

## (a) WILLIAM NEWTON MCNEW

William Newton MCNEW, the first child of Moses and Clarissa MCNEW, was born 23 October 1845 in West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky.

Before he was two, his family moved to Virginia, where they spent the next five years in his paternal grandmother's home (Elizabeth CAWOOD MCNEW). He was seven when the family again moved to Kentucky in the spring of 1853. They settled in Booneville, Owsley County, and it was there that he received his schooling.

Life changed dramatically for William after his father's death in 1860 left him, at the age of 14, as the eldest male in a large family. He worked on the family farm during spring and summer, and continued his schooling in the fall and winter. He tried to enlist in the Kentucky cavalry (Union) when he was 16, but was prevented from doing so by his mother. His first teaching certificate, a hand-written note, is dated 24 September 1863, when he was 17. His 1870 certificate is more official-looking, being on a printed form. (See 4 - 9)

In 1873, now 27 years old, he helped his mother and younger siblings with the move to Nebraska, where he also took up a homestead. Again, education and farming divided his time, as he taught school during the months when the farm required less of his time. After losing one too many battles with grasshoppers for his crops, he moved to California in September of 1876 and stayed there for several years, driving a team and working in a San Francisco hotel.<sup>1</sup> After returning to Nebraska, he again helped the McNew clan pull up stakes and move on to new land in the Territory of Washington.

He bought railroad land with his mother in Larene, north of the town of Davenport in Lincoln County, Washington, where he became a prominent member of the community. In 1885, the Territorial government took a census in Lincoln County. On one page (unnumbered) are listed the Ewells, William and Clarissa MCNEW and the Phar family (including U. M. PHAR, 15), so William and the Phar daughter would have met when she was still very young.

Washington became a state in 1889, and in 1892, William was elected to the House of Representatives in Olympia, Washington. He served one term (as a Republican) before returning to farming. Pictures taken at this time show a very handsome and distinguished-looking man.

On 31 March 1895 (at the beginning of spring), when he was 49 years old, he married 25-year-old Unicy (Nicey) Margaret PHAR, a member of the Oregon pioneer Leabo family and descendant of the BOONE family of Kentucky fame.<sup>2</sup> This marriage created a problem with

<sup>1</sup> A letter to his mother was written on stationery from the Coso House, 411 Sansome Street, San Francisco, - at the corner of Commercial and Sansome. The proprietor in 1879 was L. J. Ewell.

<sup>2</sup> Unicy Margaret PHAR was born 6 February 1870 in Whetstone Hollow, Washington Territory. This is near present day Dayton in Columbia County, WA. Her parents were Charles F. PHAR and Hannah M. LEABO. "Unicy" may have been a form of "Eunice".





WILLIAM NEWTON MCNEW

(aa)

ELSIE MABEL MCNEW

The first child of William and Unicy MCNEW, Elsie Mabel, was a "Leap Year Baby", born on 29 February 1896 in Davenport. She died on 8 September of that same year, at the age of 6 months. She was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Davenport, next to her aunt, Mollie HANSEN.

(ab)

ESTHER EVALINE MCNEW

Esther Evaline MCNEW was born 8 April 1897 in Davenport, and moved to Idaho, probably about the time she started school. While still young, she became ill, suffering from "dropsy" (heart disease), and died on 11 September 1915 in Elk River, Idaho at the age of 18.

(ac) ELBERT NEWTON BOONE MCNEW

Elbert Newton Boone MCNEW (he later dropped the "Newton") was born on the 20th of August 1898 in Davenport, Washington. His middle name was a reminder that his mother was a descendant of the BOONE family. At the age of 20, he married Bertha Maye JOHNSON<sup>1</sup> on 3 April 1919 in Orofino, Clearwater county, Idaho.

Elbert worked primarily in the lumber industry as a mechanic. He was a perfectionist, both at work and at home. Consequently he was a prized employee and excellent teacher of young mechanics, but was hard to live with. He spoke very little about his family background.

His wife, Bertha Maye, died 11 July 1975 in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. Elbert died there in October 1982.

