

Griffin, Katherine and Hancock

Katy told me the story about
"debutante Mary" wonder if I shall
regards her in the future with
different eyes. Poor Lang!

Don't let congress get you down
the country is behind you not congress
so keep at the good work

Devotedly yours

Hancock Griffin

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personal PSF Mrs. Gov. J. H. Edh. St.
"Y" (1.) Albany N.Y.
June 4th 1937

Dear Mr. President

It was a pleasure indeed
to have the glimpse of you last
Friday night and Saturday morning
and see you looking so well.

Katy and I enjoyed our visit
with you and Eleanor as we always
do and I only wish I could be working
for and with you in Washington. If
I continue to improve in health as I
have in the last two years this may
be realized before your term expires.

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PST
Gen. Lewis
(1) "G"

Dear Grandpa:

Your fine picture has just
been sent over from Albany
and I am delighted to have
it. As soon as it is properly
framed it will look down
from the stone mantelpiece
upon any Republicans who
dare come to see us and
show them that is a real
Democratic stronghold!! Beside
it will be one of Eleanor so
you see we are well fixed!
It is heavenly here and

I only wish you had some
of the cool breezes in Washington
that we have. We came up
the 9th the day after Sally (our
youngest) graduated "cum
laude" from St. Agnes School
and divided all the prizes
with the youngest Fairweather
I ever knew before we had
so many brains!

Hancock is still chuckling
over the story you told me
which I relayed to him. He
sends his best and says he
hopes you beat up Congress
soon!

Thank you many

many times for sending me the photograph
it means a lot to me to have it.

Best of luck and I do hope I'll see
you before too long - much love as always
Katharine L. M. Griffin

R. F. D 2

Ellsworth Maine

June 17th 1937

the Griffins be so strong
We loved our visit in the
White House - and going to
your Press Conference was
something I shall never forget
It was most impressive the
way you handled everything
Of course as I've told you
before we are so thankful that
you are the one to care for
this country - and you know
we are all behind pushing
and wishing we were of more
use.

It's always an inspiration
and joy to see you - "old sweetie"
Best love as always
"Kate". Marvin Griffin

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"G"

Dear Grandfather -
You certainly gave
this grandchild(?) a most
wonderful and delightful
time seeing you in the
White House & I do want
you to know how greatly
it was enjoyed and appreciated
Thank you very much
and also for your photograph
which I am proud to have.
Hancock says next time you
have one taken he thinks
he should have one -
not let the female side of

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PSF Ben comes "H"
3-43

October 29, 1943.

Dear Kate:-

It is mighty good to get your letter. I sure am surprised that anybody should spend the Winter in Bar Harbor. I thought that it just wasn't done, you know!

It being "off season", I think that among my old society friends I could find several people who would rent you their palaces for a very low figure — possibly as low as \$1,000 a month.

Years ago there were two Democrats in Bar Harbor — Dave Heenen Morris and Uncle Henry Morgenthau. When they go to Heaven they will sit next to St. Anthony, for both have resisted temptation. The only thing I know to do with Bar Harbor is to burn it down. That is the only way to cleanse it.

Your children are amazing. It is only three or four months ago that you only had one grandchild and now you have four. Is it all legal?

I do wish we could see you all. Be sure to let me know ahead of time if there is any chance of your coming to this den of vice and iniquity!

I am still at it but I am beginning
to show definite homicidal tendencies!

Affectionately,

Mrs. Hancock Griffin,
2 Oliver Street,
Bar Harbor,
Maine.

Dear Grandfather:

It looks as though
- it would be some time
before I have the pleasure of
seeing you dear self, as we
are spending the winter in
Bar Harbor — and that is
not so near Washington as it
might be! — I had hoped to
write Steamer and ask if we
Hank, Sally and I could stop
for a night to see you two dear
people on our way to Fayetteville

North Carolina, where we had
planned to spend a month with
Betsy as her husband ^{Bill Fenton} now a Major
is training at Fort Bragg. But
after much discussion we
decided to stay in Maine and
have a very comfortable little
house in Bar Harbor not far
from the baseball field. Sally is
going to Fayetteville by train for
a month with Betsy upon her
return here has a job at the
naval base - & I think will enjoy
life between work as there are
a number of attractive naval
officers here - and more out

at the new airport where K's husband
Dick Herick is stationed. They live in
Bay Harbor which makes it nice for us
to have even one grandchild within
reach.

The night we moved in Langdon came
from Hallowell, where he & "Barb" Mary
were spending several days. It was fine
to see him.

I enclose a picture you might be amused
by - I suppose by now Gala must be a
very snooty pup - we have four "war dogs"
with us - they belong to the children in
the service who can't have them & so
Hank & I keep them for the duration.

