



**G**RANDLY AYE! DOUBLY BLEST IS HE,  
**R**ESTING WITH COMFORT AT SEVENTY THREE,  
**I**N THE LOVE OF FAMILY; FROM THE SINGLE TREE,  
**M**ARRIED AND MATED, CHILDREN AND KIND:  
**S**ILVER Y AGE, PURE OF THOUGHT, GOLDEN MIND,  
**H**EROIC IN DEEDS, WELL DONE AND RARE,  
**A**CCTIONS EVER MASTERS', WORDS IN CARE,  
**W**HOSE KINDLY HAND WOULD BANISH DESPAIR.











To Our Dear Father,

Christmas Tide, W. J. F.  
December, 1891

Greetings:-

If the wind be nor-w'cast, and the Tight little Isle storm subpt, perhaps, this missive of Love and Affection, will serve, while turning its leaves, by the open hearth, as a reminder that other hearts beat in unison with your own, and though absent from the land of your adoption, you are to memory dear.

We greet you again, as one family, and cherish the hope that you are in Good Health, Happy, Comfortable, and taking that part in Life which you have nobly won, and most richly deserve.

A letter was sent to the heads of the families, and met their approval; thus the following extract will portray the object of this leaflet:-

"For each to send a gift in person could do, but Father is in a country where articles rich and rare, useful and ornamental, are so far better and more suitable to his personal tastes, perhaps, than we could obtain here, to meet any wish, unknown and unexpressed, that he would, possibly, enjoy the selection as well the additional pleasure of making such a purchase, under such circumstances, and having it suitably inscribed, appropriate to the occasion, would not only be a Christmas reminder (from donors), selected by himself, but would forever associate time, place and conditions with it, therefore have the amount remitted direct to, by draft, with a congratulatory letter from each family."

Fervently asking that Heaven's Richest Blessings may rest with you Day and Night,

Believe us, unitedly as families from the Noble Tree.

With Esteem and Affection,

Your Devoted Children,



As a family, we send a Christmas greeting to  
to our dear Father in the Old County - hoping he may  
pass a merry Christmas among the scenes of his boyhood  
days, and may God spare him to spend many more  
happy Christmas days with his children and grandchildren  
in this "Sweet land of Liberty"

G. D. Faulhaber

Lily Faulhaber



My Dear Father

Nov 24 - 91

How I wish a little bird could go to each and all of your dear ones here, and listen to the loving thoughts and expression of their hearts for you. Then fly over the sea far away and whisper in your ear the loving messages, the merry Christmas and happy happy New Year and the earnest prayers for the dearest and the best father on earth safe return to his loving children

Your loving daughter and son Emma Miller  
Louis Miller



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Tadalia Nov. 20. 1811

Dear Father

We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
happy new year. Although separated from us by land  
and sea, we are daily with you in thought and our  
prayers ascend to the Heavenly Father that He will  
guard, shield and protect you and that when you  
have concluded your visit, with your relatives on that  
side, He will mercifully grant you a pleasant and safe return  
to your children.

Sincerely

John T. Benton.



# Christmas Greeting!

Dear Father:

With such a prayer, on this sweet day,  
As thou mayest hear and we may say,  
We greet thee dear father, far away.

Arthur<sup>and</sup> Juliette

Jefferson City, Mo. }  
Christmas 1891 }



—1891—

Our Dear Father

We think of you with the greatest love  
and reverence at all times, and as the  
holidays approach we think of you so far  
away - and cannot be together to celebrate,  
we desire to express to you our greetings,  
and wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year, and hope your good  
health will continue for many, many years  
to come - is the wish of your true and  
loving children

Charles A. Feip  
and  
Garnie: C. Feip.



"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning,  
that we should love one another."

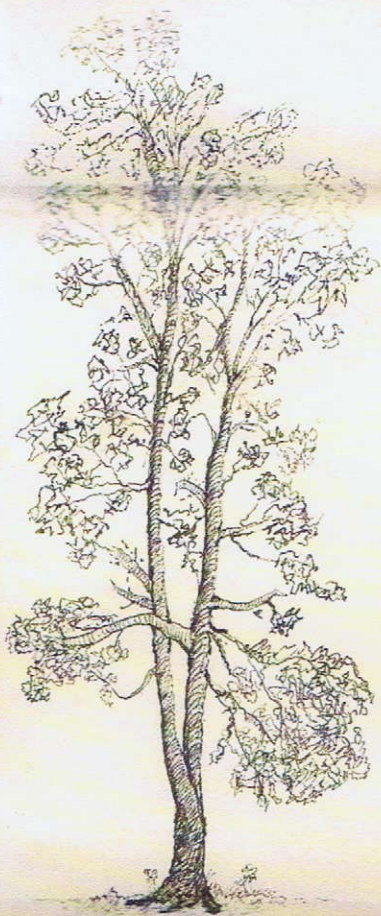
The supreme gift to the world, was Mary's Son, who on the  
wings of love carried healing, peace and good will to men.

We value your love as a precious gift, and trust that we  
may live worthily, keeping it fresh in our memory and making  
it a shield of strength.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we lovingly  
subscribe ourselves, Your Son<sup>and</sup> Daughter, Jonathan T. Dimshaw

Sedalia Mo. 1891.





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Hoan ye wild winds! around the pane,  
And fall, thou drear December rain!  
Fill with your gusts the sullen day,  
Tear the last clinging leaves away!  
Reckless as yonder naked tree,  
Noblast of yours can trouble me!<sup>100</sup>  
(Copyright, 1896)

With the Season's Compliments,  
Best Wishes for continued Health,  
Prayer for your early & safe Return,  
Believe us,  
Affectionately your children,  
Herman J. Rodman  
Arlie S. Rodman.

THE KCTREE





WATCHING THE PLOYS