

NATHAN A KING, SR
P O BOX 512
TOPPENISH WA 98948



MR & MRS ROBERT L. KING
1014 N.W. WINTER LANE
PORTLAND, OR 97210



November 4, 1987

Dear Pat,

Your most welcome letter came yesterday from Hartford, Conn., date stamped 30 October. Considering the weekend in between mailing and receipt, I am really surprised at the speed.

You spoke of the computer recording of all the data. I heartily occur in the concept. James King of Cottsg Grove is a computer enthusiast and offered to put the data into his computer system. I hope you two can get together on the best way to record the data.

Since Irene's passing I have been muddling along with my personal paperwork as well as a few sporadic attempts to add to the information in the genealogical files.

Since the meeting in Kings Valley last June, I have been trying to systemize my personal affairs and get the records straight. One of the efforts is the finalizing my will which will be the vehicle through which I can guarantee the perpetuity of the records and the work I have put over the past forty years or so on the records of the clan. I have not had a chance to notify the people, except for daughter, Kathryn King Hood(Seattle) of what my intentions are. My attorney has come up with a device for the care and security of the records I have on hand. (I have made a few copies by photostatting the rough draft, one copy of which I sending along to you). Loss of documents by neglect or deliberate censoring by the custodians has made our work in assembling and coordinating the information to date a very difficult task. Now that I have developed a technique retracing the information I have run out of energy and time. I hope to make the scene at Kings Valley next June so I can convey the philosophy and nitty-gritty of my tracing and locating information as well as my hypotheses in the claim that my search has gone back in the search of the King name origin for a period of 3000 years. The key is the Celtic origin of the family and the unique name. Several branches of the "married-ins" are also of Celtic Origin.

Sorry for the digression, and now to the subject of the will. What you receive is a rough draft that is to go back to the attorney, but it will serve as an written example of what I am attempting to do, as well as serve clue to, the perpetuity of care and preservation of the records.

Fire at the Solomon King home in Corvallis out on King's Road was a major disaster for the family records in the turn of the century. Portraits, photos, documents, (government and personal) all were destroyed. That is why the care and preservations of what I have is covered by this will and the suggestion that you ^{can} store the information on the computer tapes. ^Must get this to the mail. Sincerely

Hartford, Conn.
Oct. 30, 1987

Dear Nathan,

I've been thinking of you a lot during the last couple of weeks, so will just send you a note here and now.

By an unexpected stroke of good fortune, I came to New England (Stamford, CT.) on a business trip. I work for the City of Newport, OR, as you may know - and I was named to a small government's task force for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. They held a meeting in Stamford & paid expenses - so while I was here I took some vacation time and have been busy, busy - spending whole days in the wonderful libraries that seem to be all over New England! I won't have nearly enough time to do all that I would like to do, but then I suppose that is true of many vacations.

I went to New Lebanon, NY, New Salem, MASS. and of course Salem - all the places where so many of our ancestors were. Concepts of time (3 1/2 centuries) and distance (short) in these tiny States are very different from what we are used to! I have tried to soak up so much information, sights seen, etc. That just now I feel rather overwhelmed by it all. Also have a notebook full of family information on various lines.

I had hoped to be able to go to the eastern end of Long Island where other branches of The King family settled, but time won't permit - wish I had another week!

Haven't done much regular sightseeing of the famous historical places. I've been spending nearly all the time on family-related things.

It was nice to be at Kings Valley again in June -
I always enjoy that gathering.

I correspond regularly with David Trask
& with Carole Putman. It's great to have others
who share the same interests!

I have about 850 names entered in my
computer now. It takes a very long time to enter
the information, but once it's done it won't need
to be redone. I've been trying to convince David
that he needs to put his records into a computer
also. Wish they'd been available years ago!
I'm willing to share my computerized information
with others who may decide to use the same
program - and as I suggested to David, perhaps
there should be one computer somewhere that
could serve as a large database of information
on all our family lines? Something to think
about, at any rate.

I hope this finds you feeling well - take good
care of yourself!

Sincerely,
Pat Beards

the estate in satisfaction of any partition or distribution hereunder, in kind, in money, or both; whether or not any such acts are necessary for the administration of my estate.

ARTICLE III

Specific Bequests

A. I give One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Mist Helping Circle, 68185 Nehalem Highway North, Vernonia, Oregon, 97064, Attention: Mrs. Myrtle Matthews, to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Mist, Oregon cemetery.

B. I give to my daughter, KATHRYN IRENE KING HOOD, to my 3rd Cousin cousin, ROBERT KING, 1014 N.W. WINTER LANE (97210) (503) 720-10070 Portland, Oregon, to my 3rd Cousin cousin, DAVID TRASK, M.D., 340 S.E. 31ST AVE 97214, Portland, Oregon, and to my 3rd Cousin cousin, JAMES KING, 118 NORTH EAST, Cottage Grove, Oregon, 97424 as joint tenants with right of survivorship, all of my documents, papers, photographs (including my great, great grandmother's photograph), and records pertaining to the history and genealogy of the King family. This bequest is made with the express desire that these documents, papers, photographs, and records will be preserved and protected in a safe location and made available for study and use by King family descendants, as well as by recognized scholars, historians, and genealogists. Further, this bequest is made on the following conditions:

1. No actions will be taken that may affect the disposition, protection, ownership, or use of these documents, papers, photographs, and records unless said actions have been approved by a majority vote of the then-surviving joint tenants previously identified in this paragraph; and
2. No joint tenant may sell, convey, transfer, or encumber his interest in the documents, papers, photographs, and records without first having given at least thirty (30) days written notice of his intentions to each of the surviving joint tenants, said written notice to inform each joint tenant of a

thirty (30) day period during which any joint tenant may purchase the offering joint tenant's interest at the same price and under the same terms and conditions of the proposed sale.