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Paul:

You asked the background of Gertrude's and my coming to Leisure World:

For several years prior to my retirement from Great Northern we came to California during the year-end holiday period to see our daughter and family in Manhattan Beach. Our daughter is Mrs. George B. Merrick, who is identified on Page 2 of my resume.

During those visits we always drove to La Jolla to see personal friends, and in driving to the San Diego area became aware of the then-building Leisure World community. Enroute to La Jolla in January 1965 we stopped at the PCM building and talked with Florence Houle, then the Rossmoor gal there, and received literature on Leisure World.

While we recommended Leisure World to some St. Paul people who were retiring and wanted to live in Southern California, our own interest did not become active until 1971. During an expedition to England, Scotland and Ireland that year we met Irene and Loren Nordeen in Dublin, and were with them for 6 days on a motor tour of Southwest Ireland. The Nordeens were early "settlers" in LW, and they urged us to visit them the following Christmas period and learn more about the community. We did, met many persons, who now are friends here, and in 1976 decided to become Leisure Worlders. The Nordeens were invaluable counsel in our selection of a co-operative manor, and in introducing us to the nucleus of a now-wide acquaintance of attractive people.

Leisure World is conveniently close, but reasonably distant (50 miles) from Manhattan Beach, so we are not in the Merrick menage too frequently, as is often the problem of family propinquity. They like it that way, and so do we.

Does that cover the question?

Linda
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