Elbert and Bertha MCNEW:

aca William Perry, b. 7 Mar 1920, Coeur d'Alene, ID;

m1. Della Joy PHILLIPS, 16 Feb 1940, Coeur d'Alene, ID;

m2. Lawanna FORD, 8 Sep 1972, Reno, NV;

acb (Elbert) Lee, b. 18 Nov 1928, Coeur d'Alene, ID;

m. Patricia PHILLIPS, 25 Oct 1947, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

William and Della MCNEW:

acaa Gloria Joy, b. 21 Aug 1940, Alturas, CA;

m. Donald Dru ROHWER, 27 Jul 1962, Medford, OR;

acab Leonard Joe, b. 7 Nov 1943, Alturas, CA;

m. Phyllis Rae VEACH, 13 Jun 1970, Dallas, OR;

acac Jerry Allen, b. 30 Jun 1946, Alturas, CA;

m. My Ngoc THILE, 27 Oct 1967, Saigon, Vietnam.

Gloria and Donald ROHWER:

acaaa Russell Allen, b. 6 Jan 1963, McCloud, CA;

m. Marci Ann WISHARD, 28 Oct 1983, Timber Lake, SD

acaab William Dru, b. 21 Aug 1964, Omak, WA;

m. Valerie Jean VARNAU;

acaac Dale Lee, b. 17 Aug 1966, Brewster, WA;

acaad Donna Lynn, b. 15 Aug 1968, Pineville, OR;

m. Richard ZORNES, 18 Mar 1987, Redfield, KS.

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<sup>1</sup> Bertha Maye JOHNSON was born 2 March 1901 in Russell, Idaho.

Russell and Marci ROHWER:

acaaaa Casey Allen, b. 2 Apr 1984, Pierre, SD;  
acaaab Cyle Andrew, b. 8 Oct 1985, Timber Lk, SD;  
acaaac Caitlyn Adam, b.6 Sep 1987, Eureka, KS

Donna and Richard ZORNES:

acadaa William Joe, b. 25 Jan 1987, Ft. Scott, KS;  
acaadb Kimberly Elizabeth, b. 11 Sep 1988, Ft. Scott, KS;  
acaadc James Jerry, b. 4 Mar 1990, Kansas City, KS

Leonard and Phyllis McNEW:

acaba Randall Alan, b. 23 Aug 1972, Salem, OR;  
acabb Lawrence Boone, b. 14 Oct 1973, Salem, OR;

Jerry and My MCNEW:

acaca Michael Lee, b. 15 Jan 1972, Ontario, OR;  
acacb Mark Allen, b. 3 May 1974, Boise, ID;  
acacc Mathew Edward, b. 30 Dec 1976, Boise, ID.

Lee and Patricia McNEW:

acba Barbara Ann, b. 13 May 1957 (adpt), Portland, OR;  
m. Ernest DUNLAP, (c1973); (div)  
acbb Charles Lee, b. 11 Dec 1959 (adpt);  
m. Laura \_

Barbara and Ernest DUNLAP:

acbaa Tina Marie, b. c1974;  
acbab Angela Lee, b. c1977.

Charles and Laura McNEW:

acbaa Christopher Lee, b. 21 Feb 1987, Medford, OR.

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CHARLES CAYWOOD MCNEW

Charles Caywood MCNEW was born 13 October 1901 in Davenport, Washington, and was raised in Elk River, Idaho. He married Viola Emily NOWELS<sup>1</sup> on Christmas eve in 1929 in Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho.

Charlie worked in the lumber industry for many years. He was a "grader" for Weyerhaeuser and then a claims agent for a lumber association. They moved to Western Washington and built a little house (20 x 24) near Kelso in 1937. They were in such a hurry to get settled in their own home that they moved in before the windows or doors were in place. (The house was later enlarged, and as of 1992 they are still living in it.)

