

Dear John and Barbara-

We are now into our fourth year at Longhorn Village and very happy with our new home.

We held a full house birthday party for our oldest couple John and Charlotte Henderson (age 100 Christmas Eve and Charlotte is 98) Charlotte Curtis was born in IA. Our Hoyts relate with the Curtis lines. John is the oldest living UT football player (back in the leather helmet era). A year or so ago, Coach Brown visited LV and presented John with a new helmet and other sports items (John commented his was leather).

The enclosed Christmas card photo: Longhorn Village Christmas dinner party at Steiner Ranch Steak House in the Steiner Ranch subdivision near Lake Travis pre-movein here.

Steiner Ranch was famous for raising winning rodeo bulls and sons were often winning riders. Theda attended grade school with a Steiner son.

Theda (in photo) had pneumonia before moving here. The nurse at that time put her on a diet that restored her health.

My parents and sisters cemetery markers enclosed are in Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City, SD. Sister Helen was Head Librarian of the RC Carnegie Library (now a police center). She was in office when the new Library was built nearby. Helen was with the Library following college at Valley City, ND. The Head Librarian encouraged her to earn her Masters Degree in Library Science in Denver. Helen then became Head Librarian.

Our father had a machine and repair shop in Linton, ND through 1941. Following Pearl Harbor, he secured a position manufacturing parts for the War in 1942 at Johnson Machine Shop in Rapid City.

Sister Muriel (first child) attended Valley City and later acquired an Education Degree in Spearfish, SD. She taught children at the Rapid City Air Force Base (B-17's). Muriel was also active marketing Ladies Wear in RC prior to teaching. When retired from teaching she returned to marketing