

April 14, 1947

Mrs. Amy Oettershagin
18900 Western Avenue
Homewood, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Oettershagin:

We have enjoyed a short visit with Charles and Mrs. Hoinville who left for Chicago this afternoon. They drove to Rochester, Minnesota where they picked up Mary Jule Stough, who had been in the hospital a few weeks for the treatment of a skin trouble. Their coming reminded me that I wanted to write to you but did not have your address.

I remember your telling me that you were a member of the Lane family. My father's only sister, Julixette Simons, married a Mr. Wickey and they lived, as I recall, at Wilmington, Illinois. After the death of my aunt, Mr. Wickey married a second time to a very excellent lady whose name I do not at the moment recall, but I understand that she was a second cousin of my father and of Mr. Wickey's first wife. I also recall that her name had been Lane and the only way in which I can figure that she might have been a cousin would be through connection with the Mason family - my grandfather's wife being Wealthy Anne Mason and her father being Ezra Mason. I have the Mason line developed back to Samson Mason, an early settler of Swansea, Massachusetts. I have wondered if her Lane connections might have been related to yours.

Mrs. Wickey died a good many years ago, leaving two children, a Mrs. Lillian A. Gooding, 328 Galloway Street, Weiser, Idaho and a son, Roy, who was adopted, I think, by a family named Mason. I know that neither of these children have much of an idea of their background.

Mrs. Simons and I have enjoyed your acquaintance doubly so because of your long friendship for my sister.

Cordially yours,

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