Charles and Viola MCNEW:

ada Mildred Marie, b. 24 Nov 1932, Coeur d'Alene, ID;  
m. Gerald Dewitt DURAND, 10 Jun 1949, Washougal, Clark Co, WA;

Mildred and Gerald DURAND:

adaa Theresa Marie, b. 29 May 1950, Springfield, OR;  
m. Richard RYERSE, 25 Mar 1972, Longview, WA;  
adab James Dewitt, b. 10 Feb 1954, Longview, WA;  
m. Danita MCGEE, 26 Sep 1985, Kawaii, HA.

Theresa and Richard RYERSE:

adaaa Bryan, b. 22 Jan 1976, Kent, King Co, WA;  
adaab Caley Marie, b. 24 Mar 1979, Kent, WA;  
adaac Michael, b. 13 Feb 1981, Kent, WA.

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<sup>1</sup> Viola NOWELS was born 10 August 1906 in Ryder, North Dakota.

(ae) LOIS MARGARET MCNEW OLSEN SEIDLER

Lois Margaret, youngest child of William and Unicy MCNEW, was born on the 4th of March 1904 in Davenport, and raised in Elk River, Idaho. She was married at 17 to Bernhart (Ben) Antton OLSEN<sup>1</sup> on the 2nd of July 1921 in St. Marie's, Benewah County, Idaho. Ben OLSEN could play the fiddle, and later passed this skill on to his daughter, Leota. He made a small violin by hand for her when she was 5.

Bernhart died on 5 July 1936 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at the age of 41. Three years later, in July 1939 Lois married Freeman Lewis SEIDLER in Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, ID. With this marriage, she acquired three step-sons, James and twins, Rodney and Ronald. Lois and Freeman were eventually divorced.

Lois died 24 August 1979 in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, and was buried in Puyallup.

Lois and Bernhart OLSEN:

- aea Leota Elizabeth, b. 9 Apr 1924, Elk River, ID:
- m1. Rolan Steven JOHNSON<sup>2</sup>, 9 Mar 1946, Centralia, Lewis Co, WA, (div);
  - m2. Roger Carlton FOREST<sup>3</sup>, 14 Feb 1951, Sandpoint, Bonner Co, ID;
  - m3. George Richard GILBERT<sup>4</sup>, 16 Jul 1986, Gig Harbor, Pierce Co, WA;
- aeB Edward Newton, b. 11 Sep 1927, Coeur d'Alene, ID;
- m. Nett June ZALOMSKI<sup>5</sup>, 24 Dec 1947, Coeur d'Alene, ID;

Lois and Freeman SEIDLER:

- aec Christine Marie, b. 3 Jun 1942, Coeur d'Alene, ID;
- m1. Stanley Gottlieb FLEGEL<sup>6</sup>, 25 May 1962, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai Co, ID, (div. 1989);
  - m2. Henry Stuart HAMMOND<sup>7</sup>, 9 Nov 1990.

Leota and Rolan Steven JOHNSON:

- aeaa Raymond Antton JOHNSON FOREST<sup>8</sup>, b. 31 Dec 1946, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai Co, ID;
- m. Mary Lou MUEHLENBRUCH<sup>9</sup>, May 1971, Tacoma, WA; (div. 1980).

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<sup>1</sup> Bernhart OLSEN was born 21 September 1892 in Stavanger, Norway.

<sup>2</sup> Rolan JOHNSON was born in February, 1922 in Oroville, WA. He died about 1977 in Pinehurst, ID.

<sup>3</sup> Roger FOREST was born 3 May 1905 in Isanti Co, MN. He died 28 Sep 1984 in Tacoma, WA.

<sup>4</sup> George GILBERT was born 29 September 1909 in Seattle, WA.

<sup>5</sup> Nett June ZALOMSKI was born 29 June 1927 in North Dakota.

<sup>6</sup> Stanley FLEGEL was born 16 November 1934 in Haynes, SD.

<sup>7</sup> Henry HAMMOND was born 23 September 1946 in Aberdeen, WA.

<sup>8</sup> Raymond JOHNSON was adopted by his step-father, Roger FOREST.

<sup>9</sup> Mary Lou MUEHLENBRUCH was born 2 February 1948 in Tacoma, WA.

