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Dear Cousin:

I sent you yesterday a photograph that I had taken since our return from Florida. If you have any photograph of me whatever, it must have been taken a good many years ago. We have a good photograph of you, taken some years ago, but it is still a fine picture.

I am always glad to hear from you.

I am working on the publication of a family tree, ie., blanks upon which family records may be kept. When completed I shall be glad to send you a copy with data regarding the Simons and Mason ancestral lines. I think your father's initials were T. J., the T probably standing for Theodore. Your mother was born just three years to the day after my father's birth, which would make it, as I recall, February 12, 1838. We have at home, a rather pitiful letter written by Aunt Julia after the death of their firstborn, whom, I think, was named Charles. She died in 1877 I believe, six months before the death of papa.

Lovingly, your cousin

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