegan Canyon area.

Dad's mother had three by Trebble, Kate, Mary & Dudley. Kate married Andy Cowan - he committed suicide - six kids - three older girls died before I knew them. Flonnie married a Vanderhook (Louis) had money. Lewis was a Cornell graduate - surveyor - put the Manhattan property of Dad's in city lots - Lester worked in Wilson's Dept store for years - later ranched north of Belgrade where your Dad fished and hunted - died with cancer. Lewis, Cornell grad - later had Abstract Co in Bozeman. Flonnie & Lou lived in Pasadena. Aunt Kate lived on Mendenhall - had money.

Uncle Dud lived where Rex Martin lives now. They had six kids. Effie Gasteneau, Brackie Watson, Zena Duncan, Bill Tubble and Martin - died 1918 flu epidemic. Effie's daughter Rosemary <sup>later</sup> started Gann's Gates picnics - The Gablis lived near Shoups, Mt.

Brackie & Brover had four kids. Carroll Watson, John Dud, Genevieve & Mary Ellen. Genevieve had 2 boys, Jerry & Nolan. Live north of Three Forks. Mary Ellen Jensen lives in Willow Creek.

Carrol died in his sleep a few years ago.  
(His son, age 51, Martin died just shortly  
after. He had the meat packing plant in  
the Mulligan area.

John Dad's wife, Essie helped Lois May  
after your Mom passed away. Lived in  
Three Forks,

Jerry and Nolan Murphy farm in the  
area. Genevieve was living alone. Jerry  
was married in the State Senate. She left  
him later - he never remarried. Jerry was  
a pall bearer for Violet.

Bill Tribble had 2 adopted children.  
Joyce Janacaro in Whitehall. Larry on the  
family farm near the Murphy's & Watsons.

Mary's Jim Ballard - the third  
Tribble had 9 kids. She died from breast  
cancer when I was 2-3 years old. I remember  
going to the home & seeing her in a casket -  
Dad had a ~~meat~~ market in Central Park  
at that time - The Ballards were never  
as close to Dad as Uncle Dad's or  
Aunt Kate's families. They all lived in  
the Mulligan areas but I never liked  
that group much except older boy Will -  
& his wife Clara.  
(over) (my pen ran out)

Lots of the Bamseys live in Belgrade &  
Laura Ballard's family - There were twin  
girls & Eva's family (can't remember her  
married name) Edith married a Walton -  
I think all of this family are gone.

This election is a farce -

Love,

Auntie

Rex Martin has alzheimers. He was  
in Don's class in Manhattan. Dalores  
saw them at the class reunion. Rex  
didn't know her. I taught Rex in first  
grade. Lela, wife, told Dalores some  
days he's better than others -

Rob is teaching a course in geology at Lewis & Clark as a "student assistant" - This quarter, plus 17 more credits. I hope this year finishes his "preparation" as a teacher. He guided all summer on the Snake & Salmon but smoke must have interfered as it did all over. He and Channing went bird hunting last week end. Channing says Rob's latest girl friend is "cute" - You should have seen the sparkle in his eyes & the smile. He's quite a kid. He informed Susan and I we should ask his mom about her boy friend as "he wasn't telling".

I know Michael enjoys Lucas. Tell him Lucas should be sending me another picture.

You'll enjoy Three Forks -.

Love,

Auntie

Did I send you the "sour Cream Fudge" recipe. Annette wanted it, too.

(over)

## Sour Cream Fudge

3 Cups sugar

2 squares Chocolate

1 C. sour cream

( $\frac{3}{4}$  approx milk - with commercial sour cream)

2 Tbsp butter

Cook to firm soft ball. Add nuts.

The secret of her fudge was after it reaches "firm soft ball" put without any stirring into sink of cold water - or ice water - to completely cool - about 45 min.

When cool beat and drop on ~~to~~ wax paper.

If you ever get real sour cream - no milk should be needed. I never had real cream so I made up the "milk addition" to store bought cream. Dolores makes beautiful fudge