

December 22, 1947

Mrs. Lillian A. Gooding  
Weiser, Idaho

Dear Cousin:

Your Christmas message was received today and we were very glad to hear from you. You were kind enough to send me a snapshot picture of yourself some years ago, so I have in mind a good looking, white haired lady, whose white hair comes from heredity rather than from age.

We have always been fond of your brother, Dr. Wickey, and we were greatly pleased with the short acquaintance we had with your daughter and granddaughter. We too, were depressed over the death of Russel's grandson and it seems providential that a new baby boy has been born to his parents.

I think I have written you that it is my impression your mother was a cousin or second cousin of Russel's mother, Julitte S. Wickey. I have made a study of my ancestry and, if you are actually related to us, it is probably through the Mason branch of our family. My father's mother was Walthy Ann Mason. She also was the mother of the first Mrs. Wickey. The name of Lane comes to my mind and I think probably, if we knew more about the background, we would find that it stemmed from the Mason line. The first Mason of our line, so far as we know, was Samson Mason, who was located in Swansea, Massachusetts about the middle of the 19th Century. I have the line complete from him to myself.