

February 21, 1948

Mrs. L. A. Gooding  
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Dear Cousin:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that you may know that I am trying to find out, if possible, something of your Lane ancestors.

Mrs. Ottershagen, who we know as "Amy" was a great friend of my sister, Mrs. Julia Simons Hoinville, and we have met her several times in Chicago. I know she is proud of her Lane ancestry and I think, possibly, she may be connected with your family line because I think they were formally located in northeastern Illinois, perhaps at Wilmington, Will County. I hope that this letter will finally reach Mrs. Ottershagen who, I am sure, will communicate with you.

Mrs. Simons is now taking some x-ray treatments in Kansas City following an operation of six weeks ago, and we shall not be in Lawrence except on week ends.

I certainly hope that I may be able to give you some sort of a lead on your maternal line. I presume Russ would know more about where your father came from than we know ourselves. If he had had a military record, it would not be hard to trace him.

I was happy to get your letter and hope that it will be returned to me with information.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

W. C. Simons

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