

Fort Smith, Ark.
July 4, 1968

Dear Cora + Bob:

I didnt mean to wait so long to answer your letter + thank you for the family information, its was sweet of you, but it was lot trouble, but thanks so much speaking of spelling the Mc Kenzie name different ways. Mother's name, "Dewett" is the way they spelled it. Pronounced Dew ett. instead De Witt. they didnt use Capital W. I dont know if it was originally spelled De Witt or not. not since I can remember.

And the years Grandmother Dewett's Birth + death was. 1843 - 1909. thats the date thats on Her monument. I copied it down when I was at the cemetery in May.

And Grandmother Mc Kenzie, Died Aug 1913. I can remember that. Grand Father Dewett died July 17, 1913, Grand mother McKenzie in Aug. 1913. + Edd was Borned. Sept 24 1913. I had my 10th Birthday in Oct. which makes me 10 yrs older than Edd. and I

yr older than² Alvin, you have mine
right, 1903. and I have always that
your Dad was 8 yr older than me, &
Jim 12. you have mother's correct, and
she is just 15-yr older than Jim.

anyway we sure thank you for sending this.
your Dad wrote me about the same
as he wrote you, & same date. yes, I am
glad for him, for its wonderful to be happy
I'm sure its bad to be alone.

Alvin & Mike got back to Ft. Smith, June 1.
they was ready to come as soon as school
was out. they both got work at the
Piggly wiggly store's. there is 4 here in
Ft-Smith. & one in Van Burren. I was
so thankful for that, & they are happy
to be back. & Mike is looking forward to
Jayetteville come Sept. He has already
been up there & enrolled.

Edd's folks are all well last letter I
had. His oldest son, Bob, is moving to
Las Vegas, come Sept to teach in the
schools there, he was teaching English in
Eleventh & Twelfth Grades. I dont know
what it will be there, I wondered why

He was making the move, since Her + Her wife's folks are there in Okla City, the better paying job is the reason.

Does Francis still live there, Her + Bob are Cousins, but strangers.

Havent heard from Jim + Myrtle since I was down there in May. They had just heard from Howard, He told them the bad news Her Dr told Him, they pronounced His illness, "Leukemia"

He was still on His job. He's retired from the Army, but is employed in recruiting ~~off~~ office, (Civil Service)

lives in St. Louis, Mo. Grace has moved to Siloam Springs, Ark, that's west of Fayetteville, near the Okla border she said she had much rather live in Ft. Smith, but she was getting a job, she liked much better, that's what she thought then, I hope she is Happy with it.

speaking of Howard, you remember you are few months older than Him, His Birthday is in April.

Today is a Beautiful Day, not to worry.

but we have⁴ all ready had some
Summer weather, we got lot rain
all thro the spring & Cool. but that
stoped suddenly last of may. & Summer
Came, in about 4 weeks we got rain
& its been some cooler. guess you
heard in the news, Ark was hard hit
with Tornadoes in April. the little
Town of Greenwood, was destroyed, 14
were killed. it was build on square
like Ozark, except the Court ~~house~~
was on the south side, instead of
Center, like Ozark. & there was little
Park in the Center. all of the square
was demolished; we pay our taxes
there. as we are in that Dist.
they moved their records, what was
saved. to the Ft Smith Court House
& the one that hit in north east Ark
was much worse, wide spread, so
much more damage, and so many more
killed; hope both of you are well, my
Back trouble is better, but I havent felt
very good this spring. Ray went fishing
this morning, no luck. so he is resting
& sleeping this P.M. Love, Aunt Fann.