



Merry Christmas 2005

As two-thousand-five passes; just where did it go?
Seems we wrote the last letter just three weeks ago.
Two thousand and five is all now but spent
So let's look back and see where it went.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year
An event long awaited for all of us here
It happened early - February Fifteen
That's when Jackson appeared on the scene.

Yes, Jenny's first child - he turned out a boy
Brought both her and Jacob responsibility and joy
He's just like the other grand children I guess
Except that his last name begins with an "S"

All fourteen other last names start with "J"
Like Grandma and Grandpa - it's always that way.
He is Jackson Jacob, so two "J's" are in
But the best we can hope for is "J. J. Skousen"

He, with his parents, is in New York City
And most of us think that this is a pity
They do not have a car. There is no place to park.
We think it's not good to be out after dark.

Jake is in law school so his days are planned.
Jenny has adjusted to meet the demand.
Jenny, like her mother, is not one to sit home.
So she just takes Jackson and away they both roam.

She travels on the subway, in taxis and such
Brooklyn to Manhattan, which she likes very much.
While it's only ten years since she left Moberly
For her it's an adventure. There is so much to see.

For Greg and Cheryl - this was a year of decision
Brian, the first born, caused a major collision
He busted the mold. Oh what should we do!
Instead of the "Y", he selected the "U".

Grandma and Grandpa from the "U" graduated
Though now that news is slightly outdated.
All of the rest were graduated by the "Y."
We are grateful for that and all know just why.

So, we will console his family and you.
Yes Brian is Red while the rest are all Blue.
Grandma and Grandpa were also once Red
But they made the transition and still are not dead.

Brian was graduated at the top of his class
Done everything right, but alack and alas
He has an agenda that is really his own
But he has a foundation that is family grown.

Brent, now in high school, has two new dimensions
No longer can basketball steal all his attentions
Turns out he is fast - much faster than most
So track and football now act as his host.

He is only a sophomore in a very large school
There upperclassmen are always the rule.
While learning new skills and waiting his turn
Two varsity letters this year he did earn.

With all his devotion of the school stuff and such
He stayed active in Scouting. In time it took much
But he stayed with the program. He made it play out
In addition to the above, he's now an Eagle Scout

Brooke is now ten and in the fifth grade
When it comes to scholastics she too has it made.
With Brent she still meshes like oil and water
But other than that she is a really neat daughter

Like her brothers before her she does play in sports
Right now it is basketball for which she dons shorts
She is great on computers and has her own cell
She communicates in audio, text & pictures as well.

For Greg and Cheryl the kids remain prime
At least if you measure where they put their time.
Cheryl is quite active in each of the schools
As an organizer she has all the tools.

Greg supports both in their endeavors and games
His latest fetish is high speed photography frames
He journals each contest with hundred of pic's
The kids on the team see almost all of their tricks.

Matt, Jana and kids are now Texans for sure
They've been down there now seven years and more.
Matt is still pushing computers for Dell
He is now in a position to do that quite well.

His job requires him to travel world wide
He oversees launches he knows every side
He is now involved with Dell's very best
His lap top computer out performs all the rest.

Jana is doing what she needs to do
She is training Hannah and Benjamin too.
They live in a community where everything is far
So she spends considerable time in her car.

Hannah likes to sing - it's part of her play
But now she has now decided to take up ballet.
She was reminded to prepare a new song
When she announced that her Mom had it wrong.

She was going to be on the program for sure
But not with a song - but just a bit more
"I want to dance!" she announced out of the blue
So that was what she and Jana proceeded to do.

Benjamin is infatuated with tractors and such
Whether a truck in his hand or real one with a clutch
He can call them by name wherever they are
He spots them on projects from distances far

He likes animals too - especially his toys
He likes real ones too like most little boys
Especially at *PetSmart*, that wondrous store
Where there are fish & snakes & gerbils galore.

Brad and Connie are here in Moberly to stay
Connie herds all five of the kids everyday
While Brad has new businesses that he must start
Which requires twelve hours a day on his part

Brad and Connie and kids live at a torrid pace
It seems that the kids are all over the place
With four now in sports and all different leagues
Their lives are a series of athletic intrigues

Mike is a senior of monstrous size.
He is definitely bigger than most of the guys
At six foot five and two-five-"0" pounds
He really stands out when he makes his rounds.

