

Ellinwood, Kansas

Dear Cousins:

We received your letter while I was in the hospital and just haven't got around to doing only what I have to. Will try to send you the dates that I know and the date of Loren's father's death will have to look it up sometime when we're up to Burdett.

My maiden name was Clara Belle Miller. Date of birth 1905, Nov. 4. Date of Loren's birth was 1903, April 27. We were married the 28th of August 1924. Loren Leland Gowdy, birth Dec. 5, 1925. Lloyd Collins Gowdy, birth Dec. 23, 1943. Charlott's birth was March 3, 1905. Her husband's name is Delmar Lewis. They were married in September '25, I believe. They have only the one child. Her name is Mannette Lewis, birth Oct. 14, 1926. If she has a middle name I don't know what it is. Loren's mother's name was Sarah Jenny Smith. His father's death was in April, we think, 1905. Charlott was just a small baby at the time.

That will really be interesting to know the Gowdy family back that far. If I remember right, the name Collins has been in the family for quite some time.

Yes, you did write that you were in Holton, but I think at that time we were in Olathe. We stopped at your son's home and had a nice visit with them.

We have been in California the past three years, went out to work in Kiaser Warehouse in the Fall of '43. Just came back here last August. Have been in the Wolf's Mill since we've been here.

Leland got his discharge from the Marines last April. He started to finish his high school in Burdett, but couldn't stand it so is going to take the government test now.

I'M sorry we've been so long sending these dates to you. Will find out the rest as soon as I can. We don't have any good snapshots of the boys, but will take some one of these days and send you one.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your cousins

Clara and Loren