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August 3, 1994

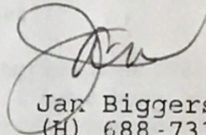
Dear Melinda,

Hope plans are going well for the reunion. Linda Sheppard Leslie and I are planning to attend. She called Renay Little to see if she would like to ride with us. Hopefully Renay will come too.

Enclosed is my \$ for the dinner Saturday nite. Make mine chicken, please. Linda and I have not done our room reservations yet, but I understand a newsletter is on the way with the reservation form in it. If there is anything you need help with that I can do, just let me know.

I don't know how much info folks gave you--but here is mine... Married to Windell Keith and have a 15 year old daughter Jennie. I have worked for the Social Security Administration for 21 years (even I can't believe this. I was going to work for them one year or until I got a better offer. I'm still looking for that better offer!). I am an EEO Specialist in the regional office. We have a bed and breakfast (the King-Keith House) in an 1890 Queen Anne Victorian house two miles from downtown Atlanta, two blocks from a MARTA (subway) station. Alumni can ask for a YHC discount.

Well better sign off and get some work done. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Take care. You're doing a real good job on this!



Jan Biggers Keith
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July 1, 1994

Dear Melinda,

First, thank you so very much for the very interesting letter; it's a delightful 'what's changed and what's the same' letter, very newsy and fun. I've observed a few of the things you wrote about, but your letter catches me up on the latest and in more detail than a brief spin around campus. Also -- add my humble name to the list of those thanking you for serving as class coordinator! That's very good of you! I remember you as being very sharp years ago and obviously you still are!

I shall look forward to the newsletter you mentioned and will contribute in any way I can. Maybe I'm not different from the rest but I feel as though others would know how to track down classmates better than I because I'm totally out of the South anymore. In the meantime, I've enclosed a little info on myself and will look forward to reading about others.

Wish I could help with two old buddies, but I've lost touch as well. I'd also like to know their addresses. Ronald D. Dundore was from Commerce, GA, but now? Ronald Russell was in Atlanta the last I heard from him (I know that helps a great deal, ha) but now? His parents used to be in Blue Ridge, GA. Ain't I a big help?

Please forgive the back space corrections in this. I use computers at work, but I'm shy about printing stuff out with others sharing the same printers if it's personal. So I'm typing this in an abandoned office down the hall in which sits an antique--an IBM electronic typewriter!!!

Sorry I can't attend homecoming/reunion this year, particularly since it is our 25th, but just can't this time. I have been back a few times through the years and plan to certainly return again from time to time, but can't this time. I am truly sorry, though, it's such a special year.

In the future, I will plan to honor our class in giving to YHC. For now, I seriously plan to give to YHC quite soon (my sister Lucy, class of '71, and I) to honor our mother (class of '31) who died recently. That's no idle promise; we'll be doing that before too long. But I will remember our class in the future.

Melinda, remember me to the class members who show up if there is an occasion to - reading of letters, at least names checking in, or whatever.

Again, thank you so much for the letter, for coordinating everything and for being of such service to our class and good old YHC. I for one will plan on staying in touch. See you one of these years (next summer or two?)

My best- sincerely-

Jim Gordon

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°Graduated YHC - class of 1969

°Graduated Univ. of Georgia - Journalism School - 1971

Worked in Athens, GA, for a couple of years, then traveled extensively for several months

Moved to Pittsburgh, PA, following a year of working in Savannah, GA, as reporter for Savannah Morning News - Evening Press - in Pittsburgh area since 1974

Worked as reporter then copy editor at New Pittsburgh Courier newspaper

Was public relations coordinator with Ketchum Inc., fund-raising consultants

Was writer and account executive with small ad agency in Pittsburgh

Was reporter with Irwin, PA, Standard-Observer newspaper

Was technical editor with Coopers & Lybrand accounting firm

Am now technical editor with Price Waterhouse accounting firm in Pittsburgh

Member, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

Married to Elizabeth (Stask) Goodwin for 10 years; Liz is in marketing with a successful, growing scientific lab company

Two stepchildren - Jill will be a senior this fall at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
Jason will be a freshman this fall at Kent State Univ., Kent, Ohio

Dear Friends,

We wanted to leave you a note to say "hi" and let you know what is happening with us.

