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Dear Cousins:

I was very glad to receive your letter of October 25th and the answer has been delayed finding time to make a transcript of that portion of my family tree that is equally applicable to you. I think by following the pen and ink lines you will have no difficulty in making the proper connections.

You will notice that we carry the genealogy of Rev. William Adams for two additional generations, that of Rev. Nathaniel Collins also for two additional generations, and Governor Bradford for one additional generation. You will note that John Hanson, the grandfather of Governor Bradford, is the twelfth generation back from ourselves on this line. While on the Collins line we run back nine generations and on the Adams line ten generations.

One of the surprising things to me in the study of my genealogy is how thoroughly English my ancestry is. You have noted that the Gowdy family, through the printed genealogy, runs back to about 850 A. D. and even follows the family back beyond its home in Normandy. We trace the Simons family back in like manner, the first Simons in England coming over from Normandy with William The Conqueror in 1066, the record showing that a grant of land was given to Adam Simons. While we have the name of the first man as the given name of this Simons, just as a matter of interest we note that the given name of the first Gowdy in the United States was Simon.

Having never seen Leilah since she was in her early teens, it is hard to realize that you now have grown and married children and yet our little daughter, Blanche, whom she knew as a child of about two years, now has a little boy of six and a little daughter of three.

I find the study of genealogy quite alluring. We have developed certain lines, as you see, quite completely and there are other lines upon which we are working. If you could help me in regard to data concerning Joseph Cook, born in England, who served in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary War, who was