

Mrs. Hiram Clark -

March 8th 1939

My dear Mrs. Clark -

You will think I am a long time answering your letter, in the first place it had quite a time finding me. it went to Gentefield there is no office there any more, then it went to Cassandaigna then to Holcomb. then I sent the mailer to Cassandaigna R.D., to a cousin for her family record and she sent date of her birth

her husband's and date I had her Mother birth and death she didnt send her Fathers nor her sister or sisters family so I will send you the sisters address. Mrs. John Tager - Maple - W. Va. I remember my Grandmother Page very well and have wished many times that I had asked her more about her people. but didnt think as much about it then -

When I was a small girl I used to like to have her tell me stories, she told me about her Mother being taken by the Indians. At the time she was ^{staying} with an Aunt and two Uncles.

She and her Aunt ran to the woods and crawled into a hollow log. The Indians had dogs and they found them and took them along. They killed the Uncle. The Aunt got tired and couldn't keep up. So one day they pushed her over a high bank and she never saw her again. So she must have been quite a girl to walk so far.

There was an old squaw that was very good to her and she slept in the tent with her. One night ^{much later} she awoke and she saw a white man out side. She ^{went out} to him and he asked her if she wanted ^{to} go away from there and if she ^{did}, he told her to watch for him and he would ^{come} again some night soon and he would take her away. and as I remember she married him afterward. I think he must have been a soldier for she used to tell ^{about} ^{as} bounty of so much land in Canada but they never claimed it.

I have two daughters both married

Ira C. married Arthur Sherman

Rachel M. married Harry Weston. ^{They have no children}

When I was a girl at home, one day a man came to Grandma Davis, and his ^{name was} Staley and

I think he had his sister with him, her name was Crosby he was ^{from} Wayland and she had come to visit him and his family. she was from the east but I can't ~~remember~~ remember where from, we never heard any more about them as I know of.

Grandma Gage had a family Bible. Corvill Brown had it and perhaps Howard Brown Syracuse may know about it.

I don't know as I have helped you very much

But I would so like to - lots of good luck

I don't know as I made that Yours truly

address very plain Mrs. Chas W. Hicks -

my pen blurred Holcomb, R.D. 1.

My cousins address is) N.Y.

Mrs. Minnie C. Gough,

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North Tonawanda, it is North Tonawanda

N.Y.

From: Pat Carey pcarey99@nycap.rr.com

It is very confusing, my great aunt actually notes in her records, in frustration I am sure, that "the world seems full of Staley's". LOL.

I actually have William Brown and Lucinda Staley having a few more children than you have on your web site. I have:

Catherine Brown born August 4, 1795

William - we match on his dates

George - we match on his dates

Twins Ezekiel and Joseph born on March 24, 1813

Jacob H. - we match on his dates

Peter (my ancestor) born on February 22, 1817

Ira Lansing Brown born February 4, 1824

Elizabeth (Betsey)Brown

Mary Brown

Catherine married John Mott and they had children of their own as well as raising a boy named Silas

who used the last name Mott when young, but took back his fathers last name of Card when he moved to Missouri. I have letters written by Estella Helena Card Pride (his daughter) in which she talks about grandma Catherine brown and uncle George Brown and uncle Jake brown.

I have also e-sponded with Sue Apgar and Trish Spencer, sisters who are direct descendents of Silas Card.

I am attaching a transcription of one of the letters written by Estella

Helena Card Pride - read it slowly, she didn't use punctuation and I kept it just as written. Do the names she mentions make sense?

January 17, 1937

Dear Mrs. Hiram Clark. I received your letter some time ago but didn't have a tab. & when I sent to town for one this is what I got not hardly fit to write on but maybe you can read it. Well about my grandmother kathern Brown Mott you read all about what happened in my letter to cozen Hattie Brown as I think I wrote the most of it to her but first let me tell you I got enough evidence about my birth so I got my Pension in October & now they raised it 2.00 as they only gave me 10.00 but now I get 12.00 every month or am supposed to get that. I have not got it yet the Dec pay but am looking for it every day as I have sent in my papers. Now about grand ma I never got to see her but she came to see me once so mother told me my father & mother always live around close to uncle Jake Brown he left home & lived with uncle Jake. Pa was the oldest Card boy and because he wanted to take his own name his half brothers fought him so he run away and went and lived with Uncle Jake & when grandma went to new Kirk mills to live pa wouldn't go with them & stayed around Uncle Jakes then my mother went to live with Orsons Smith's to go to school with Duain Smith because his mother was afraid to send him to school on

