

December 20, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Drought
% Mrs. Kathryn Drought
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Jackson, Michigan

My dear friends and cousins:

Thank you very much for the beautiful Currier and Ives Christmas card. I think that while I have not had the pleasure of meeting any of you excepting Willard, I have no doubt that you make a very happy family.

My name, by the way, is Collins. I was named for my grandfather, C Collins Gowdy, and through the Collins line Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony was my grandfather ten generations back. This would make your mother, Kathryn, of the eleventh generation, Willard the twelfth, and Judith and Jerry the thirteenth.

This would make any member of your family eligible to membership in the New England Society and would also open the doors to you in many of the Colonial Societies.

With very best wishes, not only for the season but for the years to come, I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

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