Raymond and Mary Lou FOREST:

aeaaa Amy Katherine, b. 31 Oct 1974, Tacoma, Pierce Co, WA;  
aeaab Colter Boone, b. 18 Jul 1976, Tacoma, Pierce Co, WA;

Edward and Ilett OLSEN:

aeba Bernhart Mark Anton, b. 26 Mar 1965, Hayward, Alameda Co, CA;  
aebb Charles Edward, b. 22 May 1969, Everett, Snohomish Co, WA.

Christine and Stanley FLEGEL:

aeaa Kimberley Sue, b. 10 Jun 1969, Portland, Multnomah Co, OR;  
    m. Mark Allen CONNELLY;  
aeab Michael Stanley, b.21 Oct 1971, Eugene, Lane Co, OR;  
aecc Matthew Adam, b. 26 Nov 1972, Worcester, Worcester Co, MA.

Kimberley and Mark CONNELLY:

aeaaa Mark Allen, Jr. b. 29 Jun 1989.



I do hereby certify  
 that Wm. Williams is  
 qualified to teach a common  
 school in School No 30 in  
County Living in County  
Recommendation of Wm. W. Jones  
Mayor Shelby  
 Given under my hand this  
24 day of April 1881  
W. J. P. Hays Com.  
St. C. C.

**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.**

CLASS, Q **TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.**

STATE OF KENTUCKY.

This Certificate is awarded to Wm. W. Jones who has  
 this day been examined in Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar,  
 and History.

John Boyd  
Q. D. Williams  
 Examiners for Shelby County.

Dated July 17, 1881.

A letter to an uncle from William McNew in Sonoma, California, April 1877.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Uncle and Family  
 I received your kind letter of the 4th and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you were all well. I am well and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still at home and hope to stay so for some time longer. I have not much news to write at present. I am still at home and hope to stay so for some time longer. I have not much news to write at present. I am still at home and hope to stay so for some time longer.

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Sonoma Cal Apr, 1877

Dear Uncle and Family

Your letter of March the 4 is received and after some delay of time I answer your kind note. Though I have not time to respond to so many inquiries at present. But I hope I may in future. It affords me no little pleasure to learn that you and your family are enjoying good health. That though the years are gone since I seen you...yet death has marked none of us for its victims. At present I am well so was all the family when I last heard from them. Mother lives on her homestead in Neb. on which she must live one year from next June to get a title. Joseph and the two youngest girls (Esther and Josie) live with her. J. W. Mints lives 4 miles from mothers. Sarah has three children, two boys and one girl, (Henry, Lafe and M. Alice) very promising little chubs. Polly Ann (Mollie) lives on the Platte River, 30 miles from Mothers, has one child, a girl (Annie Bell). Martha married a man from VA from near by Manassas Junction by the name of Owell (Ewell). They came to this state with me but talk strongly of returning. Martha has a son about one month old (Wm).

<sup>1</sup> The original letter is in the possession of Leola Forest-Gilbert.



Another letter by William McNew from Sonoma, California, April 1877.<sup>1</sup>  
 Addressee unknown.

I will give you an  
 historical sketch of what I  
 have seen and learned since I left Neb. about six  
 months ago, to find the great Colorado of the West, which to most persons has proven no more  
 than a mirage. I will not weary you by giving a description of the scenery of the rout over  
 plains, mts, and deserts; but will say that on the last of Sept, 1876, I arrived in the  
 great city of the West, San Francisco, just in time to witness the 100th anniversary of the  
 Catholic Mission. It being just 100 years since Bishop Francis entered the Golden Gate and built  
 an adobe church (sun dried brick) which stands there yet but is fast going to ruin. It is said that  
 it was the grandest procession that was ever in the city.  
 After a few days I crossed the bay and came to Sonoma Valley which lies among the coast mts.  
 The mts are rugged beyond description, and in many places almost barren. Volcanic rocks and  
 lava cover their sides which tell plainly what once was. The fertile land of the valley is owned  
 by the wealthy and covered by vineyards, and orchards.

<sup>1</sup> The original letter is in the possession of Leota Forest Gilbert.

