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Good Morning Cousin Edgar

I suppose you think I am a poor correspondent. Please excuse me as we have all been sick for the last two months and my daughter is still sick but she is able to be up again so will try and answer some of your questions but can not answer all as I am not posted on all of them.

I never heard my husband say anything about his relations living in Ireland. I have heard him speak of a Peter Francis but I understood it was an Uncle. Was your father a saddle maker? He said he had an uncle Peter Francis that was a saddle maker.

Mary Lewis has two grand daughters but I cannot give you their address they are John Lewis's daughters. I will give you Norah Clark's address she was John's second wife since John Passed on she has married again she corresponds with the daughters this is Norah Clark's address Route 7, Box 71, Salem Oregon.

Willie Lewis passed on when but a small boy and the little sister passed on when she was very small. I do not know her name my husband told me her name but it has been so long ago I have forgotten it.

I have never heard my husband speak very often of his father's family infact I do not think he really knows very much about them as he was only 16 years old when he came to Oregon with his brother Will. their father was in Oregon when they came so I know they did not come together. I dont know anything about their father coming to Calif. during the

Goldrush I never heard my husband speak of that all I know about that he came to Salem Oregon before they did.

My husband told me his father was away from home when his mother passed on but I dont remember what place he was at and I dont remember how they got word to him and could not say how long he stayed in Nebraska.

No the family never lived in Denver least I never heard of them living there.

My husband never told me anything about his father coming to the mines in Montana with he and Will and left them there. His father was working on a farm near Salem Oregon I think he had rented this farm from a man by the name of Lewis Pettyjohn When Peter and Will came to Oregon Lewis Pettyjohn's wife was my fathers cousin and she always called Peter and Will her boys they were the first people the boys got acquainted with when they came to Oregon and was always the best of friends.

As for Stewart freighting for Brigham Young I never heard anything about that but my husband drove Ox teams for the Overton Brothers but I never heard him tell very much exciting experiences he was not very much of a blowhard or in other words wind jammer. He often told me about taking the oxen out to graze after the long days journey and he would take them a long distance from the road as the grass was all grazed off near the road. He would stay with them all night or untill about Four O'clock in the morning then he would bring them into camp. They always had a Bell on one of the oxen so they would stay together those oxen would

graze untill they got full and then they would lay down and rest them. My husband would go to sleep when the oxen would begin to get up the Bell would wake my husband and that meant start for camp he said that was a lonesome job for a boy of his age.

He said them old freighters would sit around of evenings and tell stories and sing he always sang them old songs he learned on the Plains but he never learned to use tobacco in any form.

I guess them was some wild tales Stewart told about the Indian Arrows he pulled out of the bodies of the dead Indians on the Plains. That is something I never heard my husband speak of and them scalps I dont wonder at your father not telling you any such tales as I dont think it ever happened and I think your father doubted it very much.

I never was in Nebraska or any of the eastern states I always thought the West was good enough for me.

James married Sophia White and settled on a rented farm near Silvertown Oregon then moved to Salem stayed a while then bought a piece of land on an Island called Browns Island but never lived there he sold it to Rachel and husband then he moved on a farm near Salem and his wife passed on then he moved back to Salem Married Ellen Dickens she lived in Salem and she passed on but he still stayed there till he passed on he and Rachel and her husband are burried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery near Salem. My husband and Will are burried in the City View Cemetery those join each other nice cemeteries. Rachel passed in Feb. 22, 1911. Peter passed on Oct. 24, 1912. Mary Lewis Passed on Nov. 7, 1892 at Walla Walla Washington John Lewis was in the Hotel Business there at that

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time. George Whitaker passed on a couple of years after Rachel but I dont remember the dates of his death or Wills.

My daughter had a daughter and a son both passed on daughter's name Maud and son's name Alfred. Her husband's name W. O. Lamb. My son has no children they live in Oregon. Have a homestead in Harney Co.

This about all the information I can give you. Best wishes and good luck to all

Lou Francis