

May 10, 1974

My very dear cousin Helen:

Ooh! Is my face ever red! I have been receiving so much family history from three other "COLE" girls - one in Pa. (originally from Mass.); one in Calif., and one in Wisconsin, and they have all been sending me information regarding various branches of our family - and I have been trying to fit this material in and kept it filed while I was working on it - and you guessed it - somehow your letter of September 8, 1973 got in with some other letters and I have been hunting high and low for it and then thought perhaps I'd dreamed it. Several people have written me who are "Cole's" but of an entirely different branch and I guess I filed away the wrong letter. Will you ever forgive me for this delay of all this time? I had particularly wanted to get acquainted with you because the ECKART-BRYAN branch of my family is what I'm interested in at present.

I was so glad to get your letter and the information contained in it. I wish I could find the letter I wrote to Bernard Bryan and refresh my memory on what material I sent him - I had his letter here, hoping to hear from him, but it has disappeared too. Anyway, I filled out a GENEALOGY LETTER-PEDIGREE - with information on my father, Elmer St. John Cole and my mother (no information on her because I know it wouldn't interest you now) but my grandfather Darwin Cole and his wife Emma Roseana Eckart and their parents. I know you wouldn't be interested in the rest of the Coles either, so, if you are interested, perhaps we could zero in on the Eckart family and the Warsaw/Warshaw family. On the other side of the GL-P I have typed up the material you sent in your letter - unless I mistook names or dates. And, on another sheet, I have typed up the rest of your family and, you can read my comments in red. I'll send you ~~both copies~~ and you can make any corrections or changes and keep one copy if you wish and send me the other one.

I have been trying to find out something about our great-grandfather and great-grandmother. You can see the info. I have on William Eckart, the immigrant from Alsace, Lorraine is very sparse and so is that of his wife Julia Ann. I have tried desperately to find out something about her family and understood the name was WARSAW. Roy Eckart told me she was born in Ohio, 27 Jan. 1828 and was raised in Indiana. He also said she and William Eckart were married in Louisville, Ky. but not the date - her first son John was born in Louisville, 12 Sept 1852 and in 1854 they left Kentucky - finally landing in WESTPORT, now Kansas City, and finally in Lawrence, Kansas at least before 1862 where my grandmother Emma Roseana was born. I advertised in THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER, the EVERTON Publication from Utah for any information on WARSAW. I had no answers. Since I don't know what County in Ohio she was born in, I can't check for a birth certificate. When we were in Dayton, Ohio last July, I checked the 1820 Ohio Census and could find nothing. The 1830 Ohio Census had nothing either. I sent to CENDEX DIVISION of the GENEALOGIC COMPANY of Austin, Texas and for \$6. they checked the 1830 Federal Census of 1830 - I had given them the name of Warsaw - they check every phonetic spelling or possible spelling of the name and came up with a HUGH WARSHAW of GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA, page 146. So - I wrote to the Indiana State Library and asked for info. on Hugh Warshaw in the 1830 Ind. Census. I got a copy which gives the head of the family as Hugh Warshaw, between 30 and 40 years, two males under five years, one female (probably his wife) between 20 to 30 years, two females between 5 and 10 years, and one female under five. They were not listed in the 1850 Census of Indiana.

Now - Julia Ann was born in 1828 in Ohio, supposedly, so she must be the female under five in the 1830 Census - that is, if this is the family of which she was a member. So - that also means that the two males under 5 were probably born after 1825 in Ohio also - but the two females 5 to 10 years of age - - no they could have been born in Ohio right after the 1820 Census - otherwise they were born in another state - although my guess is Ohio after the 1820 Census was taken. So, by deduction, the family must have left Ohio after 1828 and before 1830 since they are in the 1830 Census of Indiana. - Does that all make sense? Now, they are not in the 1850 Census - I wonder what about the 1840 Ind. Census - was there one for that year - I don't know. I am trying to check the 1840 and 1850 Census of Ky. I have tried to get a line on the marriage records of Ky. for this couple, and the birth certificate of Emma Roseana Eckart, and the death certificates of the Eckarts in Paola, Kans, but I seem to end up against a stone-wall every time. If I could establish the fact that Julia Ann was the daughter of Hugh Warshaw I could start from there. However, there is no other Warsaw or Warshaw in the 1820 or 1830 Census or in the 1830 Indiana Census - but I would

like concrete evidence of the relationship before I go off the deep end. I sent to one place for death certificates and gave the dates, etc., and was asked to send two dollars for each - which I did, only to have them returned with the note that they had this info. only ~~xxx~~ after 1911. So now I have to look somewhere else. I must ask my other cousin in Calif. where else to look since she gets a lot of micro-film records to transcribe.

