

Haytown O. Oct 18-1918

Dear George:

Mere words cannot express our feelings of sympathy, and on account of conditions we will not be able to attend the funeral.

Ed- Stella & Mrs. Klingfelter
Von Pein

Mr George Fienning and Family.

Dear Friends:- We wish to express our deepest sympathy to you in this your saddest hour. May God help you bear this great burden which has come so unexpectedly.

With deepest love and sympathy.

Mr and Mrs. D. P. Owens.

Richmond, Ind.

Oct. 18-1918.

Grassie Wynn Oct 27-18

My Dear Mr Fienning -

Through my mother I learned of your great loss. Accept my heartiest sympathy. As I know from experience it is the greatest trial of your life. But cling to the Lord and his promise that all things must work together for good to them that love God and some day you will also experience the truth of his word. Yours with kind regards.

Gustav A. Pilgrim

Richmond, Ind.
October 18/18

Mrs. Finning & Children: -

We wish to send our heartfelt sympathy in your sore bereavement. We who knew her, know what a beautiful christian life she lived and shall miss her cheerful smile which was always here to have.

Her life among us has been an example which will help those she has left for awhile to try and live better until we all called to meet our Father in Heaven.

No doubt we often ask why these things come to us, but we must learn to say "Thy will be done not ours. One consolation I received at my dear Mother's death was the passage, All

things work together for good to those who love and trust in the Lord.

We all know what a good wife and mother she has been and what it would mean to us if we were separated, but God gives us all we have and we must be satisfied that He knows best when and what to take from us whenever it is His will to do so.

Again extending our deepest sympathy we remain,

Your friends in sorrow.
Mr & Mrs Roland
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct 24-18

Dear George,

Was not permitted to see you last Saturday so I am taking this method of telling you that our sympathies go out to you and the children in the terrible loss of your partner and their best friend.

Word received yesterday gave us the hope that you will soon be able to take up the load where you had to lay it down and that the baby might pull through.

You are indeed fortunate however in your misfortune in having many willing hands at your service. and if there is any thing we can do you have only to give the command. Our prayer & wish is that God will give you strength to carry the load.

Uncle George

Adam H. Bartel
Richmond, Indiana

October 21, 1918

Dear George:-

I want, herewith, to express my sympathy in your very sad bereavement. To lose a child is a sorrow that we all dread to meet but to lose ones life companion is certainly the greatest blow that a kind Providence permits his children to bear. I trust your faith and trust will come to your aid at this time so that you will be able to see that this present trial, through which you are called to pass, will only lead to a closer walk with God.

I hope that the child that is still sick will recover, and that you too will be again restored to health.

Very sincerely yours,

Adam H. Bartel
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Notre Dame, Ind.
Oct. 20, 1918.

Dear Mr. Fenning:-

Was very much surprised
and sorry to hear of your beloved
wife's death and of yours and the
children's illness. Please accept my
deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

I shall remember your wife
always, as being a wonderful
woman. I will miss her ever
welcome smile, myself.

Wishing you a speedy return
to health and courage to bear
your great loss, I beg to remain,
your sincere friend
"Red."

Friday P. M.

My dear Brother & Sister,
Just
received your special and
am sorry to hear of Francis
death.

It is very kind & thoughtful
of you to let us know & I thank
you

John is in Duluth & will not
arrive home until Sunday
morning & I am not feeling
so well so neither of us

will be there, the rest of the
family are all gone.

Sorry to hear that George is
also down but hope he is
improving by now.

Please keep us posted
& let if you keep your
general health up John
had a case of the influ.
but has recovered nicely &
this is his first trip away
from home since
Thanking you again & am

sorry we can not be write
you I am your sister
Edith.

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RICHMOND, INDIANA.

Oct 17, 1918

Mrs Lena Von Pein.
City

My Dear Friend.

It is with deep regret that I hear of your great loss. Surely you have been sorely afflicted. May God give you strength to bear up as he has heretofore. If there is any thing Mrs Myrick & I can do to lessen your burden, command us.

The Lord has been very good to you to let you have such a good daughter as long as he did.

With deepest sympathy,

B B Myrick,

Microbes Sought in Frozen Graves

TORONTO, May 27 (AP) — A research team plans to exhume seven bodies from permafrost in hope of finding what caused a global epidemic that killed 20 million people in 1918 and 1919.

The 1918 epidemic was called Spanish flu at the time, but scientists did not have any way to precisely identify what it was.

Marked by a sudden fever, chills, headache, malaise, muscle pain, pneumonia and rapid death, it killed more people than all the fighting in

World War I.

The Canadian-led team believes the deadly virus could still be lurking in the lungs of the bodies preserved in nature's deep freeze on a Norwegian Arctic island.

And they say special care is needed so the microbes do not revive once freed from their icy storage.

Records show that the men, miners in their 20's, died of an influenza-like illness that was ravaging the world. It reached even to Spitsbergen, above the Arctic Circle, where miners were digging coal.

Researchers hope that discovering and analyzing the microbe will help ward off similar outbreaks in the future. "This biological and scientific knowledge could be earth-shattering," said a team member, Dr. Peter Lewin, a pediatrician at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and a researcher of ancient disease. "It will make medical history if we find what we're after."

The team leader, Dr. Kirsty Duncan, an assistant professor at the University of Windsor who researches geography and medicine, spent three years trying to locate a far-northern grave site of people who had died in the great pandemic.

After learning of the graves, Dr. Duncan got in touch with Spitsbergen church and Government officials, who contacted descendants of the dead. She received permission to proceed from the Norwegian ministry of antiquities this month. An expedition is planned for the summer of next year.

"This will be done with the greatest respect and dignity," Dr. Duncan said, adding that extreme safety precautions would be taken so the microbe would not be unleashed again. "It will be treated as a very deadly virus."

Her research team includes viral experts from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Dr. Lewin said two microbes in particular would be disastrous if exposed or released. One caused the 1918 pandemic. The other is small-pox. "If you exhume that in the north, and the agent is viable, it would spread like wildfire," she said.

RICHMOND, INDIANA
Oct. 17, 1918

FIENNING—Mrs. Frances Fianning, 36 years old, died at her home, 1011 South Eighth street, at 2 o'clock this morning. She is survived by her husband, George Fianning, nine children, her mother and two sisters. Funeral announcements will be made later.

MRS. FRANCES FIENING.

Mrs. Frances Fiening, age 36 years, died yesterday in the home, 1011 South Eighth street, after a short illness.

Mrs. Fiening was born in Richmond in 1882, and had been a resident of Richmond all of her life.

She is survived by the husband, nine children, two sisters, and the mother.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the home. Burial will be in Lutheran cemetery. Rev. Mr. Tressell will officiate. Friends may call any time.