Did I tell you we have four grandchildren?
Hank Jr. who is training at Inneset has
two daughters! Great life isn't it?

Reamon's tip was thrilling and when we saw
the news reel of it you should have heard
the applause. I do wish I could see you
two days and listen to so much!

Take care of your very dear self
Best love always
Your devoted grandchild
Katz

2 Oliver Street
Bay Harbor
Maine

October 24th 1943

Ans.
PSF 2m Conis "G"
3-44

July 3, 1944.

Dearest Kate:

It is grand to get your note and to know (a) that you are expecting a complete flock of grandchildren and (b) that the Democratic Party in Bar Harbor is increasing. As someone remarked to me the other day "if you keep on running often enough, you will carry Maine and Vermont". There are, however, limits to continuance in this somewhat hectic job.

I do hope that you and Hank will get down to New York or Washington this Fall. If it is only the former, do run up to Hyde Park some day for luncheon.

Take care of yourself.

Always affectionately,

"F.D.R."

Mrs. Hancock Griffin,
R.F.D. 2,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Dear Grandfather -

Having wasted time
listening to the boy wonder give
his speech of acceptance in
Chicago, I feel compelled to
write and beg you to please
get busy and squash that
impertinent little pup - just
think of him as a Jap or a
German and exterminate.
You know the song "I have
done it before - and I can
do it again". So do save the
country from him & his kind
we moved here early

in May and I beg to report
that when we left Bar Harbor
we had rounded up twenty eight
pro Roosevelt democrats as
against fourteen last October.
So you see if we return to
Bar Harbor for next winter we
can continue. If Harold
Dubord were eliminated as
Democratic State Chairman we
would have more chance as he
is no good.

It seems much too long
a time since we have seen
you & Eleanor and I look
back upon our delightful

visits at the White House with the
greatest pleasure - If we should get to
New York in the fall perhaps we could
see you - but somehow I expect the
chances are we shall stay in Maine.
Betty & her two year old son are in her
own home near us - Bill is overseas
& Betty expects another baby in November.
It is to have one in September & Hank's
wife one in August, so you see I think I
am trying hard to catch up with you
and Eleanor - Hank Jr. is personnel officer
also teaching at the Navy school in
Hollywood Beach Florida and is now a
full lieutenant - The war news is certainly
wonderful - How I should love to have
an evening listening to you tell about
all the things we don't hear about.

Take care of your very dear self - As
long as you are Commander in Chief all
will go well with the Country - Hank
sends his best - Best love always

Your devoted grandchild!
Kate Griffin

R. F. W2

Ellsworth Maine
June 29 1944

Dear Miss Tully—

After listening to that
horrid little Druey last night
I thought it time to write
the BOSS. So here goes well
you please give him the
word - It may amuse him

Cordially yours
Katharine Druey

P. F. W2
Elmworth Avenue
June 29th 1944

year bring you all you desire.
Here's hoping it brings us to
see you - it has been ~~much~~
too long a time since we have
had that great pleasure.

Take care of your very dear
self - and with best love from
Hank, Sally and

Your devoted grandchild
Kate

20 Oliver Street
Bar Harbor
Maine

January 28th 1944

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Dear Grandfather

It was grand to get
your fine letter. I agree with
you about Bar Harbor but
want you to know that still
living in this place of sin,
its evil influence of riches and
rudeness fails to hurt the Griffins!
We are still ~~strongly~~ one hundred
percent pure Democrats, planted
firmly behind you - ready to do
battle with the forces of evil!

And to get down to
business we send our best
love and many happy returns
of the 30th, and may this coming

Some time one feels as though
one were watching a play &
too far off to take a part. It
is truly after a heavy snow
storm & so far we have only
had two bad ones -

Thank you for all your many
kindnesses. I do hope before very
long we shall again have the
pleasure of seeing you

Most Cordially

Katharine St. Suffrin

2 Oliver Street
Bar Harbor
Maine

Jan 29th, 1944

Dear Miss Tully -

Sally greatly enjoyed
seeing you when she was at
the White House & you were
a dear to show her about. She
had never before seen the office
and the working part of the
President's life.

Will you please give him
the enclosed? We are still
really enjoying being in Maine
altho' sometimes it seems very
far away from the interesting
things that are taking place.

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*PSF Ken comes "G"
3-44*

October 24, 1944.

Dearest Kate:-

That is a grand letter and it has
given me lots of fun.

I know of worse winter resorts than
Bar Harbor -- so let me know how things go from
time to time.