Till and I live in Ontario about 30 miles outside of Toronto in a small farming community of Mifflin. Till is home with the four children (Faith, 15; Noah, 12; Nathan, 4; & Eli, 1), home schools the oldest and is the principal of "White Pine Alternative School" - a school for home schooling families; it's difficult to explain.

I am a counsellor and work with the Ministry of Education. My clients are deaf students at one of the provincial schools for the deaf. I also have a private practice. For extra curricular "fun" I write and direct plays for deaf teenagers and our church!

We love Canada and
have lived in Vancouver, B.C.
for six years before moving
to Ontario. Jill was the
director of a school there while
I taught the deaf. Beautiful
place!

If any of you decide to
travel North, please stop
and stay for a while. We're
about 80 miles from Niagara
Falls, 60 miles from Amish
country and in the heart of the
twice World Champion Toronto
Blue Jays. Yeah!

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Please,
David, Jill, Faith, Noah, Nathan
& Eli. Hicks

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Blue Ridge, GA 30513

July 11, 1994

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Emily Smith

August 1, 1994

Dear Melinda,

Thank you for the notification of our class reunion this summer.

My husband and I will be in Texas househunting that weekend. I would very much like to attend and see and visit with our classmates.

In case you have other photos from classmates who cannot attend, I'm enclosing a recent snapshot.

I hope you have been well during these years. I have married, had three more sons, divorced & remarried - 0 y.o.s. I have two grand children! My "baby" is a freshman at 'BAMA. So, life has been

(over)



very good!

After 8 years in New Jersey, we are
finally heading back South.

Thank you for all your time
and efforts to organize our reunion -
I'm sorry to be among the no shows.
Have a great time!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Shirey

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Dear Melinda,

I wanted to drop you a note to fill you in on things since YHC. I received my undergraduate degree in elementary education. After teaching three years in Polk County, TN, I stayed home for several years to raise my three children. When I returned to the education field, I began teaching in Fannin County, GA in middle grades. I received my Masters and my Specialist degrees in middle grades education. I've completed my 17th. year as a teacher and Lynda and I are trying to decide if it's worth the sacrifice of our time with our families to work on our doctorate degrees.

I have been married to Eddie since 1970. He works with Anheuser Busch in Cartersville, although we still live in Fannin County---that makes a long drive, but we wanted to raise our children in a rural setting and this has been home 21 years now.

My older daughter, Tara Leanne, 22, has a degree in music education and lives in Bessemercity, NC, working for an advertising agency in Gastonia. She sings (wonderfully) Southern gospel music all over the tri-state area for benefits, youth rallies, churches, etc. Manda Carol, just turned 20, will graduate from North Ga. College this spring with a degree in English and teaching certification. Both girls were very active church youth group participants with

major roles in church musicals, as Acteens, and church pianists at different times. They also did some modeling and danced for years, besides being very successful in beauty pageants when time permitted.

Our only son, Nathan Edwin, 16, will be a high school junior in the fall. He and his father play guitar, keyboard, and sing with a country band---mostly for fun, but also for benefits, bank openings, and various celebrations. They recently performed on the square in Marietta. Nathan is also heavily involved in our church, First Baptist in McCaysville. He sings in the ensemble, plays as an instrumentalist for youth activities, is on the clown team, and he and I are about to go on a mission trip to New Orleans On the 15th. He went last year and was really excited about what the youth accomplished. Eddie and Nathan also are enthusiastic participants in Civil War reenactments. They were part of the troops in the May TV movie "The Last Confederate Widow...", among other excitements. They are also building Nathan a race car they hope to have ready before the end of the season---dirt track, hobby class (if that makes more

oes to me). So, my life has been very filling. I hope all of you have been less you in the years to come.

Best of Wishes,
Cheryl Long Parris



Jan 14, 1994



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Aug. 12, 1994



Dear Melinda,

Please forgive me for not responding earlier. I am not sure why I couldn't make time to sit down to write.

