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Dear Mrs. Pritchard;

I was very glad to hear from you and to know that the Association is still alive and flourishing. I don't think that I shall be able to attend the meeting on August 6th, but I wish I could.

I have some data regarding the English branch, which I am not sure is in your hands, so here it is, whether it is worth anything or not.

My grandfather was Richard Hildreth; he had two brothers, Jack and Jim, whose names I suppose were really John and James. My grandfather was engaged in the textile business in Bradford, England, and migrated to Holyoke, Mass., to head one of the departments of the Farr Albaca Co., which had to import all (I think) of its heads of departments from England.

My grandfather had one child, John Hildreth, who followed him shortly and eventually was the head of another department of the Farr Albaca Co., until failing health made it necessary to leave the mill, and he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and is now judge of the Holyoke District Court. I have a whole pamphlet filled with data about my father's life, but I am here giving only the genealogical data.

My grandmother was Martha Wood, of either Saltaire or Shipley, both of which are near Bradford. My mother was Kate Barker Story, of Gloucester, Mass.

My father was first married to Miss Flora Isham Ellison, of Holyoke. They had one daughter, Mattie, who did not live long, and her mother soon followed her. He then married my mother, by whom he had five children, Ellison Story, which is me: Kate Wood, who died of diabetes aged 12; Richard Bruce, who was killed in a grade crossing accident aged about 12; Charles

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Hanson, who died in infancy; and Fannie, who is a school teacher in West Springfield, (Mass.) High School.

His wife's name was Margaret
To go back to my grandfather's brothers. Jim was a head waiter in a London restaurant; he later founded the Hildreth Varnish Co., of Long Island City, N.Y., in which my grandfather and father invested some money, and got a semi-occasional dividend, when the business was run for the purpose of making varnish; usually it was run for the purpose of supporting the office men, and then there were no dividend. (This is not genealogical, but I can't help inserting it.) Uncle Jim had two sons, and one daughter. I think Annie was probably the oldest; she married Franklin P. Mason, of Wilmington, Del, and had four children. ¹ Helen, who married Geo. Kranzman, and has two daughters whose names I forget. ² Another girl, whom I remember, but don't recall her name just now, who died in youth, unmarried. ³ Willard, married, and either separated or divorced, and I don't know whether he had any children. I used to know him quite well, and his wife's name was Genevieve, but I very seldom heard her surname. 4. Gertrude, who was married and divorced. Her address is Miss Gertrude Mason, 139 - 47 87 Ave., Jamaica, N.Y. Her father and mother are dead. Last I knew, her brother was out of a job, and was living on her. Gertrude is a fine girl, and knows all about her family. If I haven't given you enough about the Annie line, I can doubtless get some more from her. Tell me what you want.

Uncle Jim's two sons were Jim (I think), and George. I ~~know~~ ^{never met his brother} George very well, but never saw Jim but once or twice; when I met him he waited to see if I would recognize him; I said, you must be a Hildreth, but I don't know which one. He looked very much like his brother George, which enabled me to make that guess. My father is getting to look like that. I must ~~be~~ look something like that too, for twice I have been recognized as a Hildreth (English branch) by relatives who hadn't any possible way of knowing who I was; one of them had never seen me and the other one hadn't seen me for twenty years or probably 30. So much for "Jim" if that is his name. He was not married. He was a salesman for the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.,

His brother George was my father's favorite cousin. I was very fond of him, too. His wife was a Wilmington (Del.) girl, I think. Her name was Kate and I think her surname must have been Evans, for she gave that as the middle name of both her children. Cousin George used to live in Flushing, N.Y., and was in the Hildreth Varnish Co., business. (I forgot to mention that Frank Mason was in that, too.) Cousin George had two sons, Norman Evans, and Kenneth Evans. He is dead now, and his wife, Cousin Kate, lives at 206 Dawes Avenue (or Street) Pittsfield, Mass. Norman lives across the street, at 193. I think they are both there still. Norman married a fine lady whose name was Florence, and has three children, two boys and a girl, whose names I do not remember. Kenneth is also married, and lived in Syracuse, N.Y., the last I knew. He had no children then. I have two addresses for him, but suspect that they are both out of date, and if I wanted to get in touch with him, I would write care of Norman

I think she had a daughter by a previous marriage who lives in Salt Spring Cove

never met him

That gives a fair account of Uncle Jim's posterity. I know Uncle Jack's a lot better, but can't give you so good an account of them. I don't know his wife's name. His oldest daughter was Polly, and he had two other daughters, Maggie and Nellie. He had three sons, Jack, Dick, and Jim (repeating the names of the previous generation, you see. Jack was a blacksmith, and had only daughters. The last I knew his address was John S. Hildreth, 365 Noah Ave., Akron, Ohio. Dick is a musical genius. Plays various instruments, but spends most of his time working for the Walter Jacobs Music Co., Boston, arranging tunes for various instruments: that is a difficult job, for he has to think it out and arrange it in such a way that these different instrumental parts will sound well separately, or in any combination; requires a wonderful musical imagination. His address used to be 172 Powder House Boulevard, Somerville, but that was a long while ago. I think the Jacobs address would be more likely to find him. Jim used to be his assistant; my last address for him was 24 Lexington Ave., Somerville. Polly married Sentimus Greene; I think she is still alive, but he is dead. They had two daughters; Maude married Maurice Haddon, of Covelo, Calif, and when I last heard from her, a long time ago, she had two children, (a boy, Glen, and another) I think probably she has others by now.

