

ROBERT
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Dear Robert,

Your activities put me to shame! It seems as if I stay busy only to accomplish a mere fraction of all you do.

I now have another grand child, Mary Rushton Mellen, born November 30th. It was quite exciting being in Birmingham for her birth and keeping Katherine. Mary Rushton is very pretty for a newborn, and we are thrilled over having another little granddaughter.

We have sold this house and are trying to build a new one. Have until April 1st before vacating this one. All we need do now is decide upon the contractor and then "go for broke!" It's expensive to say the least.

Maybe we can attend the reunion in '77. It would be wonderful if we can manage the trip.

In reference to James Jehu Robert, I'm not too sure he ever was a minister. I think

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Mother said two of his brothers were. As for her moving to Cincinnati, Heaven only knows why. However, I think Mother said he and his wife Phoebe are buried in Marietta, Georgia. One of their sons was the Baptist minister there. Mother loved family history and I wish you could have known her.

Sister Bess (Mother's sister) died a year ago at ninety-eight, and Lord Cornwallis' silver knee buckle was handed down to her. I don't know which of her children has it now. By the way, her granddaughter, Julie, married Bill Lattimore of Savannah - Mrs. Ralston Lattimore's grandson. You may know her.

Excuse the rambling but I did want to thank you for the letter. Everything is rather hectic at present. When things settle down, I'll try to do better.

May Christmas and the coming year bring you and yours much happiness.

Gene