The city have selected this for their country homes. This is the only county in the state that will produce anything like an average crop this year. The present year is one of unprecedented hardships mainly because of the dry season, together with the fall of mining stocks, which has caused the ruin of thousands. This of course will not last long because California has already proven herself a great producer of both minerals and vegetables. The fruit prospects are good, especially grapes which is the principal industry of Sonoma Co. The largest vineyard in the county contains thirteen hundred acres, and is called the Buena Vista Ranch. It is owned by a company.

Here I see my leaf is running short and have failed to note down any thing interesting. (long delay) so excuse and accept my best wishes for yourself and family. At present I am driving team, and make a trip of about 20 miles per day. I get \$35.00 (85?) per month and board. Hoping you will excuse what is amiss, I subscribe myself your friend.

Wm. N. McNew



King County, Washington, Nov 23<sup>d</sup> 1892

W. D. McGRAW,  
 REPUBLICAN  
 CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE.

J. M. News Esq.  
 Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed  
 your Cert Election as Representative to the  
 State Legislature

Yours  
 J. M. News

# CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION



I, J. M. News, County Auditor of the County of  
King, Washington, do hereby certify that on Monday  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 1892 J. M. News day of  
November signed the highest number of votes cast for the office of Representative to the  
State Legislature in the County of  
King and was legally elected to said office  
 as appears from the official returns and canvass held in my office.

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Spokane in said County  
Washington this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1892

To J. M. News King County  
Lincoln



CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
 TO WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 17 Nov 1892

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WM. N. McNEW.

Wm. N. McNew, of Larene, republican, representative of Fifteenth district, Lincoln county, was born in Morgan county, Kentucky, in 1847. His father died during the rebellion, which imposed upon him the responsibility of looking after a large family, he being the eldest. Worked on the farm in summer and attended school in the fall and winter. Tried to enlist in the Forty-seventh Regiment, Kentucky cavalry (union) in 1863, at the age of sixteen, but was prevented by his mother. After having acquired competent knowledge engaged in teaching school. In 1873 moved to Nebraska with his mother and family, engaged in farming; owing to the crop blasters moved in 1884 to Lincoln county where he is engaged in farming.

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GIVEN FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TERRITORY TO  
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1893.

Mrs. Grace E. King, in Gerome, Stevens county, Washington; and William H. Phar, of Russell, Idaho.

HON. WILLIAM N. McNEW is a farmer residing six and one half miles northwest of Davenport. Born October 23, 1847, in Morgan county, Kentucky, his parents were Doctor Moses C. McNew, a native of Virginia, and Clarissa (Cole) McNew, a Kentuckian by birth. The father practiced medicine successively in Virginia and Kentucky until his death, which occurred in Kentucky. The mother came to Lincoln county, where she died in May, 1903, in her seventy-fourth year.

Mr. McNew was the eldest of a family of eight children. With his parents he removed from Morgan county to Owsley county, Kentucky, where he grew up on a farm and received a good common school education, which later enabled him to support himself by teaching. In 1873 Mr. McNew and his mother migrated from Kentucky to Harlan county, Nebraska, where each took up a homestead. While he improved his land he followed the occupation of teaching until the grasshoppers having destroyed his crops, he went, in 1876, to San Francisco where he clerked in a hotel. A few years later he returned to Nebraska, and in 1882, he and his mother came to Lincoln county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of railroad land.

On March 31, 1895, Mr. McNew was married to Unicy Phar, a native of Columbia county, Washington. Her parents were Charles F. and Hannah (Leabo) Phar, a sketch of whose lives appears elsewhere in this volume. She has three brothers and an equal number of sisters, whose names are incorporated with the sketch of Mrs. Phar. The brothers and sisters of Mr. McNew are, Mrs. Sarah E. Mints, Mrs. Isabel Turpin, Joseph B., Mrs. Martha J. Ewell, and Mrs. Josephine Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. McNew are parents of four children, Esther E., Elbert, Charles C., and Lois M.

