“THE DAY OF DAYS”

One word comes to mind as the inspiration for the creation of “ Mother’s Day” And that is the word “homesick”.

Anna Jarvis, who was born in Grofton, West Virginia in 1864 had moved to Philadelphia later as an adult, and lived there most of her life. You know the cliché, “ you can take the girl our of the country, but you cannot take the country out of the girl”.applies to this situation. Although she lived in a city,Anna longed for her West Virginia countryside. The mountains and the family and friends she had grown up with.. Anna Jarvis’s own mother was a role model. She gave birth to eleven children and endured through the death of seven of them. In spite of all the tragedy, she never lost her faith in God. She kept caring for the children when they were ill. Took care of her husband, when he was sick. And sacrificed her dream of a college education do to the poverty in her own life. When she died, Anna organized a special service at the church there in Grofton, West Virginia, to honor her mother for all that she had endured and done.

Eventually, Anna decided that she wanted to honor her mother by honoring all mothers with a special day on the second Sunday in May. She did a letter writing campaign that included politicians, newspapers and church leaders. She wanted “ Mother’s Day” to be closer to memorial day. So that the people would remember the sacrifices their Mothers had made for their families.

The nation was also changing. Many sons and daughters no longer lived on the farm with their parents.

So, being “homesick” for their mothers and other family members hit the hearts of many.

In May 1908 was the first Mother’s Day observance, and by 1920 Mothers Day became one of the most prominent holidays. Mother’s Day has become a platform today for various issues involving Women’s rights. Wear a white carnation in your label, as remembrance of your Mother this Mother’s Day.

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