Twenty-five years sure has gone past fast. Henry and I were married 25 years ago after a whirl-wind romance. I don't know whether you remember him or not. He was at graduation. His grandfather (Herbert Jenkins) was a Trustee at YHC and his mother was an alumna, so I was welcomed into the family. We moved to Marietta after marrying Aug. 2, 1969, and Henry joined the Marietta Police Dept. We had 2 children - Alicia in 1971 and Andy in 1973. I went to work in 1977 for Cobb County Christian School as a teacher. I went through an emotional, marital, and spiritual crisis in

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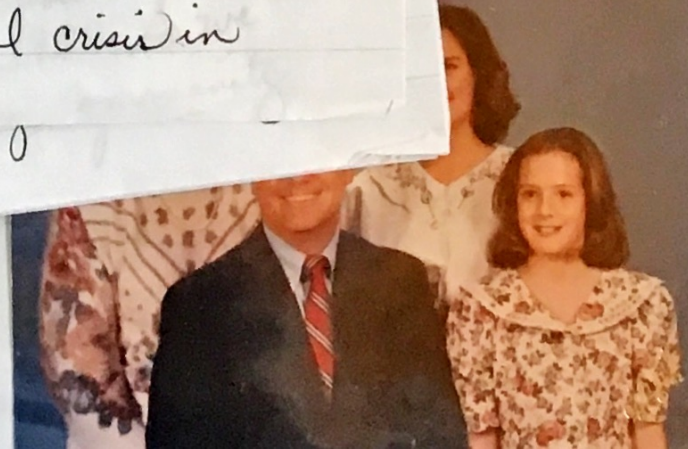
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1972. I accepted the Lord Jesus as my savior and friend at that time and have found Him to be always faithful to His word. We now belong to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Marietta where I keep the Infant Sunday School, sing in the choir, serve as treasurer for the Alliance Women, etc.

The kids are grown. Alicia married in 1991 (Sept) and Andy is engaged to marry this November. Alicia and her husband Richie built a house on the land next to us. Penny's Mother + Daddy bought 11-acres on Fords Road off of Mars Hill Rd in NW Cobb County and built our house ~~and~~ next door to their house in 1980. So we have a little family community

in the woods.

Henry has worked for Cobb County Police for over 20 years. He's a Lieutenant assigned to the N. Central GA Law Enforcement Academy in Marietta. His hobby is really his love though. He has a great Civil War collection, including books, personal letters and diaries, CW money, guns, etc. He has worked with the Cobb Heritage Council and Kennesaw House Museum Committee. He also has a book ready to go to the publisher entitled The Journal of a Landlady. It's the history of the Fletcher family who owned what is now known as the Kennesaw House and Mrs. Louisa Fletcher's diary.

I always was long-winded

and that hasn't changed!

My greatest delight is my 10-month-old grand daughter, Lauren Pearl Henderson. I see her everyday and during the summer break from school, I keep her while Alicia works (at the county Courthouse). There is nothing like a grandchild! She is absolutely precious. I do love her. I'll enclose a picture.

Andy works for Kennesaw State College as a Police dispatcher. I guess he'll follow his dad's footsteps.

I've enjoyed my teaching career. I've taught every grade from second through twelfth and every subject you can imagine, although I love lit most. I'm very dedicated to

The philosophy of Christian Education.

There have been a few changes in me in the last 25 years - especially physically. I've just about doubled my weight so I'm not sure anyone would recognize me. And my blonde hair is much darker and shorter. But I still love learning and people.

The highlight of my travels was a trip to England and Scotland last summer with my sister, brother-in-law, and nephews, and my mother. It was absolutely fantastic. But that's another letter.

I don't think I'll be able to attend next week-end, but I'll be jealous of all those who can.

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Please remember me to everyone.
I'd love to know all about
everyone. If you send out
a "report" please include me.
My love and thanks,

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P.S. You look GREAT!

August 16, 1994

Dear YHC Class of '69 Classmates:

My how time flies when you're having fun! It's a real challenge to think that I can condense 25 years of life into this brief letter.

