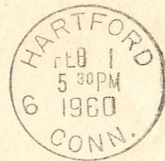


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Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons,

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Dear Sunny Jim:

I was thrilled to read the attached article in our local "Courant" this morning.

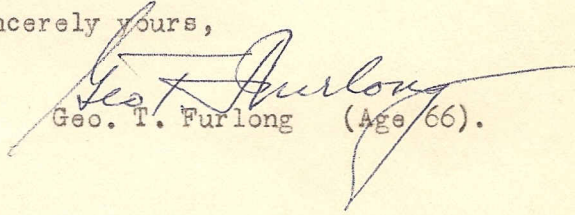
I was born in Sheepshead Bay in 1893 - started school at old P. S. 96 (Mrs. Cox Principal), and used to walk over the old wooden bridge high over the Brighton Beach steam trains, coming out on Ocean Avenue, at a point near Haggerty's saloon opposite the main entrance of the Sheepshead Bay Race Track.

I sold "lucky" blue pencils at the entrance to the track, until Pinkertons men chased me away; thence went to pumping the handle of a water pump to give people leaving the track after the races a drink of water, which brought home a much needed few bucks.

Think I am correct in saying that I saw Tod Sloan beat Willie Shaw, who was riding Payne Whitney's "Blue Ribbon" at the Sheepshead Bay track. It is my recollection that Sloan was riding for Keene, but do not remember the name of Keene's horse. I also saw the race at Gravesend when Jimmy Lang was killed. You will no doubt remember these incidents.

It was good to see you looking so well in the attached picture, and this is just a blast from the past, wishing you good health, good luck, and God Bless you.

Sincerely yours,


Geo. T. Furlong (Age 66).

P. S. I also have a recollection of knowing you in those days. You may recall such family names as - Tepees, Rhinelanders, Wipples, Clark and Norton ~~xxx~~, Vorhees etc.