

February 21, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hoinville  
7539 Colefax Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mary and Charlie:

The letter which I enclose is from Mrs. L. A. Gooding of 328 West Galloway Avenue, Weiser, Idaho. She is a half sister of Dr. Russel Wickey. As far as I am concerned, she is practically of no relation to me, and I have never seen her; but her picture shows an attractive, white-haired woman and her letters are interesting. Her father was originally married to my father's only sister, who died about six months before Papa did. Out of several children of the first marriage, Dr. Wickey is the only survivor. Afterwards T.J. Wickey married a young woman whose name I do not recall at this moment, but who, I understood, was a cousin or second cousin to my father and to the first Mrs. Wickey. She corresponded with Mama while we were living in Hodgeman County, Kansas. Her letters indicated that she was an unusually fine woman. Two children were born to her-Lillian, who married a Mr. Gooding, and Ray, who was adopted by a family named Gall. Mrs. Gooding knows practically nothing of her relatives, and I have tried to help her a bit. A mother of my father and of the first Mrs. Wickey was wealthy and a Mason; and I think that the mother of Mrs. Gooding must have been related to our family through the Mason line.

In the back of my head is the memory that Mrs. Gooding's mother was in some way related to the Lanes. Amy Ottershagen, of Chicago, had Lane relatives of whom she was very proud.

I shall be very happy if you would mail this letter to you and the one from Mrs. Gooding to Mrs. Ottershagen. The letter tells of Dr. Joseph L. Lane who was a surgeon in the third or fifth Wisconsin Cavalry Volunteers in the Civil War. Amy would likely know if he were a relative of hers. I am sure Mrs. Gooding would be very happy to know more about her relatives.