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Mrs. Lillian E. Gooding  
Weiser, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Gooding:

I think it is rather strange with our very distant relationship that our friendship has grown until I appreciate and I hope that you do too. I used such matter as I could for the genealogy, and when it is published (we are now working on the publication) I shall send you a copy.

I do not hear from Russ often. I had a Christmas card from them, however, quite recently, and I have sent a little gift both to Russ and to Mima.

As I have told you before, Gertrude and I were pleased with our short acquaintance with your daughter who dropped in to see us some years ago. She had a baby with her at the time. I think you have been something like Topsy who "just growed", although you may never have read Uncle Tom's Cabin. When I think of the many deaths that occurred in your family and the very few relatives that you have, I think it is quite remarkable that you have made a place for yourself in your community and have reared a fine family. Twenty-five years of service in the city clerk's office should entitle you to an acquaintance with practically everyone in your community.

I do not recall how many children you have, but it is interesting to know that you had another granddaughter last May. My first great-grandchild was born in May, and a second great-grandson was born a few months later. They are both darling boys and are very dear to me.

I presume the Grace of whom you speak is Grace Wicky, and if so, I have not heard directly from her for some years, although she has been at our home. For a child to be a champion roller skater and to get A's in school at the same time is very unusual.

I am pleased to note that you addressed me as cousin, and I regret that we live so far apart that we do not have the opportunity of a personal acquaintance.