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July the 12th, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Fallant.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th and I greatly appreciate it. I receive very few letters so well written as yours. You so clearly state what you want to say. Then I don't have to translate crow tracks in indistinct pencil lines. I have thrown away such communications into the waste and then have a fight to defend my action. One time a young man wrote a short "piece," as he called it for my paper. I corrected it to make it creditable to him and the paper both. He gave me a hot round-up demanding of me to publish his articles "just as he wrote them." I fished his copy out of the waste republished it as he demanded and wrote a nice little note of apology.

94 for having changed a thing. I tell you he howled. I did not publish his howl - I spared him that much. But the episode worked wonders - he never wrote me or the paper another line and after that many who wrote something for the paper would say: "Please correct my piece?"

But what need I to write you all this? I meant to say I greatly appreciate your letters, not only for their correctness and expression but for the information they bring me.

You are a good digger in genealogy. I did not know the name of my mother's second husband was Joel. I suppose I had forgotten it for I had a chance to know as I was, after I was grown, well acquainted with his brother Payton Smith at whose house my father became the third husband of my mother

And I supposed (Joel) Smith and my mother obtained their license at Richmond, Ray County, Mo. I thank you for this history. All I had on my mother's marriages was tradition. I have in her Bible her birth and death dates in my father's handwriting.

This John Cooley was a brother (I think) of my father's M.C.T. Cooley

Since you mention that Mahala Cooley was the wife of Uncle John Cooley and the sister of Uncle Tom Hardwick some of my cloudyness has cleared up. I see why she is associated with him (Cooley) so closely and all of the time in church matters. But we did not call Tom Hardwick "uncle" because he was in the family but because he was old.

I have heard from Mrs. Benson of Wakenda Carroll Co. Mo. & enclose a clipping from Chillicothe and Carrollton papers which will interest you and which she kindly sent me.

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I knew most all the people referred to when I was a child. She writes me other data. She says:

Nathan G. Booley married Mary (Polly) Barry. This Nathan G. was evidently brother to "Uncle" John, and his wife Polly was a full aunt of Mrs. Benson who was Mary E. Barry my old baby playmate and now in the 83rd year. Mrs. Benson says her uncle Nathan G. Booley and aunt Polly had two children - Mahalla and Sarah. <sup>John</sup> The latter, <sup>Sarah</sup> died young and Mahalla married <sup>Nearby Clay Stanley</sup> Bob Stanley of Carrollton. I knew Bob Stanley when I was a small boy.

Bob Stanley and Mahalla Booley had one child Blanch who married a Mr. McAdon or McAdow. Blanch is still living (at Carrollton I suppose) and is a widow. When asked the other day she could give no information about the old family. Blanch has a grown son and daughter married. I think we have run ashore her. The Stanleys were a leading house

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I have a little more on Mariah,  
daughter of Uncle John Booley. She  
and Will H. Robins had two chil-  
dren - both died in infancy. The Rob-  
ins' parted. Mariah married 2<sup>nd</sup> time  
Henry Marshall - no children. She  
married 3<sup>rd</sup> time Martin Webb - no  
children. This Martin Webb was  
brother of my sister's father-in-law.  
So we run out here.

Mrs. Benson could give me no  
line on Reuben or Milton Booley.  
Putting the scraps together gives me  
the impression that Uncle John,  
Reuben and Milton Booley were  
Brothers - They seem to run along  
the same dates. It is easy that  
Reuben could have lived in  
Howard County and had busi-  
ness relations with Booleys in  
other counties.

I can give you no information  
about Christopher Columbus Booley  
and of Harrison Booley of Clay County,  
Mo. But I have no doubt they were  
cousins of my mother but through what

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parentage I cannot say. They were likely close akin to her first husband — — Booley. I judge this from the fact she went there (in the vicinity of Blay Bount), and that her 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Smith took place there and that my father found her there (in Ray<sup>ts</sup> bo.) close by.

No. My uncle Tom. Booley was the son of John Booley and Elizabeth White, and I have had the impression he was the Link of that line. It is likely there was another "Link" in close relation who was really Timothy. I confess I am stumped here as you say.

All the Booleys I have ever known were short, compactly built.

Yes. My mother's first husband must have been David, or John, or Jesse. But the kink is too hard for me to untie. But I believe you will be able to dig it all out. Suppose you ask my cousin Jo. at Exels no. 10 give you light on "Link"? It is possible that Thomas

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Jefferson was the full name of  
my uncle Tom but I never knew  
it if so. I hope the "Link" Booley  
of Beaver, Mo. can give you some  
light. I never knew him.

I doubt if I have given you  
any material light— will be  
glad if I have. My information  
is very defective concerning the  
Booley family. I loved them  
but was separated from them  
most of my life. Had I been with  
them more I, doubtless, would  
be able to unravle most all  
if it.

I will be pleased to give you  
any help I may be able to and  
will be pleased to hear of your  
progress. I hope you great suc-  
cess. I am not well these days  
and I feel the weight of 84 active  
years.

With great respect,  
Your Kin.

Arthur Moor Kiergan.