

John Monroe Cleaveland's Last Letters

Courtesy Patricia Topp

John died the day following his writing of these letters.

Earl was his son, **Catherine** was Earl's wife and **Patsy** their daughter.

Jerry was another son and **Edna** was Jerry's wife.

Ethel was his daughter, who had married **Earl Chandler**;

Nancy and **Buddy** were their children. **Sadie** was John's wife.

<p style="text-align: right;">Monday June 12/39</p> <p>Dear E P & C;</p> <p>Well I have been to Columbia Hospital again & had another picture taken not the kind however that Jerry takes, mine are real valuable ones, if judged by cost, well for past 10 or 12 days I would get severe pains in chest & arms and thought it some after effect from my Bronchial operation so in evening after supper I would go for a walk and sometimes would nearly collapse from pain lasting 5 to 30 minutes & nights bother so got little sleep</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Monday June 12/39</p> <p>Dear E P & C [Earl, Patsy and Catherine]</p> <p>Well I have been to Columbia Hospital again & had another picture taken not the kind however that Jerry takes, mine are real valuable ones, if judged by cost. Well for past 10 or 12 days I would get severe pains in chest & arms and thought it some after effect from my Bronchial operation so in evening after supper I would go for a walk and sometimes would nearly collapse from pain lasting 5 to 30 minutes & nights bother so got little sleep</p>
---	--

last week Thursday on Wisconsin St in front of Pfister Hotel I had a very severe attack & went into Dr Rains office (only couple rods from where I was) He was one of the Surgeons attending me in Jany operation. He examined me & sent me to Dr Marton at Columbia for rush Xray, although he had correctly diagnosed my trouble & they turned me over to Dr Tessier who has had the same ailment & his father died with it, that looks like a 50-50 chance dont it? Well the Xray was ~~an~~ ^{an} Electrocardiograph photo for a picture of the heart, arteries & vaines and they concluded

last week Thursday on Wisconsin St in front of Pfister Hotel I had a very severe attack & went into Dr. Rains office (only couple of rods from where I was) He was one of the Surgeons attending me in in Jany operation. He examined me & sent me to Dr. Martan at Columbia for rush Xray. Although he had correctly diagnosed my trouble & they turned me over to Dr. Tessier who has had the same ailment & his father died of it. That looks like a 50-50 chance don't it? Well the x-ray was an Electrocardiograph photo or a picture of the heart, arteries & vaines and they concluded

the vaines were palpitating & at times closing the heart & trying to do the pumping but part time getting little if any blood, there being a stoppage in the flow, like blocking the dam caused the severeness of the pain John C. Priem D. & A. of cmshpop died Friday here & buried at Madison today & I saw him a week ago & he said he was fine, He was a customer of yours while here a fine fellow, you probably saw the notice & long article in paper of his short illness, well Dr Rain & Tessier told me to go to bed, do no walking, take no exercise,

the vaines were palpitating & at times closing the heart trying to do the pumping but part time getting little if any blood, there being a stoppage in the flow, like blocking the dam caused the severeness of the pain.

John C. Priem D & A of cmshpop died Friday here & buried at Madison today & I saw him a week ago & he said he was fine. He was a customer of yours while here a fine fellow, you probably saw the notice & long article in paper of his short illness. Well Dr. Rain & Tessier told me to go to bed, do no walking, take no exercise,

No emotions, worry, anger or excitement, no liquor or smoking, and eat very lightly. This is a fine position to be in under the circumstances, when Edna was down here I told her it was brought on by my excitement in pulling in that first fish I caught, well Sadie has gone to Nashua we had postal card from her today, she is OK, well Patsy, Nancy had to go to Hospital to have a little piece of a Florida burg taken out of her foot she stepped on it is infected & must be dressed 3 times daily account infection in it. & Buddy has large sores

no emotions, worry, anger of excitement, no liquor or smoking and eat very lightly. This is a fine position to be in under the circumstances. When Edna was down here I told her it was brought on by my excitement in pulling in that first fish I caught. Well Sadie has gone to Nashua we had postal card from her today, she is OK.

Well Patsy, Nancy had to go to hospital to have a little piece of a Florida burg taken out of her foot She stepped on it is infected & must be dressed 3 times daily account of infection in it. & Buddy has large sores

on his knee ankle & legs from insects & bug bites, some state to live in, they have a little yellow & white kitty, its cute but not big enough to catch a mouse yet, well you will get tired reading so much, but after suffering most of forenoon thought I would keep on writing cause cant tell when I might be able to do so again, I feel fine then terrible, Life is queer, Bye by with love
Daddy

on his knee ankle & legs from insect and bug bites. Some state to live in. They have a little yellow and white kitty. Its cute but not big enough to catch a mouse yet.

Well you will get tired reading so much, but after suffering most of forenoon thought I would keep on writing cause cant tell when I might be able to do so again, I feel fine then terrible. Life is queer.

Bye by with Love

Daddy

Thursday 6/12/39

Dear E & C:

Well I will have some company Saturday. I got a card from Ethel Said they are leaving there Thursday for home to park here until Earl gets a job,

I will not certainly all had a fine time at your place & Edna spoke of enjoying it 2 or 3 times. I was up there last two eves for supper Fish. The fish kept fine Jerome took 2 large ones to Red,
with love Daddy

Thursday 6/12/39

Dear E & C,

Well I will have some company Saturday. I got a card from Ethel Said they were leaving there Thursday for home to park here until Earl [Chandler] gets a job.

Well we certainly all had a fine time at your place & Edna spoke of enjoying it 2 or 3 times. I was up there last two eves for supper Fish. The fish kept fine Jerome took 2 large ones to Red.

With love

Daddy