Her sister Lillian, married a man names Simmerley (more properly Zimmerley) a cousin of Maude's husband. She had one chile, Benjamin Simmerley She divorced his father, and supported herself playing the bass viol in S.F. I think I have heard that she is married again. So much for Polly.

Maggie married a man named Parkin, and they live in West Springfield, close to the Holyoke line. Their address is 2077 Riverdale St., ~~Chicopee~~ ^{Chicopee} Mass. Two children, Alva and Hildreth Alva is a graduate of Smith, and is married to Ralph L. Moore, and has one child. Hildreth, I think is an Aggie graduate, and was last heard of teaching at the Essex Co. Agr'l School, Hathorne, Mass. So much for Maggie. Nellie was a music teacher, married rather late, and died leaving one daughter, Marjorie Malcolm.

I think Mr. Malcolm is married again. Marjorie married a man named Shaw, and has a daughter Ruth (maybe more by now) I last heard of her living right near us in Holyoke, on a minor street whose name is not familiar to me, tho I know the location. "Near City Hospital" ought to reach her. Here endeth Nellie.

I see that I did not give the details of Dick and Jim. I do not know much about them. Dick married a blind widow, with a son Harry, whom he adopted. I have never met either. I think that Jim is married, but don't know much about it.

That brings it down to me. My ^{was} wife is Lottie ~~##~~ Rowe Lane, of Rockport, Mass. We were married June 18, 1913 at Boston. Our first two children Katharine and Charlotte were born in China, and did not live. The other two were born in Boston, John Lane, Nov. 25, 1918, and Alice Lane, Aug. 30, 1920.

If you have kept track of this, y u will have noticed that while there are some sixteen grandchildren (my generation) there are only three boys name Hildreth, i.e. Norman and Kenneth, sons of George ^{Bonell graduates} and grandsons of Jim; and myself. In the next generation there are still three boys named Hildreth Norman's two, and my one. Just barely replacing the original three. In this I do not count Harry the son of the blind widow.

So far as I know there are no other English Hildreth. Father and I have

been over in England twice and travelled around a good bit; visited all the Wood cousins that I know about; visited various friends of his boyhood; and I do not remember ever hearing him speak of any others. I think I will ask him if he ever heard of any, but won't hold this letter to do it. We visited such places as Dover Broadstairs, Ilfracombe, Bristol, Matlock, Stratford, the Lakes Carlisle, Scarborough, Lincoln, Ely, Cambridge, and of course Bradford; that is not to mention all of them, but just to show that we covered the country pretty well, and so wouldn't say that such and such a relative was too far away to hunt up, for there wasn't any part of England that was very far away from some part of our travels. I don't know where the family first came from, but maybe I can find out. The first that I have heard my grandfather was living in a certain house in Bradford, which I have seen; and his brother working in that restaurant in London.

If you desire any information that you can't get from me (if I should die, for instance), your best way of learning about the Richard branch is to write to my sister, Fannie Hildreth, 1866 Northampton St., Holyoke, which is also my father's address. About the Jim branch, write Norman Evans Hildreth, 193 Dawes Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. About the Jack branch, write Mrs. Ralph L. Moore, 2077 Riverdale St., Chicopee, Mass. The most conspicuous gaps in the information about the Jack branch are the names of the wife and daughters of John S., the wife of Dick (Richard) the musical expert, and his brother Jim, the present address of Maude Haydon, and the present name and address of her sister Lillian, the present address of her mother, Mrs. Sen. Greene and the number and names of the children of Maude and Lil. The most conspicuous gap in the Jim branch is the name of Kenneth's wife, and their present address, and whether they have had any children yet, whether Norman has had any more, and what their names are (all of them) And whether Cousin Kate's maiden name was really Evans, and what her mother-in-law's maiden name was.

My grandmother is buried in Holyoke; my grandfather in Banks near Southport, England. My father and mother are still living. Hoping that this information will be of some help to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ES Hildreth

P.S. Do you know anything about Bill Hildreth of Ukiah Calif. and Bob Hildreth of Colorado. Calif.? Neither of them is any credit to the family. I knew Bob and he probably could find out something about both of you men.