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Dear 'cousin' Francis:

I am sorry to be so long in getting this geneological information to but I had it stashed away here and there about the house and it took some time to find it all and go over it to select what you wanted. You have certainly served a good purpose in getting me to put it all in some order and all in one place. I have found a surprising amount of information about Samuel Francis and enough letters from various descendents to keep you busy for some time. I even have a sort of birth certificate for Samuel. I hope you will be able to make some additions to the family tree and place yourself and family on my tree. You certainly can get some leads on various branches which seem to be scattered all over the country. Of course I will want the letters and pictures back when you have finished.

My map of Ireland shows no town of the name Lissacurran in Ireland. It has either disappeared or is too small a place to be listed.

The Francis men that I have known have all been tall. My father was 6' 4" and was known as "Shorty". Grandfather (Peter W.) was six feet and his brother Arthur V. over six feet. My cousin Jonathan, who lives in Victoria, B. C. and whom I visited when I was out there, is also a six footer. The last address I had for him was 360 Douglas St. Apt. 904. I know that he has moved but unfortunately his last Christmas card did not give his new address.

Arthur V. Francis was an Episcopalian clergyman in various cities in Missouri, principally Edina. His youngest daughter, Vesta, is the only one I know. She is Mrs. Rob't. Barkovitz and lives in Portageville, Mo.

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I have clippings which tell of the death of father's cousin George Francis in Ottawa in 1945, and of his cousin Edwin W. Kearney in New Ontario and burial at Haileyburg, Ontario, but no date. He was a lawyer in Haileyburg and Kirtland Lake; his father, W. H. Kearney, was a jeweller. Also a clipping telling of the marriage of a Blanche Francis to Fred W. Meigs Nov. 8, 1908 in Beatrice, Nebrasha.

As I told you, Dad's brother Harold was the black sheep of the family. Dad, his sister Edna and his father were all red-haired. Harold was black-haired. He was a non-conformist, severed all relations with the family early in life and disappeared. Dad spent much time and correspondence over the years trying to locate him and finally did somewhere in California, but he wanted nothing to do with it. Whether he ever married no one knows. His sister Edna married Howard Kern. Daughter Myrna is Mrs. C. Monroe Chase and lives in West Orange, N.J. Daughter Virginia Jean is Mrs. Harold D. Gregory and lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

As for me, I was born Dec. 31, 1909, married Howard F. Barbee and have one son, Craig, who is an English teacher in one of the suburban high schools. So far he has one son, Scott Michael who is a year and a half. I was a librarian all my life, retiring in 1969 after Craig married and left home. My husband died eight years ago.

Well, that's the story so far. I hope you will be able to make something out of the geneology. I know Dad corresponded with the Nebr. Francis branch but was able to find little. Hoping to hear further from you.

Cousinly,

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*Jean Francis Barbee*