

8th August 1957
G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia

Dear Schuyler:

Recently a long and rather complicated letter arrived from Jean. The main substance seemed to be the items of personal property which you and I jointly inherited from our honorable ancestors. Unfortunately, I disagree with practically everything in her letter. Due to the general lack of understanding all around, it seems wise to deposit all our mutually owned personal property with some impartial third party such as Greyvan Lines who can keep it all in good condition until I return sometime after the first of the year. Then you and I can get together in Louisville, each pick up half the storage charges, and amiably divide all these mutually owned items while they are before us in person. It is not possible for me to undertake any division by mail or to appoint anyone to represent me on this matter.

I gather that you are presently using only a small part of these things. Thus, having them in a safe storage place will not appreciably inconvenience you. Furthermore, you will have a few less things to move to Memphis. When I receive via air mail a copy of the warehouse receipt covering all the items listed upon the attached sheet, all deposited in good condition; then I will consider your personal responsibility for our mutually owned personal property completed. This request I believe to be fair and reasonable and expect it to be carried out honorably and faithfully. I wish to recall to your memory that a substantial part of the real estate has been allowed to remain intact for your use and convenience over nine years. Thus it is quite proper that this small bit of our inheritance remain intact for my convenience a few months more.

My experiments here have exceeded expectations. That is why I have stayed so long. Much more has been accomplished than was anticipated. The results are now being written up and I will see that you receive a copy in due time. I'll be here until about the middle of September, when my address will change to

Ionosphere Prediction Service
5 Hickson Road
Millers Point, New South Wales

On 8th October I leave Sydney via RMS Orsova for Honolulu. I expect to be on Maui for a few months to get things going there again. My address after about 1st of November will be

General Delivery
Wailuku, Maui
Territory of Hawaii

Along in February I probably will take a trip to the States and will stop in Memphis to see you all.

I note that on the 20th, you will be 43 years old and extend my best wishes for a ripe old age. I presume the move to Memphis

means that you are now district manager for Tennessee. In any case, I'm glad to see that success is beginning to come your way. Let me know your new address, when fixed, and tell me about your job, your family and how you like Memphis compared to Louisville.

Best regards,

Grote Reber

List of personal property inherited by Grote Reber and Schuyler C. Reber. Presently in custody of the latter in Louisville. To be deposited in safe keeping at a responsible warehouse.

One large sliding top dining room table with three extension leaves.

Six chairs including arm chair for the above table.

One china closet with glass front doors atop.

One small serving table.

One high back overstuffed chair with wing sides.

One small chrome chair with yellow plastic seat.

One larger chrome chair with arms and brown seat.

One inlaid library table with end drop leaves, two flat drawers and arch underneath.

One large glass front book case.

One set Century dictionaries plus several other separate books.

One portable electric sewing machine.

Two pairs (four total) solid silver candle sticks engraved
1902-1927 or thereabouts

One steel box of flat table silver containing two complete solid silver services. One is a simple Lincoln pattern. The other is a rose pattern with more curved handles.

One each, silver plated carving set, covered vegetable dish, well and tree plater.

One steel box containing a large variety of old family fotos dating back 50 to 100 years.

One large cut glass punch bowl and set of matching cups.

Considerable amount of china in barrels. It is mainly of two designs. One group is of dark blue with gold rim. Another set of fish design dishes and fish platter. Also some dessert plates with flower design and green band; plus assorted pieces with pink flowers around border and a couple of dozen demi-tasse cups and saucers.

Grote Reber

7th August 1957