As for William Eckart, he must have been naturalized some time or other - I wrote to the Naturalization Bureau but couldn't get any information. If I could have given them the date they might have been able to look it up but if I knew that I wouldn't have to write them. I wish I knew when William Eckart came to America and where he landed - whether he went directly to Louisville or maybe to Indiana - or where the Warsaw/Warshaws came from before Indiana and Ohio. William's eldest son - was born in France and according to Roy Eckart was around 12 years when his father came to America - but, William Frederick Eckart was born Aug 1843 in Vesoul, France and his father married Julia Ann before Sept. 1852 because that is when John Eckart, Julia Ann's first son was born. So her step-son William Frederick would have been nine years of age when John Eckart was born. There was also a daughter who married a man by the name of Schultz and had a daughter Lucie. The mother could have been born either before or after her brother Wm. Frederick. But she was left with her grandparents - Eckart or Zebinnen - I don't know which - when her father came to the U.S. with her brother. I think I wrote Bernard that Wm. Frederick had married a Sue Ellison, lived in Tescott, Kansas and died there in 1905. They had three children and I have the names of them. The third child, Vera Eckart, had a daughter Hope Ester who married a Gene McFarland who was a professor at Kansas University at Lawrence, Kans. She died quite a few years ago but I recently wrote Prof. McFarland but got no answer. One of the other children - the first one that is, Victor Eckart had three children, one of which was Bernice Eckart who married a Murphy and her son worked on the family history for college credit. He is apparently living in Chicago. If I only knew his name and where he is living, or the name of the college he attended or the name of the family history he was working on, I'll bet we could get some good material. But no one seems to know who this Murphy boy is. You wouldn't by any chance know or know where to find out. I did write and received a letter from William P. Eckart, the son of Raymond Eckart, (the second son of William Frederick Eckart). This William P. Eckart lives in Stockton, Kans. and gave me the info. regarding William Frederick. I asked if he could tell me about the Murphy boy but haven't heard further.

Now I have to sort out the places I wrote for info. and check those off and try some other places. The trouble is that some places I wrote sent my letter to another place and I don't want to write twice to the same place. If you have any family records or bibles or know of any members I could write to, I should appreciate the information.

So much for that. As you can see on the GL-P - at the left top, I gave information concerning myself - I was born just three years after you so we're pretty close of an age. But I was 46 when I was married and my husband was a widower so I never had any children of my own. Walt has a son and a daughter - both in their 40's, married and with families. ~~xxx~~ Duane has two girls, both married and Kay has four boys, two of whom are married and we are expecting a great-grand-child in June. Walt and I live here in Dunedin, in a mobile home part of about 100 mobile homes - a very beautiful older park with lots of big trees, flowers, etc, fight on a small bayou called Cedar Creek back of us. We have all sorts of water birds, other birds, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, etc. We have a 20 by 48 foot FORTUNE mobile home, carport and patio and dock right on the water. All of the homes here are large and very up-to-date - there are possibly five among them that are older. We've been here about 18 years and this is our third mobile home here. We have a 20 x 16 foot living room, dining area, large kitchen, two large bedrooms plus a bath and a half, and lots of closets and storage space - more than most houses. We have lots of old and tried and true friends here and are close to several good-sized cities - Clearwater, St. Petersburg (22 miles) and Tampa (22 miles). Dunedin is a very old town - the first to be settled on Fla.'s west coast in fact and is quite Scotch in every way. It's quiet - or was - until a lot of building started taking place close in town. My husband is 13 years older than I am but very active - loves fishing, shuffleboard, billiards, swimming, etc. His hobby is making canes out of palm blossom stems and palm frond stems. My hobbies are (too many) music (piano and organ) collecting sea shells and making seascapes, shell trees, pictures, etc., family history, sing in the Choir of the 1st Presby. Ch. of Dunedin (for about 19 years) - was Ass't organist for many years and just gave that up but still warm up the Choir before Church on Sunday morning so I have to

keep up my practice and usually practice about an hour a day - sometimes much more. I do a lot of other things too and would like to do some that I don't have time for - like playing bridge, shuffleboard, etc.

Oh, yes, I have a brother, Carroll Weaver Cole, born 22 May 1909 in Philadelphia, Pa. who just retired last May. He married in 1932 and after sixteen years they had a boy, Robert Carroll Cole who is married to a lovely girl Keeta Kay Wolfe of Lebanon, Pa. Bob is working in an architects office and going to college taking up Arch. Design, etc. His wife is a Biology grad. and teaches school - Sr. Biology and Geology. Bob spent four years in the Coast Guard after he graduated from high school. He's about 28 now. My brother had an executive job before he retired. He lives on the Chesapeake Bay in Del. on the Eastern Shore or is it Maryland - Yup - it's Maryland - don't know where I got the Delaware from. We had a chance to meet last Fall after 13 years -

When you can, write and tell me a little about yourself - and if you want any other information, let me know. Meanwhile, I'll try some more on the Warsaw/Warshaw line. And if you can give me any names of your cousins to write to, or know of any information about the family they might have, do let me know. By the way, you spoke of Uncle John and Aunt Det - was that John Eckart whose wife was Lorinda Coonradt - that would be Roy Eckart's father. Their second daughter is named Detta.

