

October 31, 1940

Mr. D. Brewer Eddy, President  
The Eddy Family Association, Inc.  
17 Hillcrest Road  
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Eddy:

While this is the thirty-first of October, I have had your letter of October 21 on my desk but did not find time to reply to it until today. I inclose a check for \$1.50, which, I trust, will be accepted for the copy of the SUPPLEMENT OF 1940.

My connection with the Eddy family is through my great grandmother, Sally Eddy, who married Adolphus Simons. As they were married in Plymouth, Chenango County, New York where Olney Eddy resided for a time, I assume that she was the daughter of Olney Eddy, although, in my father's records, he gave her birthplace as Providence. Another and, perhaps, stronger reason for believing that Olney Eddy was my ancestor, is that my grandfather, Sally Eddy's son, was named Alfred Smith Simons. No one ever named a child Smith except to honor their ancestors, and the wife of Olney Eddy, or his mother, (I am writing from memory) had the surname Smith.

Either there were a lot of preachers in the early days or else my lineage is unusual, because I certainly run into a bunch of them to wit: Collins, Gowdy, Eddy, and Luther being among those that come to my mind, although there are others that I can't recall at the moment. The father of Martin Luther was one of my distant grandfathers.

I regret that I was not able to be present at your Anniversary Luncheon on October 29 and hope to have that pleasure on some other occasion.

Respectfully yours

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Enclosure