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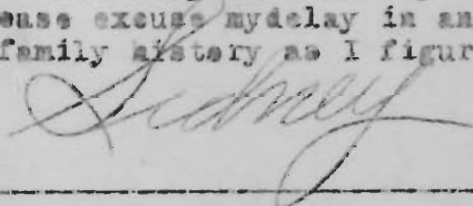
Dear Cousin Florence:

I must apologize for not answering your communications sooner. My health has not been good for the last two years. I have gotten to be a bleeder. I have hemorrhages from infected sinus and also stomach. I have severe headaches from the sinus and also my hearing is affected when the sinus is bad. All sounds reverberate. My circulation particularly from the hips down gives me real trouble constantly, and then my Arteritis too. Whenever these occur I just can't think clearly. I would like to emphasize that it is impossible to check ancestry from the records positively very far back. In the old days there were large families. Each man would name one of his sons after his brothers. Frequently there were four or five of the same name in the same locality, and after that the nephews were older than their uncles. Also an ancestor you are positive of married several times and had children by each wife. I could have answered much sooner if I could have been positive of Elizabeth Veazey Veazey McBride ancestry. She married 4 times, the last one being John Eley, a 1st cousin of my grandfather Newell. Cousin Julia Marchman, a 1st cousin of your father's, tried to find out from the records of Baldwin County, their records showed that John McBride married someone else. Your record shows she was the daughter of Ezekiel Veazey son of James Veazey. My records gathered from the records of Baptist church records here, records of Paul E. Jernigan, and Veazey history written by Veazey Campman, show that I am descended from Ezekiel Veazey, son of James Veazey, and that Ezekiel's wife was Elizabeth Veazey who was no blood kin to Ezekiel. The records show that Zebulon Veazey, son of James, had a son named Ezekiel. My Mother taught school with Lincoln Veazey several years. My great aunt Jane Moore married Wm. J. Veazey, son of Ezekiel. I have a brother named Alanson Veazey Newell, for his real grandfather Allison Veazey son of Ezekiel. I am enclosing copy of my record of my Veazey Ancestry. My Newell ancestry records, come from Records of Mrs. Berna Hilman and Mrs. Henry (Village) Mapp, great aunts of yours. My aunt Annie Newell, my cousins Nellie Tappan, Mrs. Dr. Henry (Frances) Reid, Mrs. Lizzie W. (Emma) Barlow's husband, Dr. Rice county Ministerian, and my sister Mrs Sarah Hall. There are some errors, particular of the dates in my records.

Lundie W. Barlow, husband of Emma Moore Barlow, did most of the research work of the Howell family back of Mathew and Temperance Savannah Howell. He agreed with me that there plenty of indications that these names were right but no real proof. They were certainly collateral ancestors if not direct. They were the parents of Mathew Savannah and John Johnson Howell (I mean McKinnie and Mary Johnson Howell) Howell. The children of Mathew and Temperance Savannah Howell were Mathew, Jr., Joseph, William and McKinnie who came to Greene County, Ga. A daughter married Thomas Rhodes and they along with Thomas stayed, at least for awhile, in North Carolina. Mathew was a wealthy sackeler, living to a real old age and died in 1841 near Powellton, Ga. William moved to Autauga County, Ala, and ran the county newspaper there, and he married a cousin of the Greene County Ministerian, Dr. T. B. Rice, who came from Alabama. William had 2 sons and 3 daughters. Joseph had 2 children by 1st wife and they were Aaron and Isaac. There are descendants of Isaac but the descendants of Aaron are scattered all around this section. Joseph married again and moved to Union Springs, and I am sure he had more children after moving there. Mathew Savannah Howell was born in 1807, married Sarah Simenton in 1931, dying in 1934, leaving 2 small children Samuel Armstrong and Mary Jane. I now have the Simenton chest. John Johnson Howell was born in 1818, married Elmira Messeride, daughter of John and Elizabeth Veazey McBride. Elizabeth Veazey McBride married five times, the last husband was Jean Elye, first cousin of my grandmother Georgia Elye Howell. Most of my records, even those of family bibles, show McKinnie dying in 1851 and John dying in 1858, My memory says John was appointed executor in McKinnie's, but I have court records showing Samuel A. Howell administered McKinnie Howell Estate in 1858, and my grandfather W. W. Moore was the guardian of John Howell's minor children. These 2 sets of supposed facts do not fit together.

Edna does not take too much interest in ancestry. Her uncle Beard did all the ancestral research for the family, and I believe wrote or collaborated on a book of the Cleptons. I have the impression you have this book. Edna and I send our respects and hope you and yours continue in good health. Please excuse my delay in answering your letters. I am not returning your family history as I figured it was a copy.

Sincerely



Edna has 3 first cousins in Los Angeles. I have a niece Mrs. Scott (Elizabeth H.) Emerson, living at 955 Las Pravados, San Raphael, Cal. Elizabeth has a boy and girl and several grandchildren. Edna has a niece Mrs Frank (Sarah B.) Lewis, Jr. living at 1464 Cedar Place, Los Altos, Cal. - 94022. She has one boy and 2 girls.