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I don't know how Uncle Sherman and Margaret Barrett got together and I don't have any memory of him at all, except for what Mother had told us. Nor, do I know what the Barrett's did if they lived in Owaneco. I did not meet Margaret until she had remarried a Mr. Eaton, who shared a banking business in Owaneco with his brother William.

The brother's daughter attended Taylorville High School when Bertha and I went there. My next contact with the Eaton's was later when I lived with Stella McAfee Crow and entered Millikin University and had moved to Decatur.

The Eaton's had two sons, Lealdes and I don't remember the other sons name. The sons attended Milliken University and after graduation Lealdes joined the staff of Mayo Brothers Clinic Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. I am not sure what the second son did but neither son lived beyond middle age.

Gilbert Large had an automobile agency in Taylorville for years. After his wife died, he married a young woman from Morrisonville.

Strangely, as a family we were closer to the McAfee's; who lived in Rosasmond, rather than the Large's in Taylorville.

Aunt Ann McAfee had a very sweet personality and her husband, Uncle Bob, was nice, too. I think one of their gransons has retired as a pilot in the West for years

Darrell McAfee is still living on their old home place near Rosamond but had lost his second wife. But that may have changed by now.

I was sorry to lose Vaudeth Campbell Evans (Bertha McAfee's daughter) a couple of years ago and have intended to contact her living son and daughter. Must write or call at least one of them.

Remember that Grandfather (Samuel Large) was married into the Guiler ancestors before he married Grandmother Large (Maria Large). There was a long story of trouble in dealing with Aunt Ann Warren's descendants and I just threw the records away recently. We may have lost a share in the Warren estate but they had good lawyers, to establish their claims and we couldn't fight them so a step child won.

Now for a word about Steve, my nephew who lives in San Francisco. His Mother (Claudine)met and married his father (Norman Shinn) while living and working in Sarasota one winter with her Aunt Ladine. Then Claudine and Norman were divorced. After Alice died he lived with Fred Klamer, his grandfather for a while, but later took off for California and married a girl out there and has two sons he adore's.

It was the letter from him I let you read and he is more upbeat now and I hope he revives his career; which was photography.

I must stop now and will contact you later. If you have questions, ask them.

Sincerely,

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