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192 Loudon Road
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To Our Descendants In The Year 2015 A.D.

I am writing this letter to go into the time capsule, it is a very difficult letter to write as I am sure just how to start.

This has been a happy period in Concord's history, people who usually don't have, or take the time for fun are putting something of themselves in this 200th celebration. I would like to tell you some of the things which are happening. As I am not sure just who is reading this letter, it is rather hard to address anyone in particular, I hope it is all four of our children, Gail & Cindy (now (although I'm sure by now it is not Benton) Sammy & Matt, and perhaps several grandchildren from each of you four. While I am on this subject, as you can see my subjects jump, I will put in a

prayer to God that you each have a clean, healthy, kind, and God-fearing spouse, and if my 2 girls men are 1/10th as hard working as your father, you will make out just fine.

Now to get back to our celebration, Gail and Sammy will probably remmber most of it, but the memory will be vague to Matt & Cindy Lou. Your father joined an organization called "Brothers of the Brush" and grew a beard & looked simply grand. I thought it should won the prize, (we will know next week who won) Your grandmother Hilda Bean, who is living with us now and grandfather John Lee Ahern who now lives at 5 Hyhland St. thought your father looked good also. Enclosed is a picture of him. Your uncle Bill also joined the "Brothers", your aunt Elaine joined the "Order of the Belles". They dressed up in old fashioned dresses and had a ball. There was "tugs of war" "Kanargoo Kourt" and all kinds of foolish fun, I took you all too as

much as possible. Last friday night it was in the State House Plazza, and I wonder if you can see Cindy Lou (just 5) standing on the high cement where the lights are so that she could see what was going on.

We will probably have passed on to the next world when you read this as I would be 82 and your Dad 87 in the year 2015 and I don't think we will make your celebration but remember even if you are working hard, take a little time to enjoy it, it is a long time until the next one.

I think my biggest disappointment during this whole affair was that Gail had been picked to dance at the pagent which will have about 600 people in it and the same week she was picked, she had an attack of appendix and so could not be in the show, do you remmber that Gail, and how you disliked Mrs. Remus, altho it wasn't her fault your appendix had to come out. We are going to the pagent with Anna & Harry Bukoff and their 2 sons Michael & Steven of Boston, I hope throughout these many years you are

and the 2 Bukoff boys have continued to be friends.

I can't help wondering fifty years from now just how our four children turned out, I hope well, your father & I have tried so far to show you the right way, to love God, respect others and your selves. I hope we did well, each one of you have all our love always and all your children. A selfish wish maybe, but I certainly hope you are all successful in what ever you have endeavored.

All Our Love,
Your mother & father
Lily and Samuel Benton

To Samuel John Benton
Matthew Lee Benton
Gail Estella Benton
Cindy Lou Benton
or their decendants

from

Samuel and Lily Benton

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