I thought you'd be interested in seeing the enclosed photograph of my husband and me - taken this year by a friend. It's sort of nice to have a visual picture of a person when you're writing, particularly when it's a cousin - even if it is a third cousin - I think that's correct.

So - please do forgive me for this delay in writing - I'm just lucky I found your letter when I did - sometimes I think the things we're looking for just get up and walk away - I don't know what else to blame it on.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Dot Prentiss

P.S. I see I've made some mistakes, also type-overs - just too lazy to make all the corrections - so I hope you just sorta overlook them.

D.

FAMILY OF LOUIS CLIFFORD BRYAN

LOUIS CLIFFORD BRYAN - born 25 Feb 1877 died 13 Mar 1912
 married Feb. 1902 LILLA RUSSELL born 3 June 1880 died 28 Dec 1962
 date daughter of Nestha Jane Wolfe & John W. Russell
 married twice after death of Louis Clifford Bryan -
 CHILDREN: neither husband living very long after their marriage.

1. Helen Bryan born 2 Feb 1903
 married 5 June 1930 to Max D. McElhiney, born Sept 29, 1902
 son of Emma Wilson & William McElhiney
 Ch:
 a. William Bryan McElhiney, born 12 Oct. 1931 d. 25 Dec 1937
 b. John Edward McElhiney, born 8 Mar 1939.
 mar. Jan 1962 Annette Bennington b.
 dau. of Fern Eilers & Ralph Bennington
 Ch.: (family lives 7072 S. Washington Littleton, Colo.)
 (1) Matthew Scott McElhiney, born 28 July 1964
 (2) Benjamin Craig McElhiney, born 25 Nov. 1969

2. Bessie Evelyn Bryan born 13 Jan 1907
May 1929---married Emmet Hayes, born Aug. 1903 - died May 1977
 son of Elva Gratta & Charles Hayes
 No children - Live in Troy, Kansas -

If you want to make any corrections - or add any missing information - just write it in and send it back to me for my records -

 Concerning the family of Ed (Edward, Edwin, ??) Eckart - Bernice Bryan sent me the names and addresses on the left and I think Roy Eckart gave me the names on the right but as you can see, they don't agree. Do you have the correct order - or know who could give it to me since Roy is dead.

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| 1. Julia Eckart (Arvin) | 8226 Flora St., K.C., Mo. | 1. Flossie ?(Gordon or Carr) |
| 2. Bernard Eckart | 8528 Highland Ave. K.C. Mo. | ? |
| 3. Claire Eckart | Rt. #1, Garden City, Mo | 2. Foster |
| 4. Carroll Eckart | 5408 E. Blue Parkway, K.C. Mo. | 3. Died at birth |
| 5. Foster Eckart | Rte 4, Holden, Mo. | 4. Theodore L.E. (??) |
| 6. Gordon Eckart | 8001 S. Benton St. K.C. Mo. | 5. Julia |
| 7. Theo Eckart | 8000 Agnes St. K.C. Mo. | 6. Claire |
| | | 7. Bernard |

There were supposed to be seven children, I think - Roy's list gives the names of six and lists one as "died at birth". He also gives the name "Flossie"

Bernice gave me seven names and addresses with no Flossie, but a Carroll and a Gordon. I suppose there was an eighth child who died at birth ?? Roy should have had another name on his list I suspect but which one! If you can give me any info. on this, I would appreciate it too.

Also, was there a Frank Eckart - brother to Ed, Emma, Lillie, etc. My Uncle ~~Max~~ Carroll Cole, in Calif. asked about this

GENEALOGY LETTER-PEDIGREE

DOROTHY ELIZABETH (COLE) PRENTISS
 Born: June 25, 1906
 Where: Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa.
 Married: June 7, 1953
 To: WALTER JAMES PRENTISS
 of Erie, Illinois
 (Whiteside Co.)

(Father's Grandfather)
 Name of My: Great-Grandfather

4. Hezekiah Cole
 Born: Nov. 5, 1809
 Where: Waterford, Vermont
 Married: Jan 14, 1839-Brownington, Vt.
 Died: 188 Woodston, Kans.
 (Rooks Co.)

Name of My: Father's Father
 (Grandfather)

2. DARWIN ERASMUS COLE
 Born: Mar 5, 1840
 Where Born: W. Charleston, Vt.
 Married: Dec. 23, 1880-Paola, Kans.
 Died: Aug 22, 1929
 Los Angeles, Calif.