When this dirty campaign is over
I am going to be fumigated myself. Tell that
to the garage man. A very long experience
leads me to believe that Democrats are naturally
clean.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Hancock Griffin,
R.F.D. #2,
Ellsworth,
Maine.

File Personal Son Comes "G" 3.44
PSF

Dearest Grandpa -

We are so thankful
for your fine victory - You are
as always magnificent! You
know to some people you
are the "Commander-in-Chief"
to others "the Champ" - but to
us you are not only both
of these and my dear "Grandpa"
also - but you represent to us
the "United States of America" -
all that is fine and decent. And
with you in the White House
nothing can go wrong with this

country.

I'd so love to see you and
give you a hug & hear all about
everything and tell you how
wonderful it was to hear your
speeches over the radio. But as I
am still living outside the union,
I send heartiest congratulations.
Take care of your dear self best
luck and my dearest love
always.

Katz.

116 West Street
Bar Harbor Maine
November 8th 1944.

Nov. 8th 1944
116 West Street

Dear Miss Tully -

Isn't it wonderful? but
I did so hope Maime would get
back in the Union once more -
Anyway in the little town we
broke in - there have before this
been only Griffin votes in the
Democratic side - & this time
for the President there were twenty
eight beside the Griffin votes!
So you see we have worked
hard - will you please give the
enclond to the President. Thank
you a lot. Cordially yours
Bar Harbor Maime Katharine K. M. Griffin

Dear "Grandfather": -

It's a long time since I have written you and since my last letter I think I have gained two new granddaughters. I thought it better to let you know that they were legitimate. Hank's wife had a third daughter and Katherine has second child a daughter to be called another Katherine Laydon. In November just about the time you are winning the election, Betsy is to have another baby. And speaking of election - remember the Harvard football team is always certain they will

beat Yale - but sometimes Yale
pulls a dirty trick - & wins!
nothing must be like that for
as one Republican said to me
"no one but the President can
win the war and the Peace and
certainly no one can imagine
Churchill or Stalin discussing
anything with Dewey". One of
our Democratic friends here thinks
Mao will reenter the Union & go
for you in a big way - If it does
the Giffins will take full credit!
I do hate living outside the U.S.
and Hank, Sally & I are working
hard to get back.

I hate to think another winter
will pass without seeing you, but

unless Hank has to see his heart specialist in Albany - while the war lasts we stay put, so we shall return to Bar Harbor and share a very nice comfortable house overlooking Frenchmans Bay with Betsy and her two children - as Bill is overseas. Bar Harbor while a horrid place in summer with the shallow idle rich, is a fine winter resort with enough nice people quite a few of whom are Democrats. The man who owns the garage where we keep our car - he is also a member of the State legislature, told us a lovely story - A very rich summer visitor asked him what he and the other natives did to kill time all winter until the summer season came around again. He smiled and said "Madame, we fumeigate!"

It is always wonderful to hear your voice on the radio, & to see you looking like a million in the news reels - but it would be far nicer to be with you for a White House visit and have a good talk.

Sally goes to New York soon (after voting) for a month's vacation from taking care of Sister's children - chopping wood and being the hired man. She will stay part of the time with Paug -

We are just back from a call on Pierre Montan.

conductor of the San Francisco Symphony
Orchestra. He conducted the Boston after
the Park was - He & his wife are great
admirers of yours and he told us
this amusing story - He lives nearby
in the summer and has a school
for conductors. This year all his
pupils were voting for you except
one, so one evening - there was
a political discussion & this man
after listening for some time
grudgingly admitted "he might
vote for the President after all -
"but would Mr. Montross give him
an extra lesson next day"? Mr.
M. didn't answer but wrote on a
slip of paper - "I will vote for the
President," and handed it to the
man saying "when you sign -
this we will discuss your lesson."

Needless to say the paper was signed.

Recently in the movies in Bar Harbor when Dewey's picture was shown the people boomed when he started to give his Oklahoma speech - the audience shouted "Go tell that to the Mexicans."

This is a very long letter - please forgive it. I remember it takes all good wishes and much love may you win in November with the greatest number yet. Take care of your dear self.

Your devoted grandchild
Kate

R. F. D 2

Ellsworth Maine

October 15th 1944

Dear Miss Tully -

Will you please give
the enclosed to the President?
Thank you ever so much - I hope
you've had a nice summer & a bit
of rest somehow - These months
have been such busy ones they
fly by too quickly. It looks as
though we shan't be able to get
to Washington this winter - much to
our regret - so back to Bar Harbor
we were until next May - However
we shall hope sometime soon
after the fourth term is going to

get down & see you once again:

Cordially yours

Nathaniel D. Griffin

R.F.D. 2

Ellsworth, Maine

October 15th 1944