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Dear Cousin Cluff:

I certainly want to thank you for your nice letter of 7 February and was pleased to learn of our close blood relationship. I do hope you'll keep me post on your progress in developing the Francis Genealogy.

It was in 1935 or 36 that Neb. played Oregon State in Portland at which many various relations came down & said hello after and before our game. Met Lillian Gee and others then.

Your question concerning my two youngest sisters Virginia & Ellen both of whom have passed on a couple of years ago. Ellen with cancer of the lung and Virginia died from an aneurysm of the brain.

You're probably aware of the size of our family - there were ten of us. 6 girls - 4 boys. Vike the youngest brother (played in the 1941 Rosebowl game) dies a few years ago of heart attack - (47). Stewart the oldest brother a heart attack. Alex, four years older than my self is Head Track coach at Ft. Hays, Kans. (Kans. State Tchr. College).

I retired from the Military Service in Jan. 1966 after 29 years - presently am the Director of a 11- County Community Action agency. My oldest son, Tim, is married and has two children - they live in Ponca City, Okla. 2201 N. 14th St. Our youngest son is a sophmore in high school. Ione Thomsen, the other sister, lives in Oberlin, Kans. The next, Irene Anderson, Belleville, Kansas. Alice Howe, next in line, in Carlsbad, New Mexico and Edna Koehler in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Please write if you see any more specific information. I will be most happy to assist.

Warmest regards.
Sincerely
Sam Francis

Info Note: The youngest son (Robert) was born in 1956 and a beginning high school sophomore should be about 16, thus the letter was probably written about March, 1973. Also note that Sam's name is Harrison Sam Francis.