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Apparently the account was never paid, and my father bought the violin which is still in our family, now being owned by my daughter, Mrs. O. W. Maloney, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I think Russ and Mimi are likeable folks. We haven't had the opportunity to know their children, Grace and Julia, very well, but Grace's baby is a darling.

I notice you have a daughter named Janet, and our second daughter is Janet which is the diminutive of Jane. My mother's name originally was Betsy Jane, but following the advent of Jenny Lind in this country, was changed to Jennie Bessie, this change having been made doubtless when mamma was in her early teens.

We have pictures of Mary, Jennie, and I think of Theodore, when they were children, and we also have a number of pictures of Russ.

My sister, Mrs. Hoinville, who died in Chicago a year ago last October, had a very dear friend who was a Lane before her marriage and quite proud of her Lane ancestors. If I ever see this friend again, I shall ask her more about the Lane family.

I am glad you told me the names of your several children although I may never see them. I think it is fine that you have steady work and work that you like which helps keep you from being lonesome.

Mrs. Simons and I came into Idaho from the Jackson Hole country about nine years ago this summer and came down thru Pocatello, Blackfoot, etc., and thru Ogden, Salt Lake, finally leaving Utah for the east at Vernal.

If you ever have occasion to go east, we shall be very happy to have you pay us a visit. It is sometimes hot here in the summer, but quite delightful in the spring and fall and the winters are not bad.

In 1937, we bought a tract on the south shore of Gull Lake, near Brainerd, Minnesota, where we built a cabin for ourselves, and our son, Dolph, also put up a cabin. We have spent some time there each summer since, but whether we shall get up there this summer, depends a lot upon the development of war conditions.

I have read stories of the old trails across Idaho, and I have heard references in regard to Weiser.

As I said before, we were glad to get your letter, and I hope that you will find time to write again. You and Russ should keep in close touch with one another as you and Roy are the only relatives he has. You see he is the only full cousin I have on my father's side, and you and Roy are the only two half cousins.

With love and best wishes,

I remain

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Your Cousin