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Dear blessed Collie:

Your letter received, also the paper. Many thanks for the list of clipping bureaus. It is much appreciated.

As for Dolph's picture- I havnt seen him since he was a slim boy in '27, when we came thru there. I would never have known him. If he resembles you, it doesnt show in THIS picture. I would like a photo of him and one of Blanche. But espeeially one of YOU. I remember how handsome you were when I saw you last. Is your hair white now? Mine is, and with all due modesty, I can say that I never had so many compliments in my life, as I have had in my old age. That sounds funny to me, for I never think of myself as 'old'. I guess I dont know HOW to be.

Well, anyway, I want to say I certainly should like to have a copy of the genealogy you compiled, and be sure & tell me what it cost. I would be very proud of it. Of course, I have the two volumes of our remote beginnings, as, no doubt, YOU have. Mr. Ridlon, the genealogist said it was only by accident, he found out about us at all, or we'd not have been put in the tail end of the book, as it were. He didnt say who was responsible for that, but I think he knew. For I had ~~xxx~~ several letters from him, very nice letters, but I never asked him who it was that had tried to leave us out of the book.

Did you ever have any copies of the patriotic songs Norma wrote about 10 years ago? If you ~~hadnt~~ them, I will send you them, for they are very timely right now., and were received with high acclaim every place they were sung or played. And Capt. Talbot, who was the head of the Marine Band at San Diego thought so highly of one of them, that he had a band arrangement of it made (we had the orchestration & the piano arrangement) and he had it played by the Marines and they marched ~~it~~ to it while it was played SEVEN times on the parade grounds there, and Norma was the guest of honor (at San Diego) One magazine sent it to all their subscribers, and called it the "most stirring patriotic song in America." Which it was, for we heard them all, and Walter sang it at all the patriotic meetings here. And it was made the THEME song of the L A public schools by the head of the music department, without any solicitation on our part at all. She picked it out at the store of the distributors (Morse) Freeman) who is now dead. (I dont think that's why he ~~it~~ died) It got so much publicity that we had orders from it from FAIR-BANKS, Alaska, thru the magazines. Maybe I'm telling you something you have heard before. Maybe I'm telling you something you knew before, but I will probably never see you again, and I want you to know you have a very warm spot in MY heart. And so has Grayce. Poor Grayce! They must have had an awful winter up there.

The head of circulation on the Examiner asked Walter, thru our Examiner dealer, if he'd sing one of Norma's patriotic songs over TV; (He has a very fine baritone voice) but we havnt decided yet whether to do it or not, for reasons I will not go into, just now.

Be sure and tell me what your genealogy costs, so I can send you a check.

Have you any pictures of me, when I was on the stage? I dont ~~xx~~ want to leave them to anybody but my near and dear ones. I "Cross the Bar."

Lovingly your cousin,

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