

Levi Pennington

People

---

7-25-1965

## Pennington to Richard Smith, July 25, 1965

Levi T. Pennington

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/levi\\_pennington](https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/levi_pennington)

---

### Recommended Citation

Pennington, Levi T., "Pennington to Richard Smith, July 25, 1965" (1965). *Levi Pennington*. 290.  
[https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/levi\\_pennington/290](https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/levi_pennington/290)

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the People at Digital Commons @ George Fox University. It has been accepted for inclusion in Levi Pennington by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ George Fox University. For more information, please contact [arolfe@georgefox.edu](mailto:arolfe@georgefox.edu).

July 25, 1965.

Richard F. Smith, Refugee and Rehabilitation Secy.,  
American Friends Service Committee,  
160 North Fifteenth Street,  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:--

Thanks for your letter of the 19th, which I am transmitting to the other members of our Refugee Committee.

What we'd like best would be to sponsor a person or a pair or a family of the white race, Protestant, and preferably able to speak English. And this preference does not mean that we fail to recognize that African stomachs and Catholic stomachs and the stomachs of some who never heard a word of English get just as hungry as lily-white English-speaking Protestants -- even if they were Quakers. But if I were a negro refugee, it seems to me that I'd want to live where there were at least some negroes, and so far as I know there is not a negro in Newberg nor in the area tributary to Newberg. The same is true of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, East Indians and other orientals -- there is one Philippine in town but he is a Pacific College student.

What would it cost per person for ~~our~~ transportation from New York to Portland? I'll call my committee together soon and we'll consider whether we have enough to make this loan for transportation or should try to give some help that would not demand so much in initial cost. I'd think it would be better if we could have case histories of Protestants -- trying to look at it from the standpoint of the Golden Rule, if I were a Catholic refugee going into a Protestant country, it seems to me that I'd rather have Catholic sponsorship, and I think the Catholics are caring for their refugees pretty well, though maybe I have not sufficient evidence on that point.

You ask how the poetry is coming, and I'd have to say that it is not coming. I think I have not written half a dozen things in the last six years that could be called poetry without a very general and rather lax definition of poetry. And a considerable amount of material for a possible third (and last) book of verse seems to have disappeared. With my general lack of extreme orderliness and with the disarrangement of the household equipment -- because of her crippled condition from arthritis my daughter Mary and her husband from New York for July and August have their beds downstairs in the dining room -- this material may be just displaced; but it may have been burned up with a lot of old correspondence I have been burning, and if that is the case it is gone with the Lost Atlantis and the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and other irreplaceable things.

Hoping for the best in this and other matters,

Sincerely yours friend,

Levi T. Pennington.