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Good Morning, "Big Boy"

and maybe you'd be surprised to learn that I'm not such a 'pushover' either... normally, I weight 210, but often get to 230!

I wrote to Nita quite some time ago at Beloit, Kansas, but got no reply and the letter did not come back. The spirit doesn't move here with any great consistency, or high voltage... perhaps, you know!

Hope this finds you well, and also the family. If I ever stray that way again I'll bet my hat it would be a picnic. You know, Vic, in my attempt to compile a family history of the Francis tribe I've run across some large families, and you're doing fine. I haven't any suggestions to make..... but your great-grandfather, James Francis had twelve children. Your grandfather James, was married three times, had seven.

Your Uncle Will, also married three times, had six; and your cousin Will Francis, who married Ora Williams, died in 1935, in Oregon, left a family of nine.

Our great uncle Elisha Francis, begat twelve.... Solomon Wood, on my grandmother's side also had an even dozen.... it runs in the family but skips here and there!

The reason I'm writing...my wife and daughter were in Canada this summer (wife's mother was born in Perth) and visited the Francis' en route and I again have the urge to complete the record I started and which is somewhat complete as far as the descendants of James and Rachel Francis are concerned.

I've chased the tribe back into Ireland but am stuck there for the time being. The James above was the eldest son of James Francis living at Lissacurran, County Armagh, Ireland. He was a

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lumberman, his son a damask weaver.

What I am after now is more complete information about your family, and enclose a diagram for corrections, or additions. Within the parantheses place the dates (year will do), please.

Our hat is off to son 'Sam' (is that story about playing Black Sam in some show straight and the source for the nickname, Sam?) He certainly has made a name for himself which reflects a shaded glory on the rest of the tribe!

I have never seen him play football-- it was a long time before I knew he was on the Nebraska team, and often played Iowa State at Ames, just 40 miles west. I'm sorry that I never knew of it, or thought of it in the later years, but has been so long since I've seen a football game that I've lost all interest in them... besides, the fall finds me very much occupied.

I noticed in today's Chicao Tribune a picture of Sam titled A STAR COOLS OFF, and below: "Sam Francis, University of Nebraska full back, enjoys his shower after a hot workout with the All-Star squad at Dyche Stadium." It shows the water bouncing off his face, over which is a wide grin. More power to him.

Well, let's call it a day. Sorry that I cannot visit you personally and get the information wanted, and have 'some fun'.

Cordially

*Edgar A. Francis*

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**Hand written margin note:** Viscount (Vic) Francis is the son of Alex Francis, his mother was a Fletcher.

**Ed.Note:** Created from Edgar's file copy which did not have the letterhead or signature.