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Dear Cousin Calla,

I am sending you under another cover a copy of my Genealogy for which no charge will be made. I am only putting out 200 copies, 100 to be cloth bound and 100 in paper. The cloth bound copies are not yet ready. I, like you, do not know who could give the data for the Gowdy Genealogy because the data near the end of the book is terribly balled up. I was born July 8, 1871 but according to the Gowdy Genealogy, I was born July 3, 1866 which was the date of the marriage of my parents. I wrote to Mr. Ridlon upon receipt of the book, giving correct data, which I hoped would be used should additional copies ever be made. The group picture which appears in the book was evidently taken about 18 years ago, possibly 17 years, because Dolph Simons Jr., whose picture appears in the group, birthday was March 11, 1930 and John, his brother, was born in September about 2½ years later. Some of the data in the Gowdy Genealogy sounds as if it might have been given by my uncle, Dr. Gowdy.

You can understand why I make no charge for the Genealogy when I tell you that I paid something over \$12,000 to the American Historical Society of New York for aiding me in securing data and I had paid Ella Shields, deceased, of Chicago perhaps \$500 for earlier genealogical work. It is a tiresome, expensive, and almost heartbreaking job to develop a Genealogy and to be sure that your data is as correct as possible.