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Dear Collie:

Your nice letter came a few days ago, and I was disappointed that you did not enclose the pictures of my father and Mama that you said you had. And I was going to send Grayce the picture of Janice and young Carl, for she was in Leilah's house when Janice was a baby.

I note what you say about her being pretty. She really insnt pretty at all, because her skin is very kind of swarthy, and she has granulated eyelids, inherited from her father. But she has good features, and BEAUTIFUL dark curly hair that never has to have a permanent. And she is highly intelligent, has a great sense of humor and a great deal of poise. She is very slim, and that makes her look young, too. I hold her up to Norma as a shining example because of this last, for she is inclined to be overweight. She has a beautiful figure when she is of normal weight, and I have insulted her and browbeaten her trying to make her keep her weight down. She used to go into stores and they always raved over her figure, saying she would make a perfect model. She will diet for a time and then forget about it and fall from grace. And dont tell me anything about "gland" trouble. She hasnt it. She is just a "weak sister".

Speaking of the D A R, I could, of course, belong to it if I wanted to but I am not much of a "joiner" and, indeed, have been traveling so much of my life, that I havnt "lit" long enough in one place, to get interested in joining that wonderful body of women. But I am FOR them, in every way, and really should have belonged to them long ago, for their sentiments are mine, nearly always.

I, also have other Revolutionary ancestors. My great grandmother on my mother's side was a direct descendant of Col. Prescott, of Concord fame (wasnt it?) who said "dont fire on the enemy until you see the whites of their eyes." She was a Prescott, and married Alonzo Moulton, whose family record I have beginning at 1770, when Every Moulton married Lydia Proctor, (another famous New England name) They had a mere 11 children, one of whom was my great grandfather, Alonzo, who was born in 1800, and his brother was Albanus K. Moulton, who was a famous Baptist preacher, who founded the Baptist College in Berea (I think it was) Ohio, and who was walking over a trestle bridge coming home from a meetingn, and fell thru and was killed. His wife was behind him and heard him fall. I do wish you could see this old record written in a beautiful hand, the paper yellowed by ago, and the ink dim, but very plain. I know you would be interested in it. Another of these 11 children, was a Lucinda Moulton who was also a Baptist preacher. In fact, the history of the Baptist church is full of the names of that family.

Then my mother was a collateral descendant of John Quincy Adams, and she was also a cousin of Clara Louise Kellogg, for whom she was named. She was a singer and a writer of poetry.

So you and I are pretty well supplied with the right kind of ancestors, and dont tellme that that doesnt mean anything. If you want to raise good dogs or horses, you have to raise them from good stock, DONT you?