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Salem, Oregon  
March 19, 1936

Mr. E. A. Francis  
Dear Cousin:

I received your letter wishing more information. Am afraid I can't give any more. Have been very busy. In my home & flowers. We have a small tract of 10 acres my husband farms. We both lost during the depression..

George Whitaker & Rachel Whitaker adopted me when a child of 9 years. I lived with them until I was 34 years, '36 I married John Lewis. No better people ever lived than my adopted parents.

I lived 10 years with John he passed on in 1927 age 64 years. We had one Child Francis Rachel Lewis Born 1920 - 1924. A beautiful child Golden curly hair & blue eyes. No doubt you have children and would know how hard it is to lose your only one.

My name was Norah Scovell. My mother was a step sister of Rachel Whitaker, through marriage. My grand mother married James Francis. I have always been in the Francis family.

My mothers name was Eliza J. Jones

marriage Scovell - Lawrence my father Charley Scovell. My mother passed on in April 5th, 1924. I didn't know what year my father. I wasn't more than 4 or 5 years old.

Was sorry to hear of Uncle Alex death. Nita Francis lives in Beloit, Kansas, also a son Vincent Francis, there is a large family of them no doubt they can give you more information.

Sincerely

Norah W. Clark

*Ed.note: 1.) This letter explains how "Nora Scovill Whitaker" was connected to the Francis family and based on this letter her name will be corrected to "Norah Scovell.....". In all cases where one of her words includes an "i", it is dotted, there is no dot for the "e" in Scovell.*

*2.) Norah's biological lineage would be: father - Lawrence "Charley" Scovell, d.abt-1882, mother - Eliza J. Jones, d.April 5, 1924; paternal lineage unknown; maternal grandfather (possibly Dickens) - unknown, maternal grandmother - Ellen Dickens Jones. Ellen Jones was married to James Henry Francis, 1818-1895. Eliza was a step sister to Norah's adopted mother, Rachel Francis.*

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Norah Scovell Whitaker to E.A.Francis 3-19-1936