

St. Helena, California
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Fayette, Utah

Dear Cousin

A few days ago I received from my brother J. E. White, of Marshall, Michigan, your letter making inquiry about various members of mother's family.

You will remember that the oldest daughter married a Methodist minister by the name of Clough. They lived many years in Kansas. If you wish to get information regarding her children and grand-children you might write to Mrs. Mary Clough Watson, care of Mrs. Lamb, 1726 North Harvard Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

[Not so. Harriet and John B. older]

If I remember correctly, your mother was the next eldest sister. Please write me at your convenience a full statement regarding her family. Your Aunt Mary married a minister by the name of McCann. I think that Mrs. Melissa Tapley of Saco, Maine, can give you full information regarding her family. My mother's twin sister, Elizabeth Bangs, had a son by the name of Clarence. In the summer of 1909, we visited him in Portland, Maine. He died about a year ago. I think you could get full information regarding his family from Miss Bertha H. Bangs, 80 William Street, Portland, Maine.

Your Aunt Sarah married Stephen Belden. Her eldest son is Mr. F. E. Belden of Battle Creek, Michigan. He has been a great music composer and publisher, and he has been gathering some data on the Harmon family. At present he may be in Washington, selling concrete mausoleums, but a letter addressed to him will be forwarded by his family if sent to Manchester Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Uncle John Harmon is the one member of the family that I have never met.

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He lived in Iowa or Missouri. Last summer his oldest grand-daughter, Mrs. Luisa Harmon Wedding, of Herseyville, Illinois, wrote me that she intended to be at the Exposition and wished to meet us there, but we were unable to comply with her wishes. You can address her at her home. Mrs. Lillian Gilbert is the youngest daughter of Aunt Sarah Belden, and she lives at 36 South Roosevelt Avenue, Pasadena, California. Regarding her own family you will find some information in the little pamphlet I am sending to you entitled, "In Memoriam." From it you will see that Mother was born in Gorham, Maine, November 26, 1827. My father, James White, was born in Palmyra, Maine, August 4, 1821. Father and Mother were married August 30, 1846. To them were born four children: Henry Nichols White, August 26, 1847; James Edson White, July 28, 1849; William Clarence White, August 29, 1854; Herbert White, September 20, 1860.

The baby Herbert died December 14, 1860, being a little less than three months old. Henry, the eldest son died in Topsham, Maine, December 8, 1863; thus my brother James Edson White, of Marshall, Michigan, and myself are the only remaining members of the family. Edson has no children. I have seven. My oldest daughter Ella May is married to Elder D. E. Robinson; they now reside in Denver, Colorado. She was born in Oakland, California, January 2, 1882. My second oldest daughter Mabel Eunice, was born in Basel, Switzerland, November 6, 1886, and now is the wife of Wilfred Workman, of Loma Linda, California. He is an employee of the Medical Missionary College of Evangelists. He is manager of their food factory.

My boys, Henry and Herbert, were born in Cooranbong, Australia, April 6, 1896. They are now attending Pacific Union College at St. Helena, California. Gracie was born January 5, 1900. She is attending school here at home. Arthur Lacey White was born October 6, 1907. Francis Forga White was born September 30, 1913.

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Enclosed in the little book, "In Memoriam," I am sending you a photograph of Mother surrounded by her workers and the members of her family. The gentleman to the left of Mother is Elder R. W. Munson, a returned missionary from Singapore, who was helping us select from her writings material for translation and publication in the Malay language. The gentleman to the left of Elder Munson is Elder D. E. Robinson, Ella's husband, who was then on Mother's literary staff. To the right of Mother I am sitting and next to me sits Brother C. C. Crisler, who for fourteen years was in Mother's employ. Standing immediately back of Mother is Paul Mason, her bookkeeper. To the right of Brother Mason is A. W. Spalding, who was then employed writing a book regarding educational work in the Southern States. Immediately back of me stands Miss Lillian Graham, a stenographer; next to her stands Miss Tessie Woodbury, the cook. The gentleman next to her is Brother Carter, janitor, gardner, and office helper. Back of Brother Crisler stands Miss Walling, Mother's nurse. The last lady to the right is Miss Effie James, a stenographer. Back of Elder Munson stands Mary Stewart and Mrs. Maggie Hare Bree, who were employed on Mother's literary staff. The last gentleman to the left is Mr. Bree, the farmer.

I will also send a photograph of a group taken in the summer of 1906. This shows Mrs. Workman, my second daughter and her husband standing back of me; and Mrs. Robinson, my eldest daughter, and her husband standing back of my wife.

As I am writing there lies before me on desk a little booklet entitled "The World War," which is a report of a lecture given by A. G. Daniels in Portland, Maine. I think you will be much interested in reading it.

Yours very truly.

W. C. White