

From Tom J. Pendergast, Jr. to Margaret Truman Daniels

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In 1934 Bennett Clark had M Milligan made Fed Dist Attorney in KC and your father new damn well that BC hated my father for not supporting Tuck Milligan if he had he would have been elected hands down yet in 1935 your father knew BC [MS. Illegible] for Gov was Loyd C Stark but to save his Senator seat because he knew he had to have BC support in St Louis to win. So he sold my father out for his personal gain my father believed your father was his friend for that was stabbed in the back but your father held back in KC in the name of Jim P who was still mad because his father Mike P was passed over by the ward leaders for my father. Mike P never forgave or forgot this & JP did not either even tho he was to take over when my father quits (what was the

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deal your father made to JP to have him support L Stark and connect to my father the only thing it could have been was to get my father for Income tax (with the money he was losing on the horses they were he was not paying his taxes or the money he was getting from any & everybody to support his habit (betting on the horses) He was like a man on dope he needed a fix[.] a fix for him was each race. And so the stage was set Bennett Clark to get even with my father[.] Senator Truman to save his [MS. Illegible] & help his friend friend Jim P help right a wrong be some head of the DO [Democratic Organization] in KC as he had [MS. Illegible] for my father Jim Pendergast would think befriend and he would do what his father could not do. In 1936 my father became ill. JP saw his chance the word went out wanted

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He wanted the biggest vote total KC had ever had it was his chance to show every one he could do a better job then my father, and that he should be head of the DO now & my father should turn the reins so to speak over to him[.] But they got carried away and voted the sick the dying & the dead (But at the time it looked like JP had done a great job & maybe my father should step down) but then the vote fraud cases started and even thou my father knew it was a take over bid by JP my father protected JP and since he was still head he took the shame (what a loyal sentimental fool) JP came out clean all he had to do was see that all the people that were found guilty their families were given jobs or money. (But this debacle set the time table back a couple of years also some of the ward leaders where

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becoming very discusted with JP for not taking the blame like he should have. Instead of letting my father take all the blame but he never did. Your father knew he was to blame but he never said a thing in defence of my father I wonder why? ("It must have been [MS. illegible] like JP told me later I mean a couple of years" That Harry Truman was a friend of his & his father and he never gave a damn about my father and that he Truman would not lift a finger to help him or any of my family and for me not to forget it as he was the head now & if I wanted anything I would have to come to him & to tell Phil McCrory the same thing") I said tell him yourself, but you don't have to as he already knew how you feel

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During the IR [Internal Revenue] & the F.B.I. investigation of my father the FBI made a search of my fathers office 1908 Main St[.] there they found a lot of old betting slips won & lost slips going back some two years B Griefkow was his sec. he had replaced Capt Mathews who had died, his excuse was that he had just forgotten to throw them away. But the strange part of the whole thing was that when Capt M died JP & B Griefkow were good friends & JP recommended, B Griefkow to my fathers to be his Sec. JP said that he trusted B. G. to bad my father couldn't and so JP had him my father boxed. In your book you say my father had Megalomania that's not true It took him till the fall 1944 to admit to him self to me that he had been sold out by HST [Harry S. Truman] & JP my father died of a broken heart

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And when your father came to the funeral I could not believe it who in the hell was he fooling my family did know VP Truman. After the funeral I ask Mr McCrory what was that all about "He said don't ask me I don't know unless it was to make JP look good or to make the people think they were still friends maybe if you live long enough you will find out.[[" Then when JP Died, my wife and I went to the funeral and sat in last Pew at Visitation Church, the same church my father was buried from. I [MS. Illegible] J.P & HST had had a fallout 5 yrs before Jim died and HT had not spoken to him. I looked to my left and there was HT going into a pew

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JP Family they all knew

Now who was he doing it for "me" he already knew I had turned it down that I had turned it down in 1943 when my father call me over to the Rid D Mix [Ready Mix] with Mr McCrory & and he had some Ward leaders their they wanted to know if I would go in with JP like he had done under my father. I said no way who are you kiddin. JP has got BG. If he steps down BG will step up and it wont be to long before you all be out for yourself then you all will be like Humpy Dumpy nobody will be able to put you together again and then Mr McCrory and I left. And after we were in the car going back to the Liquor Co Mr McCrory said Tom you are aright. Let is end & never change your mind but if you should don't go as a "Goat" go as just a plain Dem.