Let one begin by saying life has been good to me by blessing me with my husband Jim (high school sweetheart) and two beautiful daughters, Katie (16) and Lindsey (12). We live about 30 miles north of Augusta, Georgia on 45 acres of rural beauty including a large pond, vegetable garden, rose garden and wild flowers. We are passionate about growing things.

Jim is an attorney whose current challenge is representing Richmond County. I work part-time as a dementia consultant at a life care community, Brandon Wilde. I also manage a lodge known as Wallden Pond also on our property. It is used mainly on weekends as a day retreat center. Our family utilizes it the Saturday before Easter each year by hosting a traditional Easter Egg Hunt. About 500 family and friends attended this year's annual hunt. Next year will be our 13th year. So if you are in the area for the Master's Golf Tournament the Saturday before Easter, stop by.

We are a traveling family, having visited 38 of the 50 United States (12 more to go!). Our trip this summer was to see the beauty of Alaska. We traveled to Spain in 1992 to the Barcelona Olympics and visited two of our three foreign exchange students.

We're having fun reliving our teen years over as we joy in our girls' various accomplishments. Both inherited Jim's intellect (thank goodness) and are good students. In addition, Katie is a talented singer and has been chosen to tour England and Scotland next summer with the Southern Baptist Youth Choir. Lindsey enjoys dancing, softball and has traveled the state in the gifted program. Both are active in the youth program at our Church.

We don't visit YHC very often as our weekend travels seem to take us in different directions. I often think of various classmates and wonder how they are. I want to thank Melinda for her efforts at organizing us after all these years. YHC was a special place with special friends and faculty. Hello to all who read this letter from Nancy Neal.

I am enclosing photos of Dan and
of how old and fat we look! 😊 and
going in soon for a family portra

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DAN WEST

INTERIOR DESIGN, INC.



August 3, 1994

Hi fellow classmates of '69 and '70!

Well, it doesn't look as though we're going to make the 25th class reunion this year! 😞 We'd already planned three other trips this summer by the time we received the reunion letter! Two trips have been made and one to go over Labor Day (family reunion in N. Carolina). Now we have to spend time at our business catching up on work!!

Dan and I have been running our own small interior design studio for the last eight years. Prior to that Dan worked for years for various home furnishings firms in the Akron/Canton area as an interior designer and established himself as one of the top designers in this area. (Please excuse me while I brag on him a bit 😊!). I stayed home to raise our two children for the first 15 years of our marriage and then worked a couple of years at a local business school as an admissions representative. I joined Dan in the business in 1986. I guess we've defied the odds in that we're working together and haven't killed each other yet. Ha!

Our son Damon is 23 years old and is living in Columbus, Ohio (2 hours from Canton, where we've lived for 22 years now). He works at the Marriott Hotel and attends Ohio State University. Our daughter Deidra is 18 now and working part time with us in the business until she begins at Malone College, a christian liberal arts college here in Canton. We have been blessed with two good, sweet children (photo enclosed) who've grown into fine decent young adults. We are proud of them and thank God for them. Our only baby left is our 5 year old, 10 lb. Blue Point Himalayan cat, Clouseau, who is spoiled rotten.

We stay very busy. We have found that the only thing more over rated than natural childbirth is owning your own business!! 😊 😊! We've tried to stay active in our church and have an abbreviated social life.

To compound things I came down very ill last fall with what the doctors have called Epstein Barr virus, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, and a number of other names. In other words, they don't know what it is either! It's been a long hard battle to regain my health but I am happy to report that I feel better now than I have in 10 months!

I am enclosing photos of Dan and I (glad we can't hear the comments of how old and fat we look! 😊) and our dear children. We are all going in soon for a family portrait which is long over due.



I do wish we could be with you all for the reunion and reminisce over those grand ol' days at YHC! I hope the reunion is a great success and you all have a great time together. Lord willing, we'll plan on the 30th. My gosh, we'll be nearly 50 years old!!
☹️ Arrgh!

