

I am also interested in finding further data in regard to Dr. John Buckley, who was in the war of 1812. He was the great grandfather of Mrs. Simons.

I am giving great care to accuracy in names and dates furnished you.

At your recent suggestion, I am sending you volumes 1 and 2 of the "Genealogies - Gawdy, Gauden, Goudie, Goldie, Cowdy, Goudy", and enclosed in volume 2 you will find carbon copy of a letter written by me to Mr. Mahlon M. Cowdy of Providence, Rhode Island, making a correction of certain items and also requesting certain omissions. I don't know who furnished the data originally, but they gave the date of my parent's marriage as the date of my birth, although my parents were married in '66 and I was born in '71.

These errors may have been typographical, or they may have been the result of incorrect data given to the publishers by an aging uncle, Dr. A. S. Gowdy, who has since passed away. The reference to myself as a Thirty-second degree Mason was distasteful to me. While I appreciate my membership in the order, there are thousands of other members and there would be no occasion to mention it. Also, my uncle was entirely too flowery in his reference to me. You will note corrections that I have made. I shall also enclose certain articles that I have written from time to time, which you will wish to prepare for publication. As we have facilities for printing and binding the book, we should like to have you edit and prepare the matter for publication. I do not expect to sell any copies, but think it would be desirable to give copies to the Kansas State Historical Society, of which I had the honor to serve as president - to the library of the State University at Lawrence - to the Newberry Library at Chicago, and perhaps you could suggest certain other places where the library would be of value to others interested in any of the various lines developed. We shall be glad to have your advice in regard to the distribution of the book when printed. Please give me an estimate as to the cost of your services.

I also have a chart showing seventeen ancestors who were officers in the colonial wars. Doubtless, it would be desirable to include that chart in our published book.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons