

Thursday, Oct. 3, 1935

Mr. Edgar A. Francis

Dear Cousin:

Seems a long time since we received your letter and I'm really not sure whether I answered it or not. I imagine "or not" because I'm an awful correspondent altho' I do love to hear from my friends and relatives. Yesterday I received a letter from U.A's wife Ella Francis and she sent me this letter which Alex received after he graduated from Hays Normal last June. Alex is Dad's namesake and U.a's son. He is now Athletic Coach at Mankata Kans. He had the same position that he holds at Mankata offered him at Hays after he had completed his work and received his B.S. degree, but he had signed up at Mankata and he tho't it poor policy to resign his first position, altho' he felt quite honored to be in line for this position at his own college. I tho't this letter deserved an answer at least and I knew you would be the logical one to take care of it since you are interested in the genealogy of the Francis Family. I am very much interested, but have never tried to follow up our family history so my knowledge isn't adequate. Is Dr. Francis - Arthur Francis? He sounds interesting,

*I'd like to make his acquaintance. Mrs. Dickson also sounds good and being from your own state of Iowa I imagine you will be quite anxious to find out about her. Dad has been very ill since June 29. Been bedfast since that date, can hardly sit up long enuf to eat. I have to feed him most of the time. He suffers dreadfully with his ear and can't eat solid food. Lives on milk and broth mostly. Is getting so weak I can't see how he can last much longer. He won't let anyone care for him but me. When I mention getting someone so I can work he begins to cry. So I've decided not ot try to do anything else altho' our finances are getting badly shot. Haven't been able to leave him now for three years and its been five years since his illness started. I don't even go to church anymore. Have given up everything but Eastern Star Chapter. I am their musician and they seem to think I'm a fixture. Of course I enjoy it. U.A. is at Hebron Nebr. if you are to write to him.*

*Let me hear from you soon. I always enjoyed your letters, they were so clever and interesting. Hope the family is O.K. Wish I could meet them, give them my best.*

*Lovingly, Nita*

*Info Note: Nita Francis is the daughter of Alex Francis and his wife, Rachel Fletcher.*