Tulameen, B.C., Buck-Horn Ranch June 8th/69

Dear Mollie:

Thank you for your letter of May 31st, also enclosed notice of the O.K.S. picnic on June 15th.

Yes, I am still on the ranch and enjoying quite good health, except for arthritis in my hip & knee, but when one gets to 64 I suppose we expect some sort of discomforts.

I am very sorry, but I won't be able to attend the picnic. June 15th is the date our Fish and Game Club set for a work & clean up day at Robson Lake on Pike Mt. and as it is one of the newly stocked lakes we want to get it ready for sportsmen coming in. I am sorry our dates clashed as it will be very interesting for the old timers to meet to-gether. I do hope it is a nice day and that every one has an enjoyable time.

I am very interested in the valley, but like you I didn't write down dates and stories that I knew about quite a few years ago.

What is the membership to belong to the Historical Society?

I would certainly like to have a copy or two of the annual Report.

I can send you some write ups on Tom's Dad & my Dad & Mum. As you may know my Grandfather Capt. Pierce founded the Cannington Manor settlement in Saskatchewan.

I have a booklet on it.

I was interested to hear what you told me about your Grandfather and Grannie & your Mother. I didn't know she was born at Nicola.

Did you know that our Otter Valley Fish and Game Club fought hard to have the land at Granite Creek kept as a historical site?

Miners came in and tried to deface the ground around the old town, but we managed to stop them. If you would like more about the activities of our Club over this matter and the land, you can write to Mrs. Irene Manion Jr., Sec. O.V.F. & G. Club, Princeton, B.C. She is my grand-daughter and took over the Sec. job when I resigned last Jan. I had been in for 10 years.

We miss George now he isn't on the freight. Do hope you can come and see us some time. I don't go to Penticton very often.

With Best Wishes to you both.

Sincerely Irene Manion

P.S.

I was talking to Mrs. Pennock to-day. She and her husband operate the Coalmont Hotel.

We were saying that it would be nice if you could send invitations to some of the old timers around Coalmont & Tulameen. Possibly quite a few won't go to the picnic but an invitation would be something for them to "treasure".

I will give you a list of a few we thought about.

Mrs. Fripps phone no is 295-3588

Mr. Bill Frew (I believe he came to Coalmont in 1912 – he served overseas too and he has paper clippings. Mrs. Mary Marcot (Coalmont), Jim McDermott (Otter Valley), Mrs. Effic Rice (Coalmont), Harry Lowe (Tulameen), Mrs. Al. Logan (Tulameen), Mrs. & Mrs. Les. Fripp, Mrs. McIntosh (Tulameen), Mr. Fred Miller (Tulameen).

I may have missed some but those I mentioned have been in the vicinity of Coalmont, Blakeburn & Tulameen for quite a few years. Cooks take the lead in these things but they are not true pioneers of the Valley or vicinity. Old man Cook owned property but never lived on it. (They amuse me!)