

Sapulpa, Okla.,
May 30, 1932.

Mrs. Mildred S. Tallant.

The first thing I have to do is to write an apology. I did not get your letter of May 6th until I got home the other day. My wife did not forward it as she expected me home any day. Then since coming home I have been both poorly and over-run with matters I could not put off. Did you ever get tangled up that way?

But I appreciate your letter very much. It enlightens me on some points which I am very glad to get. I also have a very interesting letter from Mrs. J. L. Hamil, 229 N. Union St., Lincoln, Ill. saying she had read the letter I wrote you. Her letter is dated May 24, 1932. I doubt if I can give either of you very much light on what you want. But I am pleased to do my best. My

sources of information on the Bookey family genealogy is not extensive. Mrs. Hamill says my branch of the family lived near Pertang (Presbyterian) Church in Perm. at a very early date, and later in Maryland. She says we descended from the Hollander Dutch line. She says she has "the Johns, Josephs, Benjamin and Dorothy's a generation back of where my records begin and their early move into Ky." She says it is difficult to trace the family in and through Ky.

And now I have to rely on the record my cousin Joseph ~~of~~ gave you for my own line. Having no complete record of my uncles and aunts I depended largely on my memory and tradition.

My grandfather John ^(he was born in Mo. I think) Bookey, I believe moved from Ky. to Mo. and to Howard or Boone county, Mo. I think the record Joe. gave you is correct and I was wrong in my former letter about the place of my mother's (Dorothy) birth. One thing that influences me is that the Whites lived at

that early date in Macon county, Mo. Many of the descendants of Whites now live in Chariton, Randolph, Macon and Shelby counties. But as to the date of my mother's birth, I was correct. I referred to my mother's Bible just now. The record is in my father's handwrite, as follows: Benjamin Kiergan was born Feb. the 8th, 1821. Dorothy (Booley) Kiergan was born Oct. 16th, 1816. Arthur M. Kiergan (my name) was born Dec. 22, 1848. This entry was made at the same time and evidently at the time of my birth.

The record cousin Joe gave you has my father's name spelled incorrectly. It is a Scotch name - you could never get the Scotch brogue on Kiergan but on Kiergan you can. However some of the family spell it Kirgan and one family in Ky. spells it Burgan - a civil war error.

But my mother and most of the older members of the family were evidently

born in Howard county, Mo.

I knew all the 14 uncles and aunts you mention. At Time of writing you before I forgot Elizabeth Ann, Edward Dancasens and had the name of Randolph Harrison wrong. You see he was only ten years old when I was born. We called him "Bud". My mother died May 7th and I went to live with my grandmother Booley (White) for about three years I chummed with my uncle "Bud". He and Dussilla Knedler his wife had one child - a daughter - Martha Jane. Long after I was married I furnished her a home. About twenty years ago she lived in Columbia, Mo. I do not know at this writing who she married or if she is living.

My uncle Washington Talbert Booley married Amanda Finton, not "Linta".

Aunt Margaret Catharine Booley who married Irvin Henry has a son Arthur (named for me) ^{wrote him June 8 - '32.} living at Exello, Mo.

Oliver Ann Booley, born July 20, 1824, married Benjamin Booley her cousin. This is the Benj. Booley whom I called uncle Ben. Booley in my former letter

They had several children one named Dorothy whom I mentioned in my former letter. She died (single) long ago. There was another daughter, Marcy. She visited my home some forty-five years ago - I do not know that she ever married. She was a beautiful woman.

I think this Benjamin Booley and my mother's first husband were ~~unc-~~ ^{possibly} brothers - I have no record. they were brothers.

My aunt Martha gave Booley's husband, John Montgomery, was murdered by one Florin who kept store not far from Exeels, Mason County, Mo. This took place when I was about six years old.

My grandfather John Booley was also murdered in his own horse lot in Mason County in about 1845.

My grandmother Elizabeth (White) Booley was not the stepmother of my mother. Grandfather John never married but once.

Now, as to the Carroll Co., Mo. records. I heard of Ruben Booley - dead before I was

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home, but I knew Thos Hardwick Adm.
of his estate. We lived on Wakena Creek
within a half mile of "Uncle Tom's", in
1854.

