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Dear Joshua,

What an adorable picture! I seem to see quite clearly a large pair of sea-green eyes belonging to the sweetly serious boy in the Norfolk jacket in the upper left corner of the picture. Were they yours? I'm glad I wasn't in the picture. At that time I had this straight mousy hair held tightly with a barrett and my Aunt Francey- an editor at Mademoiselle-had not yet attempted to erase my freckles with bleaching creme. The boys were a handsome lot, I'd say, but the girls had yet to blossom.

I have it on excellent authority (my old autograph album) that our teachers were as follows:

1a Miss Magnier	1b Miss Magnier
2a Miss Ostrander	2b Miss Lowenstein
3a Miss Sheehan	3b Miss Comstock
4a Miss Klein (the younger)	4b skipped
5a Miss London	5b Miss Curran
6a Mrs. Urdang	6b the other Miss Klein

After that we transferred to a school which "knew not Joseph" and I was in Dutch and in tears most of the time. When I left that 6th grade class one teacher borrowed from Oliver Goldsmith and wrote "Tho' vanquished she would argue still" and other was helped by Charles Kingley to "Be good sweet child and let who will be clever." All in revenge for correcting their misinformation about the rights of naturalized citizens. you may remember that being right in elementary school was wrong.

Anyway I was hoping you would arrive with the tulips and before the weeds, but you will be welcome any time. Have dinner with us June 9th, or if you prefer elegance we cango to the Maisonette. We are easy to get to, unlike Don Harrison.

Other names from the past: Dr. Theobald, Principal, Norman Polansky, teacher, Shirley Saslavsky, Mimi Goldman, Leoard Sterfels, Anita Zommick, Gloria Branham, Lili Mikki.

When we first came back to New York in 1960 I handed my dime to a patrolman on duty at the Henry Hudson Parkway bridge to the Bronx. He poked his head into the car and said, "Abigail?" He was the only black boy in our class. I wasn't all that flattered at not having improved enough to be unrecognizable! I'm keeping your picture 'til you come!

Fondly,

Abigail Albert