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Let it end. It started with JMP let it end with a JMP
First

Now Mrs M T [Margaret Truman] Daniels [MS. Illegible] & They say Confession is good for soul it also does wonders for you [MS. Illegible] don't you think it is just about time you all start Telling truth about everything instead of all this dribble[.] as for my father he never ran a [bawdy?] house or gambling house, and he never had and [intent B & Pryor?] Saloons yes & from reading book you can tell who told your father this "The man who was passed over for my father"

Your father loves [gossiping?] so well why don't he tell why they took Tom instead of Mike. But that all happens in 1911 & before. I know it must have killed your father to have to take this help from my father when he would rather have taken it from

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Mike & his son Jim Pendergast but that is the way the cookie broke. I am sure MT took a lot of heat from your Mother and you because he had to take help from Tom, who your father felt was a cross he had to bear if he wanted to be elected even Dog catcher.

Then in 1934. He saw a way to get rid of Tom, take the heat off of himself & have his wife and daughter know he was doing something about Tom & also help his friend Jim become head of the "Goats"

He came to funeral because he wanted all the Senator and Congressman to think he was still loyal to TP Sr because every Senator as long their was elected with the help of some PO in their State. H Truman was riding on a Dead Man's Coat Tails Harry Truman was not loyal to my father.

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A finally Mrs Daniels like your father say on Page 302 you father said the terrible shadow which old Tom left them always haunts them I don't think it haunts his family but I know it sure did Jim because a short time before he died he called me and told he had several boxes of cards and letters that belongs to [(]that came when my father died[)] me and he wanted me to come to his house and pick them up. I told him to burn them he had kept them 20 yrs and they had not helped him even the[n] he told some people he was his son and other time he didnt have a son.

And I know "Old Tom" will haunts your family till the day you all die unless you or someone tells the truth "that your father & JP did in truth stab him in back"

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So to speak. Because with friends like the Trumans who in the hell needs enemys

TJP Jr

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From 1933 untill it sold 1949 – I started in 1933 at the TJP W L Co [T. J. Pendergast Wholesale Liquor Company] M & P H McCrory what doing to teach Me the liquor business and a lot more. Mr McCrory treated me more like a son as he had no children of his own. He and my father became friends from the time my father came from St. Joe Mo 1889 They and JJ Pryor had been in the WW business before Prohibition. Then with repeal they started in the UU Business again the same three people my father owned ½ P H McCrory ¼ JJ Pryor ¼ the same as it had been before. The Liquor house was like a big information center. Wha the people said in the bars and friends of my father & Mr McCrory call to tell him at first and then later my self if he was not in A lot was just gossipp But later the trust

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then P.H. would fill me in and bring me up to the present time a lot of it started with old Jim P & from him I just learned the reason why some of the hatred that was held my the other side of the family namely MP & his son J.M.P who was named after Old J P as he had no son's or for that matter no children.

This PH said was done to curry favor with Old Jim but I said John P was the oldest well he said he was named for John P but John had no Int in Politics he said you know none are named Tom don't you.

James M Pendergast Jan 27-1856 - Nov 10-1911

Mike J Pendergast

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1929

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1864

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Now we come to the vote Fraud of 1936 Jim P was running the D. O. then my father had turned it over to Jim to run he was well again Jim now saw his chance to even an old hatred that he had Andy Gallagher who he said came to the door of his father house on Wabash and when his father opened the door Andy Gallagher hit his father in the mouth and knocked his father down and then A.G. turned and left. (Jim P was fourteen years old @ the time) JP swore he would get even with AG who was a Shannon man now in 1936 Jim saw his chance the word came down from JP that he wanted the biggest vote turn out they could get, he wanted to Prove once and for all times that Shannon and AG had no strength then and only them would the wrong AG had

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done to his father be made right "because his father had died in 1929" The Personal Vendetta would come to an end, because JP would silence the K Out blow to Shannon & Andy Gallagher. This a true acct with statements made by people who were convicts in the Vote Fraud Cases. And when Shannon first cried Fraud JP & [MS. Illegible] and my father took the blame to save JP. JP till day he died would never admit to anyone that he was to blame. But he knew and his conscience must have told him day & might till the day he died. That he alone was responsible for the downfall of the P.O. A P.O. started by a JMP & ended by a J.M.P. All because a small boy carried a grudge to get even. And for the same reason and others his father was passed over and my father became head after JP died in 1911

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He is like a [MS. Illegible] dog that bites the hands that feeds him.

What kind of a SOB would accept his org help and take about a person. Why didn't he get a job Twas KKK and he quit when he found out they only had 200 [MS. Illegible] then we got him from MJP & his son JMP they had a monkey on there back as same a old HST & his SOB.

Everyone MJP & JMP every fronted for turned out bad. HST when JMP died I had not spoken to him in 5 yrs, but the old SOB was at his funeral just like we was a my father 1945.

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Truman said to FDR “TJP is my friend. I will stand by him but I will not lift a finger to help “him” or anyone in his family”

But I have from TJP his word that he will support me in 1940 FDR said when was that given[,] HST said 1935

The other side of the coin