account he had to go along the canal and he would stop and play in the lake brooks as the green lake was one side of the road and the canal on the other. Her father Nelse Pierson had a stroke and lay 7 years in the bed paralyzed and they lived on the county so one day grandma Pierson ate milk and cherries as some of the neighbors brought them in to them she had put out a big washing & in a hour she was dead she had 5 children then they took grandpa to the poor farm and the 3 youngest ones with him and Mrs. Smith took Ma and Pa's uncle took Uncle Fred ma's oldest brother he was 14 he went to California to hunt for gold and ma went and lived to Smith's as she was 10 years old and went to school with Duain he was 7 and she went to school till she was 16 then she took a cold and had T. B. was on the bed a year and half and Uncle Fred came back to see her and they talked it up and had the clarivant come out from Syracuse and see her & they prescribed some kind of medicine it was Burrows English Syrup and she took a dozen bottles and got well and she stayed with them till she was about 18 then her and pa run off and got married. He worked for mr smith one summer then they left their and went to Kirksville then I was born and pa worked for Uncle Jake off and on till ma's brother came back from California and bought her a farm on the sand plains and I was 11 years old then uncle fred went back to California and stayed a year and came back & married Carrie Gardner the girls father, his father used to work for when they were little then uncle Fred bought off the Gardners heirs and he lived on the Gardner farm till he died but during this time my mother got sick with that T. B. and he came down to our place and told mother he would sell that farm and go west and find her a home in a warmer climate where the winter wasn't so long so he came to Brookfield North Mo. & bought her 240 acres in Pararie Mound districk so I was 16 when we came to P. Mound to live then he went back to N> Y> & my folks lived in N. Mo. Till 1910 then Ma's brother died and his children through a lawyer had them serve ma my mother for their share of the farm so mother sold out to them and came to S. Mo & bought her a little 40 acre & she left it to me & I am living on it. I have one daughter living in Springfield MO they isn't work here for so many & my son in law was born in G so he can get work there so much easier then here so I live here all alone they have 5 boys they lost their little girl and one boy so they have only 5 left but I am letting you all this & my mother was born close to Manlius Center N> Y> 1849 July 10 Martha M. P. Pierson

1844 July 14 Silas A. Card.

Now about gma Kathern Brown Mott I am most certain she was born at Kirksville N> Y. as I heard my father talk about it Uncle George Brown and Uncle Jake Brown never left their place. Uncle Tom Uncle Jerry and Uncle George Mott & father were all born close to Kirksville they run on the canal for years uncle jerry and uncle tom run and worked on the boats for uncle George Mott in the summer and in the winter Uncle Tom Card and uncle Jerry Mott stay with my father and cut wood and logs as father had a team and hauled them to the canal to be boated and took to Oswego and Buffalo & west & east to New Boston Father run on a boat in the summer and hauled wood & plaster (leine) from the (leine) Kill close to Manlius Center and Hudson Landing. Uncle tom worked with my father on the boats as he married mothers sister Aunt Mary Pierson for his 2nd wife. His first wife died he was living at Johnston N. Y. then he came up to my father and aunt mary was working for a family by the name of Bill hobbs and uncle Tom and her got married and he and Aunt Mary went on the boat with pa in the summer and in the winter worked in the woods. Uncle G. mott lived in Kirksville in the winter and in the summer on a boat as he owned three lakers he hauled grain. Pa's boat name was the Duglas. I went on the boat with aunt and unclde Tom & pa on two trips up to Oswego and Buffalo that year & mother stayed on the farm. Pa rented the land on shares to a neighbor then the next year he rented the land to the same man and mother & we all went on the boat I was about 12 years old then. Then her health go so poor uncle sold the farm and came to N. MO and bouth them a

big farm so pa stayed at home and worked on the unclde Tom never had any children and juncle Jerry married a little Irish woman and her and uncle parted and didn't have any little ones. My father and mother had 4 girls. I was the oldest Estella, kathern, Carrie, and Daisy she was born after they came to N. MO . I was 16 when she was born she was born in August and died in December with spinal mingitas . they used to be a Brown that lived close to green lake and the canal his daughter name was Caroline. Mother used to visit them when I was a little girl. I wonder if it could be you . now if you want to no more about grandma pas sister Nancy Card Doty lived in the mountains close to New Kirk's Mills close to Shermans Lake I was there to visit them when my oldest girl was 5 years old her name was Lillie A. Pride Pas sister married Wm. Doty had Anna, Ettie Willie and Frankie 4 children. The two Frank Willie Doty (m Ella Bradt) were living at home and Ettie was married to James Bohanon and they lived in Gloversville and he worked in the glove factory and in after years she had two boys and the baby named Fay died and Willie is still living and lives in Gloversville so if you could find him

Mr William Bohanon

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his father name was James B. his mother committed suside took poison her name was Ellie. Anna was the oldest girl when I was their on a visit I visited them. Annas name was Clark she lived at Gloversville her man's name was William Clark they had one daughter name Phoebe Clark. Willie Bohanon wrote me they were all dead but him and his father he was looking for him to die. He was bedfast when he wrote and I have never heard anymore if you could ind him you might find where g ma Katherine Mott died and where buried. I think she was buried at New Kirk Mills. Uncle George Mott was buried I think at Kirksville, NY they had two children their names was Ettie Mott Tibbetts that was who she married. The boys name was albert Mott he lived in N Y City. When I was their on a visit you wanted to no who aunt Katie Mott was they said Uncle picked her up in N Y City when he was on his boat as a cook as you no that was the way the boat men did went to the warf and got a cook for them on their trips. Well I guess I have wrote you so much I did not need to but take what you want then burn the rest. I thank you for trying to help me but I seemed to get through all O. K. as my Dr's helped me out as I had lived here every since 1909. Well will close hope to hear from you again in the near future from a friend and distant relative

Estella Hellena Card Pride