Our fondest regards,

Dan & Dianne

Dan and Dianne West



*DIANNE & DAN WEST
SUMMER '87*



*THANKSGIVING 93 AT
HOME W. KIDS*



July 23, 1994

Ms. Melinda Anglin Gilstrap
1261 Laurel Summit Drive
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Dear Melinda:

It was great to receive your letter regarding the upcoming 25th year reunion for the Class of 1969 at YHC. I am hoping to make it to the reunion on Saturday the 21st but will not be able to be there for the get together Friday night. I appreciate your willingness to take on the role of organizer for our class get together. It seems that our class has not been very active in many ways since our graduation.

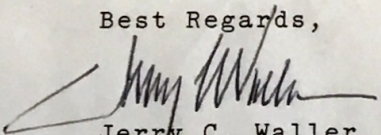
I do not know the where abouts of any of the folks shown as "Lost Members". I wish I could help. I used to be very close with several of those folks but have lost touch with the passage of time.

Just some quick history on me. I currently live in Columbia, South Carolina with my wife of 20 years, Sharon, and our three children. My oldest son Parrish is just before being married and is working in photography. My middle child, Chad is a rising Senior at Irmo High School and hopes to make a career in music. My daughter Lori just turned 15 and is driving my car every chance she gets. She is quiet intelligent and will probably take care of Sharon and I in our old age. At least I hope she will. I have been with Southern Bell and now AT&T for 22 years, having joined them immediately after graduating from Georgia State University in 1972. I am currently the Branch Manager for AT&T's Global Business Communications Systems Division in South Carolina. Bill Brent is working in Columbia as well but I haven't taken the time to look him up. Your letter has inspired me to give him a call and I will.

I just recently made a modest financial contribution to Young Harris. I got tired of only seeing James Jenkins carry the mantle for the class of 1969. I will try to give at least once a year from now on.

Again, I appreciate your efforts in organizing our class for this reunion. Good Luck and let me know if I can assist in anyway.

Best Regards,



Jerry C. Waller
Class of 1969

Dear Melinda,

July 10th

Was reading the news letter and very surprised to read about Poppy. Wonderful gifted girl, I remember her so well.

So I decided to update you on our family. Greg Robison, Sr. is in Chillicothe Ohio. We have been apart since '82. She remarried and have three sons, John Robison, Greg Robison Jr. and Haley Aycock. John just got married, Greg played basket ball for V. M.I. last year and Haley who is 5 was ring bearer for his big brother John. My husband Bill lived in Campbell River, B.C. when we got married so I moved to Canada, but we lived in Calgary and Edmonton Alberta. We are moving now to Colorado Springs, Colo. as soon as I get everything packed up.

I taught Art in Anderson, S.C. for 14 years and 2 years in Greenwood, S.C. I was busy at the Edmonton Art museum as a docent were I learned a lot about Onus Art and Canadian Art. I'm now a stay at home mom, but once Haley goes to school I'll do something with Art and teaching.

My son John graduated from Clemson and is working on a 2nd degree in Engineering. Gregory who is 6'11" is looking for another college, he didn't like V. M.I. and I'm learning how to be a new mother-in-law. I had hoped we would get to NY NC while here in Greenville, S.C. but we've not made it and this Aug. we'll be moved or moving so I doubt we'll be there this year. In the 3 1/2 years we've been here, we lost both my parents, Bill Dad passed away, 2 Uncles and 1 Aunt all who had cancer, so we were busy going to see them or caring for them. It's been a hard but this year was better till I broke my neck in a car wreck last Aug. I'm fine, a little slow to turn to the left yet, but I'm almost over it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Aycock

Bill broke 5 ribs, so we were out of driving
abilities then for a while. I didn't drive
till March. Don't break your neck! It's not
fun, and I was very lucky. I thank God
everyday I'm still here, and I can walk.

That's it! We've not done a lot lately.
Went to the Hasty Pudding House Bed & Breakfast
in Anacostas, ~~Wash~~ while we were in Seattle visiting
Bill's Aunt. Great place to stay! And we were
in San Antonio the year before, Bill's Mom
lives in Marble Falls, TX so I was surprised
to read about Carma Hardy being there. I'll have
to see if I can find her the next time we go to
TX.

Enjoyed your letter. Keep it up.

Truly
DONNA Willis Aycock