I heard my father speak of James
Booley ~~etc~~ I ~~don't~~ think he knew him
personally, but I knew John Smart
personally, Adm. of his estate. John ^{wrote her} Smart ^{letter} has a daughter living in ^{June 1832} Ohio.
See City, Ark. She ~~is~~ is about 85 years
old. Her name is Mrs. Jno. S. Reed. I had
a letter from her a short time ago.
She has a fine memory and might
be able to tell you something.

*I believe this relationship
is correct*
Since studying your data it seems to
me that Reuben and James Booley as a-
bove, were brothers of "Uncle" John
Booley of Barroilton, Mo. and all of
them 2nd cousins to my mother. We
are certainly closely mixed up in
there somehow.

The Gary Cemetery is 7 mi. S. E. of Barroil.
ton (not N. E.). I went all over it just
last August. Joshua Clements, who owned
the land was the first person I ever
saw buried, in 1853, I think. We lived
within half mile of the cemetery. I have
two ^{half} sisters and half brother buried there.

I believe Nathan Nathaniel
was another brother of James
John
Reuben
etc.

Tom, Jas. and Milt. booley are buried
there. So is "Uncle" John, so is Nathan
(Mat) booley. I knew the Anteburne, Dave
Hardwick (Thos. Hardwick's son), Robbins-
es, and Carps. I did not know the Rif-
fles. I am of the opinion that the
name Riffles is wrong. I believe
the name ^m is Ribbe. I knew Joseph Ribbe
well. He was a Baptist preacher and
our neighbor, and our neighbor at
one time. But I never knew Joe. Ribbe's
wife was. But the booleys, Carps and
Ribbes hung around together in
Carroll Co., Mo. We, as children, were
taught to say, "Uncle Joe. Ribbe".

When you get your genealogy all
worked out I'd like to have a copy
of it. If there is anything you think
I might help you let me know.
I will be glad to hear from you
at any time and to know your
progress.

I am Respectfully your
Friend and "Kin".
A. M. Kiergan.

Over.

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Your note on the will of my grandfather John Booley is plain enough in itself. The attestators - broff, Morris and Reynolds I never heard of, but Joseph Booley was my uncle Joe, and Benjamin Booley was evidently my "uncle Ben." I have written you about Altho he was called "uncle Ben." he was only a cousin tho his brother (whose name I do not know) was likely my mother's first husband. But how that will could have been probated in How. and Co. Mo. when he died (was killed) in Mason Co. is a puzzle indeed. The date of the will, 1844, fits well with my memory of what the family said of his death - 1845. This date is my error doubtless by about a year. I lived with my grandfather in the house in which he died and have been in the house many times where he was shot.

The bondsmen for James Booley, Sec. were evidently my grandfather John Booley and Thomas (uncle Tom) as my father called him was evidently the brother of my grandmother, Wife Booley. But James B. I cannot place but likely was sis. to my grandfather. It would be most natural to associate the close kin. in such a

capacity. It strikes me that this James
 Booley, of Aug. 25, 1829, John Booley and
 Jane Booley were brothers and sister and
 that Thos. ("Tant") White was a brother
 to my grandmother. This latter I know
 to be correct, for my father spoke of
 him often in my childhood as my
 mother's uncle. I think he never mar-
 ried. I have an acquaintance and
 kin. Douglass White, who lives at
 Clarence, Mo. He may be able to put
 you onto something in this con-
 nection - write him enclosing stamp.
 He knows of "uncle Tant" and my grand-
 mother. It is, as you suggest, ^{possible,} that
 this Jas. Booley could have been
 my grandfather's (John) ~~mother~~ father. It
 could be reasonably supposed that my
 grandfather John and Jane were chil-
 dren of James and that Thos. (Tant.) White
 would fit in here being the brother in-
 law of my grand father as he evident-
 ly was.

Let me see if I can make the matter plain-
 er about uncle Ben. Booley the father
 of Dorothy I mention. He evidently
 married my aunt Elizabeth Ann Booley
 or Mason Co, Mo. But she was dead when

before I visited their house which I have mentioned before.

You say: "Perhaps you can find out where Joseph, Michael or John Wm Booleys descendants are". If in this you refer to my half brothers - children of my mother's first husband. These had no descendants - were never married. Joseph died in the army Feb. 8th, 1833; Michael was murdered by the Normans in Eutah, and John W. was axidently killed when twelve years old. I think I mentioned this in my former letter.

I am very much interested in your research of the booley family, and will be glad to help you and to find out all I can.

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