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Dear Cousin Carl:

I apologize for not answering your letter sooner, I was a bit surprised to hear from you. As my brother, Bob, may have told you, we weren't given much information about our Steeg relatives. The only one I knew was my grandmother's, Gertrude Steeg Moon, sister Gretchen and her granddaughter Gretchen. If I remember correctly, young Gretchen and I are the same age. I lost track of them after my grandmother died in 1955. So, how are you and I related?

I, too, am very interested in learning about my family background and would appreciate any help, how-to type help, you may be able to give me. My brother is quite busy with his work and family and has not been able to find the time to complete this task, I'm not sure he has any idea about how to begin. Unlike Bob, I am not a member of the Mormon Congregation and thus do not have access to that great geneological information source. The only information I have is my mother's and father's birth places and dates, and my mother's parents birthplaces and approximate dates. I do not have the birth date or places of my Moon grandparents, although I do know the names of all of my grandfather's siblings.

Are there any books you might recommend or geneological resources I might tap into to begin this search? One of the things I am interested in is the kind of people my ancestors were, their occupations, their level of education, etc. etc. I realize I may not be able to get this type of information, however, if I could I am considering writing a book.

So much for requests. How about a little information about me and my life?

First, as you know, I live in Fresno, California. I chose to move to this town to attend Fresno State College in 1979. I was married from 1964 to 1975, but I have no children. I have worked in various fields of business, including Pacific Telephone, an insurance agency, a real estate development company, and a mortgage company. I currently hold the position of Conventional Mortgage Loan

Underwriter. I hold a degree from the University of San Francisco in Human Relations and Organizational Behavior (it's a long story as to why I did not graduate from Fresno State), and I intend to get my Masters degree in Finance and Accounting, someday. Since I must work full time to support myself, it may take me quite a while to complete a Masters through night school. Oh well, it took me nineteen years to get my Bachelors degree so I guess I am not in any real big hurry.

My hobbies include photography, sewing, cooking, and computers. I have just recently acquired my own personal computer and still have a lot to learn about how to work it. I have worked with computers through work for about five years now so I know quite a bit about word processing and spreadsheet programs, but there is so much more to learn. My photography work revolves mostly around black and white countryside scenes. At one time I fancied myself a future Ansel Adams. In order to become an expert at photography, though, it is necessary to have your own dark room, a luxury I have never been able to afford. The cooking and sewing activities are more practical in nature, while I was a "broke college kid" I had to make any new clothing I needed as well as keep what I had in wearable condition.

Well, I do not want to bore you..... Again, any assistance you could provide on discovering the rest of my ancestors and family would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


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To answer your question first: you and I are first cousins, once removed, that is, your grandmother Moon's father is my grandfather. The enclosed computer printouts may help to explain all these complications. When you feel more confident with your PC, you may want to get a genealogical program; but you are still a little young to care about ancestry.

After reading your resume of interests I wish we had an opportunity to be closer together. There was a time when we were, well, almost. During 1945-46 I was in the Army near Springville, which is closest to Sequoia National Forest than Porterville. I spent some leave with your grandparents; and on one such occasion, your mother let me feel you kick and I got to give your brother his dinner.

We had many discussions about Grad School, particularly at Stanford. Eventually I got a doctorate from MIT. Until you told of your long college career, I thought I had the college longevity record - 12 years. For the last 18 years I have been professor of electrical engineering at a regional campus of Purdue University. I do occasional consulting (because, as Bob can testify, teachers don't have huge income and write textbooks).

We travel, when health permits, and do genealogy and family history when it doesn't. Otherwise, we enjoy our kids and grandchildren ^(two) (three). Perhaps it is not so interesting and active as your lifestyle, but it's what we do.

Try to keep in touch - it's comforting to know of someone with whom you share some genes.

Affectionately

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