

OFFICE OF
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 of Carroll County
 CARROLLTON, MISSOURI
 August 1, 1932.

*A Rebecca Cooley mar.
 John Hardwick June 4-1807
 Winton Monday mar Annie Cooley July 16-1810
 Mrs M. Cooley mar. Peter Reed June 6-1817
 all above found in Adair Co. Records*

Mrs. Edward C. Tallant
 Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Tallant:

You no doubt think I have been a long time in answering your letter dated March 18, 1932.

I have tried to see all the parties whom I thought could give the information you desired.

There are not many people left in this county who could give any reliable information. The Cooley family were related to my family and to some extent were inter-married. My mothers maiden name was Hardwick and Sarah Cooley who married David Hardwick I think was a cousin of my mother. You stated in one of your letters that Mariah Cooley married J. T. Clements, this woman was my mothers oldest sister and has been dead for at least forty years, and if living now would be considerable over a hundred years old. She first married a Cooley and afterward married J. T. Clements. Mrs. A. H. Cooley here in Carrollton knows little about the Cooley family. She and her husband were rather aged people when they married and she had very little opportunity to learn.

I went over to Malta Bend and had a talk with Mrs. Hill, she was a Hardwick and my first cousin and was very old and blind and she was not able to tell me any thing of importance. I dont think her husband was the Hill you want to find out about. There was another Hill family prominent river people that lived on the Missouri river both in this county and Saline that have all died or left here. The only one I know of living today is Chas. S. Hill living in Los Angeles California. If you want to communicate with him write to him in care of Kinney Parker and I am certain he will get the letter. He is an aged man and was formerly in the abstract and real estate business in Carrollton, and it might be possible that he could give you some information about the Cooley family, he was born and raised in the locality in which the Cooleys lived. I am almost certain that he had an uncle or brother named James Hill. This Mr. C. S. Hill is one of the youngest of a very large family and I think at the present time he must be more than eighty years old.

I made a trip to the Cary grave yard and looked at all of the tomb stones there and found several which give the date of birth and death of Cooleys which I copied the best I could, which are as follows:

Mary Cooley wife of Nathan Cooley born Feb 19, 1830, died Aug 4, 1857.
 Mary Cooley born Nov. 22, 1854, died Oct. 14, 1855.
 Sarah Cooley born Feb. 22, 1849, died Dec. 8, 1860.
 Thos. H. Cooley, born Oct 6, 1819, died Jan 14, 1860.
 Mahala Cooley, wife of John Cooley, died Oct 17, 1857, age 65 yrs 2 mo 8 days.
 John Cooley, born Aug 7, 1780, died Aug 10, 1857.

I may be able to find out something more sometime later if I do will write you.

Mr. Gary you spoke of in the court house (county clerk) could not give me any information.

I am sorry I could not find out more for you, but will continue to inquire and do my best, and dont consider that you owe me any thing.

After having this correspondence with you I have after wondered if we were not in some way related, if so it would be on my mothers side, her mothers maiden name was Thomas and I am certain they were related to the Cooleys and they come here about the same time. My grand father was Judge Thomas Hardwick, who come to this county in 1818 and I have after heard my mother speak of the Cooleys, calling them cousin.

Will be glad to hear from you.

Very respectfully

C. J. Jacobs

611 North Jefferson St.

Write Chas Hill L.A on Sept 10th 1872