(Father's Grandmother)
 Name of My: Great-Grandmother

5. Fanny W. Smith
 Born: _____
 Where: _____
 Died: 189 Black Bear, Pa.
 (Berks Co.)

Name of My: FATHER

1. ELMER ST. JOHN COLE

Born: MAY 14, 1883
 Where: OSWATOMIE, KANS.
 Married: JULY 1, 1905

(Father's Grandfather)
 Name of My: Great-Grandfather

6. William Eckart
 Born: May 24, 1818
 Where: Colmar, France (Alsace-Lorraine)
 Married: Bef. 1852 (49, 50, 51 ?)
 Died: Paola, Kans.

To: ELIZABETH HUFFMAN STAUFFER
 Daughter of JOHN HUFFMAN STAUFFER
 AND FRANCES WEAVER

Name of My: Father's Mother
 (Grandmother)

3. Emma Roseana Eckart
 Born: 1862
 Where: Lawrence, Kans.
 Died: Dec. 27, 1934
 Los Angeles, Calif.

(Father's Grandmother)
 Name of My: Great-Grandmother

7. Julia Ann Warsaw/Warshaw ?
 Born: Jan 27, 1828
 Where: Ohio
 Died: Aug 6, 1894 Paola, Kans.

Born: May 31, 1883
 Where: Terre Hill, Pa.
 (Lancaster Co.)

Dear Friend or Relative:

I am interested in gathering the history of my family _____.

My earliest three generations are given above. I am trying to find the parents of any of the above ancestors; also any additional information concerning them.

I need your help for information on your branch of the family. It may be that your family connects with mine. Please write the information that concerns your family on the reverse side of this sheet and return to me as soon as is convenient.

If you know other persons who may be able to assist in this search, I will appreciate having their names and addresses (write them at the side).

If you are interested in the history or records of these families, I would be glad to share with you what I already have.

Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Sincerely,

Date: _____

Name of Your Great Grandfather:
8. BRYAN

Date Born:
Where Born:
Date Married:
Date Died:

Name of Your Great Grandmother:
9.

Date Born:
Where Born:
Date Died:

Name of Your Great Grandfather:
10. WILLIAM ECKART

Date Born: May 24 1818
Where Born: Colmar, France (Alsace-
Date Married: Ab. 1850 ? Lorraine
Date Died: Mar. 1 1882 - Paola, Kans.

Name of Your Great Grandmother:
11. JULIA ANN WARSAW / WARSHAW ?

Date Born: Jan 27 1828
Where Born: Ohio
Date Died: Aug. 6, 1894 - Paola, Kans.

Name of Your Great Grandfather:
12. James Russell

Date Born: Jan 21, 1821
Where Born:
Date Married:
Date Died: March 1894

Name of Your Great Grandmother:
13. Alice Stubblefield

Date Born: Jan 26 1828
Where Born:
Date Died: Oct 19 14

Name of Your Great Grandfather:
14. Woodson Wolfe

Date Born: 1838
Where Born: Oct 8, 1833
Date Married: July 7, 1909
Date Died: June 6 1909

Name of Your Great Grandmother:
15. Catherine Mills

Date Born: Dec 13 1838
Where Born:
Date Died: June 5, 1909

Name of Your Father's Father:
JUSTIS

4. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BRYAN

Date Born:
Where Born:
Date Married:
Date Died:
Where Died: *Oreland Park, KS*

Name of Your Father's Mother:

5. KITTY ECKART

Date Born:
Where Born:
Date Died:
Where Died: *Kansas City, Mo.*

Name of Your Mother's Father:

6. John W. Russell

Date Born: Jan 21, 1877
Where Born:
Date Married:
Date Died:
Where Died:

Name of Your Mother's Mother:

7. Martha Jane Wolfe

Date Born: *Dec 12, 1865*
Where Born: *Fredway, Tenn.*
Date Died: *Dec 16, 1942*
Where Died: *Oreland Park, KS.*

Your Father's Name:
2. LOUIS CLIFFORD BRYAN

Date Born: Feb 25 1877
Where Born: *Paola, Kan. ?*
Date Married: *Feb. 1902 ?*
Date Died: *Mar 13 1912*
Where Died: *Paola, Kan.*

Your Mother's Name:
3. LILLA RUSSELL

Date Born: June 3 1880
Where Born:
Date Died: *Dec 28 1962*
Where Died: *Cairo, Mo.*
Dec. 28, 1962

Your Name:
1. HELEN BRYAN McElhiney

Date Born: Feb 2 1903
Where Born: *Paola, Kan.*
Date Married: June 5 1930
Where Married: *Crawfordsville, Kan.*

Name of Your Husband (or Wife):
MAX O. McELHINEY

Date Born: *Sept 28 1901*
Where Born: *Cambal, KS.*