

Fillmore, Feb 25th 1942

Dear Cousin Florence,

I received your nice letter and was very much pleased to hear from you and Family and think you have done wonderful. I remember about your birth—although I wasn't present when you were born. Emma & you visited at our house several times when you were a Baby—and I remember when John and Emma were married. Frank Skuce and I stood with them. My Father took us to Short Tract when they were married. Your memory is good. Your mother's name was Learman. Amanda's was Keeler. I am writing to Caneadea tonight to the town clerk whose name is Claud Bidwell for a blank certificate. Our town clerk is out of them. He told me over the phone—He just came from the convention at Albany & they didn't have any, such a demand for them. I am living alone since my Husband passed away last March the 11th. He was ill had his first operation in 34 for prostate gland and had 2 more at intervals after then. They inserted a tube and he wore a truss. I had to irrigate and cleanse that, and He was very ambitious and healed & Thank God was able to be up & dressed until a week before he passed away. Our oldest girl Crystal lives in Attica is married has 1 son who is a Doctor at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore at present is married has a Baby girl. Clifford married lives in Mt Morris they had one Daughter who got married gave birth to twin girls and passed away most broke their hearts the Babies lived. Our second daughter Vesta who studied Pharmacy also married her class mate Lester Ward. They have what was our store. They have a Boy Alvin 21 & girl Lynette 19. They are going to college in Ithaca N.Y. Our Rowena passed away when she was 19 years & the youngest Ione is married to a Doctor and lives in Centerville about 7 miles from here. His name is Waterman. He is just recovering from Pneumonia was very ill for 2 weeks took the germ from a Patient. I was with them a week & a half.

Mother passed away in 1927 July the 16th. John's & Ethel are still working hard on the Farm. John has heart trouble and Ethel is a wonderful woman has healed him in every way she could. They have tried hard but haven't made good but John can't give up. I am worn out myself have arthritis and arthritic trouble and am thankful to be able to wait on myself. My Children are all very good to me or I couldn't stay in my Home. I am 78 years old and am Praying for our Boys and our Allies. I know God will help them if we pray earnest. Vesta's Father-in-law is just alive. They think he won't live but a few hours. He lives in Auburn N.Y. My son-in-law Lester Ward is wonderful good to me. I will do all I can to get your Certificate. Love and best wishes,

Cousin Mary R. Cole
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