He qualified for State in wrestling this year.
He came in sixth which is good around here.
All conference, all district in football this fall.
He played in the state playoffs, that's not bad at all.

He has a bum knee he tore it last season.
Our fingers are crossed that it will not be the reason.
That he must be cautious and cannot give his best.
So his final year can stand out from the rest.

Andrea is busy four seasons each year.
At softball she's best that's really quite clear.
Then soccer and basketball fill the rest of her time.
She has much to do and has mountains to climb.

Her greatest achievements above all of the rest
Are scholastic in nature where she's one of the best.
Her grades in school are perfect to date
She has received all the accolades any can rate.

It's amazing to see just how much she can do
With athletics and studies and church activities too.
She starts every school day at five-forty-five
A time when the rest of the world is not yet alive.

Allie, the Pleasant, is quite a young lass
Just like her sister she's near the top of her class
In sports she's active in all of the above
She is doing real well like a "hand in a glove"

In soccer, she's recruited by teams far and wide
There's a number of teams that want her on their side
She is great on weekdays and Saturdays too
But never on Sunday will she see it through

With Allie's assistance they play and win well
But then on the Sabbath they have a bad spell
Why do they put up with this schedule and such?
Cause without her they would not get even that much

Aryn's, now six and in the first grade
There is very little of which she's afraid
She is dabbling in soccer though not so intense
Unlike her sisters, these are not great events

Aryn, it appears is a gymnast you see.
She is as supple and flexible as a person can be
With cart wheels superb in any old place
She'll turn one while walking with her feet in your face

Braden, the Gentle, has just now turned four
Extremely bright he experiences much more
Than most young boys cause he is constantly in tow
As he gets dragged around where the other kids go

His vocabulary is amazing. It is really astounding
He soaks up words and phrases from his surrounding
He refuses some foods, "they're not nutritious or good"
He has much more to say. If you ask him he would.

Scott and Pam remodeled their home in A-B-Q
A greater task than most people could do
Scott still works at Intel making computer chips
And continues to travel on long business trips

Pam now the mother of four kids under ten
She can't do much else or even begin
Mitch and Chase are in school about everyday
But Rylee and Carson remain home to play

Mitchell is an active Cub Scout of ten
So his Dad is back in Boy Scouts again
Mitch has gone about as far as they go
As he just became a top Webelo

For sports he played flag football this fall
That is a fine game for chasing a ball
But just like his Dad he most likes to go
To the computer and play a game of Nintendo.

Computer games are also Chase's favorite toy
He likes them as well as any other boy
He must vie with Mitchell these games to play
That is when Mom or Dad is not in the way.

Chase can be real proud of his Soccer season
His team's spotless record is a very good reason
They went undefeated; yep they went all the way
So chasing that ball turned out to be play

Rylee remains the only girl in the clan
She deals with her parents and boys "man-to-man"
She is so quick she is faster than most
She gets more than her share of that she can boast

She now is attending her first year in pre-school
Like home, at school she is nobody's fool
Most of the time she's precocious and sweet
But do not cross her or she'll stomp on you feet

Carson the fourth child is just eighteen months old
He is the latest to join the family and fold
He likes to climb and stuff he will throw
So his Mother now calls him "Captain Destructo"

Jackie and John are closer than ever before
It is strange that after all they need each other more
You would think with all the toil, experience and pain
There would not be more things that they need to gain

While all looks clear, there is still much out of sight
Even at their age they must walk "beyond the light"
Their family is still most important, for them it is prime
So now that they have it, they will give them more time

Jackie has retired; at least she is no longer paid
But she spends as much time to give others her aid
John is still making auto parts, chemicals and such
He knows he should quit it but he likes it too much

Even though it didn't happen this year, we must say
That Grandma Abbie at Ninety-Four passed away
She lived a great life and served all of us well
It is now up to us her legacy and story to tell.

There you have it - our journal for Two Thousand Five
Yet another year that we have managed to survive
With Jackson the family is still growing a plenty
The family now totals up to seven and twenty

We know these letters might seem boring to some.
We do not expect all to read them when they come.
But for thirty-six years through good times & misery
We have a detailed, if not a complete, family history.

The letter gets longer the more that we grow
But our wishes are the same, we want you to know
Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year
To our family and friends that we both hold so dear.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
JACKIE & JOHN JORGENSEN