Mr. McNew is a popular man, having been elected a member of the house of representatives in 1892, on the Republican ticket, and his service was good and acceptable to his constituents. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of

HANNAH M. PHAR, whose maiden name was Leabo, was born in Atchison county, Missouri, in the year 1841. At the age of five years she crossed the plains with her parents, traversing the entire distance by ox team, which journey consumed nine months. They came direct to the Willamette valley, and thence to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1866. In 1881 Mrs. Phar came to the vicinity of Davenport.

In Polk county, Oregon, during the year 1858, Hannah M. Leabo was married to Charles F. Phar, a native of Indiana, who, in 1852, came by way of Nicaragua to San Francisco and then to Oregon. He came on the same ship with Joseph Lane, who later became one of the most prominent men in Oregon, and who was most closely identified with the early history of that state. Mr. Phar participated in the Indian war of 1855, and like his friend, Mr. Lane, was a prominent factor in the pioneer affairs of the state. Mr. Phar died in 1899, in his seventieth year. Mrs. Phar still lives in the vicinity of Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Phar were parents of eight children: Isaac E., in Republic, Washington; John F., at Peck, Idaho; Mrs. Mary M. Owen, of Portland; Mrs. Talitha E. Lamb, at Stites, Idaho; Mrs. Eunice McNew, of Davenport;



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Davenport, and affiliates with the Baptist church, while Mrs. McNew is a member of the Presbyterian denomination.

It is of note in this connection, to state that Mr. McNew descends from the patriots who fought for the liberty of the colonies. His great-grandmother was a pensioner from that war and was a near relative of the brave Montgomery who was in command of the attack on Quebec and fell on December 31, 1775.

AN ILLUSTRATED

HISTORY

OF THE

BIG BEND COUNTRY

EMBRACING

LINCOLN, DOUGLAS, ADAMS AND FRANKLIN

COUNTIES

STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Note: You may have noticed some of the factual errors in this biography: William was born in 1845, not 1847. While his (step) great-grandmother Jones was a pensioner from the Revolutionary War, his great-grandmother Isabell Montgomery was NOT related to General Montgomery, and her pension was from the War of 1812.



I have been thinking of you  
 and wondering how you are  
 getting on. I hope you are  
 all well and happy. I am  
 feeling much better today  
 after a long illness. I  
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Elk River Apr 27, 1924

Bell Irwin, Clara and Lulu. I do not know by what surnames Clara and Lulu are known.

Dear Nieces. I write \_\_\_\_\_ may know that I am \_\_\_\_\_ living, so is Niccy. I haven't heard from you for a long time. Many changes have taken place \_\_\_\_\_ your relatives in the last few \_\_\_\_\_ and Mother's Sisters except \_\_\_\_\_ and Aunt Josie \_\_\_\_\_ great river and \_\_\_\_\_ nature must follow.

\_\_\_\_\_ hurries us on so fast \_\_\_\_\_ so soon, which leaves us only a few days in mid-life to accomplish something worth while worthy of our sojourn here below, but it is enough if we make full use of \_\_\_\_\_ given us that we may profit thereby. We have three children living, Elbert, Charley & Lois. Elbert is married and they have one child living. Two died when only a few weeks old. The little boy's name is Wm Joseph, about 5 years old. Lois is married too, has a little baby girl three weeks old. Our Esther lived to be 18 years 7 mo & 11 days when she passed on to the great beyond, caused by heart disease. Charley is not married.

I have been down with a severe cold but am around \_\_\_\_\_. Niccy is well and is able to do her household work and she is always doing too much as she always has done. Lafayette Mints is here in Elk River. He came up here some days ago from Otis Orchard because of the failure in the fruit business. This section here is a new country and is principally engaged in the lumbering business. I have not heard from or of Thomas and Russell for many years.

I hope you all are in good health and doing well. Some days ago I was looking through an old album and I saw in it a photograph of your Father and Mother and you children when you were small and as you had your house destroyed by fire and its contents, I thought may be that you would like to have it. If so, let me know and I will send it to you.

You have our sinserest and best wishes for blessing in this life. Affectionately,  
Wm N. McNew

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<sup>1</sup> Original letter is in the possession of Marjorie Jansen.



