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407 South Dearborn Street
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Gentlemen:

I neglected answering your letter of August 8th, 1941, and presume that Volume VII of The Compendium has been published. If for any reason the publication was delayed, I herewith send report slightly revised for your use.

In case this article does reach you in time for publication, I shall purchase a copy of the book. Otherwise, I am not interested in buying a copy.

You will note that I changed the numbers on the Eddy family to compare with the numbers used in the Eddy Genealogy which began with Wm. Eddy No. I which would make Sally Eddy No. 7.

Respectfully yours,

W. C. Simons.

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THE LINEAGE RECORD BOOK

Hon. Wilford C. Simons
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My dear Mr. Simons:

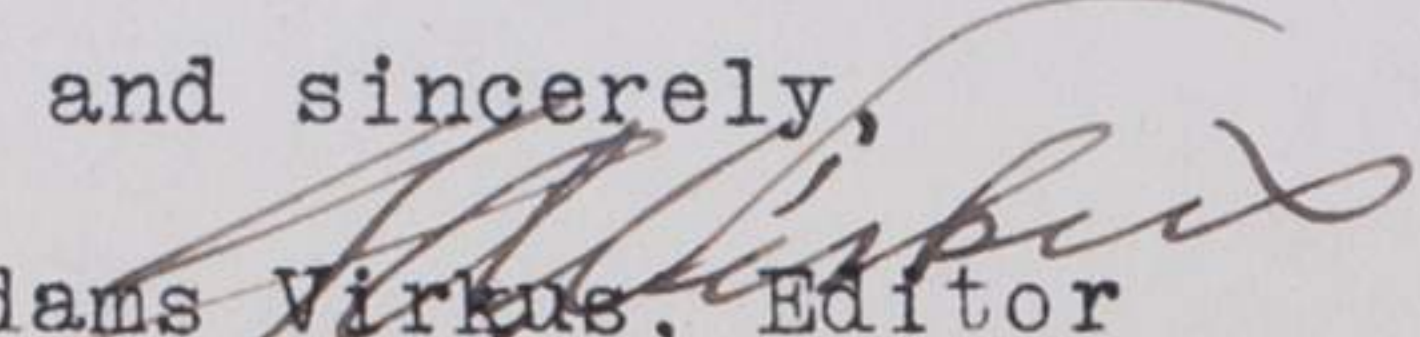
I have before me your lineage record for final editing for Volume VII of The Compendium, and for three reasons I am enclosing another copy of it for your final approval.

- 1 - To give you the opportunity to make any amendments or corrections in the event that you may have found changes in the data since you sent the record to us.
- 2 - To bring your immediate family data up to date as to births, marriages, etc., and to avoid possible typist's errors. This volume is now being made ready for publication, therefore kindly give your record prompt attention and remail it as early as your convenience will permit.
- 3 - And I hope you will not feel less kindly if we respectfully ask if you cannot see your way to place your order for one copy of the volume? The pre-publication price of \$19.50, may be \$4.50 on delivery and three \$5.00 monthly installments, if this is more convenient.

This also will be a volume of about 800 pages, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$, bound in best quality dark blue fabrikoid, which will outlast leather. It will contain approximately 5,000 lineages comprising about 2,000 lineage records of American families, such as your own. And because The Compendium has won the enviable recognition by libraries, as the standard work in this field in America, this is the one volume you should hand down to your posterity as a family heirloom.

Your gracious cooperation in what we are trying to accomplish in this field is highly appreciated, and we shall try to reciprocate your favors by personal attention to any need you may have for our facilities, now or hereafter.

Cordially and sincerely,


Frederick Adams Virkus, Editor
THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY

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THE FIRST FAMILIES OF AMERICA

INSTRUCTIONS

For Editing Lineage Records

Please bear in mind that the accompanying Lineage Record, when published in *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, will be accepted as accurate and therefore every care should be taken to see that each name and date is accurate.

The fact that this work is distributed to the principal libraries thruout the world as well as to practically every public library of any size in the United States makes for certainty that this record will be consulted by many kinsfolk, not only of the present generations but also of generations yet to come. It will hold a greater value one hundred years hence than it holds today and future generations will be under obligation to you for having compiled these data and made them available.

Therefore, please edit this record with particular care, giving especial attention to the spelling of names, and the years of birth, marriage, and decease. If any names or dates are missing and can be supplied, please do so.

Where blank spaces appear in the syllabus please add the missing data if available.

EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF LINEAGE RECORDS

- A—Your name at the head of the record is numbered 1.
Please see that the names are written in full and properly spelled. Verify the date of your birth, and, if any, the date of your marriage, and the dates of birth of your children.
This is important.
- B—The first known ancestor in America bears the highest number, which is the number of generations in this country including yourself. By this system of numbering your parents are always numbered 2; your grandparents are always numbered 3; and so on, regardless of the different number of generations in each lineage.
- C—Where the cross reference (qv) occurs (meaning "which see"), following the name of an immigrant ancestor, it means refer to the "List of Immigrant Ancestors," a separate section of the book containing the biographies of over 2,500 immigrant ancestors. This plan avoids duplicating identical data and also brings together into one section the largest list of biographies of immigrant ancestors ever compiled for a single volume.
- D—It will be noted that the surname of the earliest ancestor, in each line, appears in **Bold-face type**; this is to emphasize that the following generations, whose Christian names only are given, are all of the same surname as the name in the **Bold-face type**. When the surname is changed by the marriage of a daughter, her husband's name appears also in **Bold-face type** to emphasize the change in surname.

By referring to the page of specimen records herewith the above explanations will be readily understood.

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ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations had no place in the original plan and scope of this work but this feature was granted in response to numerous requests for the opportunity to preserve in print for posterity, portraits and other illustrations of family and genealogical interest as well as the data.

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SUMMARY

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The editors are pleased to receive suggestions of names and data for inclusion in the work, and they will have careful consideration. But the editors reserve the right to accept for publication or reject any data submitted to them, at their discretion. No data will be accepted or rejected for any other reason than to maintain the high standard of excellence upon which the work was founded.

There is no charge for including lineage records in this work, but, of course, we do hope it to be of sufficient value and interest to each person whose record appears to subscribe for at least one copy.

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Very sincerely,

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Editor.

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