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July 1, 1973

Mrs. J. M. Yoakum  
311 Magnolia Lane  
Duncanville, Texas 75116

Dear Mrs. Yoakum:

Your letter of May 29th has just come to me as I have been away for three weeks on a camping trip with my children.

I do appreciate your writing to me and would make a conscientious effort to do a workmanlike piece of research for you. You understand, of course, that I am not a Genealogist and do not make interpretations or "family charts" as such, but endeavor to find and copy all pertinent matter in Todd County records. I charge \$4.50 per hour for my work and this includes a type-written report, any mileage necessary, etc. I charge only for time actually spent in the records in the courthouse. I think this is in line with the charge usually made by other Certified Genealogical Record Searchers.

To do a sensible piece of work, it would be necessary for me to know what sources you have used to find your family -- census records, tax lists, military records, etc., so that I would make no duplication were I to go into this type of record. I have access to two fine libraries - in Clarksville, Tennessee, and in Madisonville, Kentucky, both of which have some excellent reference materials. There is no local library here, unfortunately.

Have you made an effort to contact any of the Gordon family still living here? There used to be quite a group of them in the Daysville neighborhood, some of whom are still living, I am sure. The Gordons have always been most prominent in Todd County history, and I am sure that some one of them must surely have kept family records, Bibles, etc. I can inquire if you would like.

The recently published STORY OF TODD COUNTY 1820-1970 (on which I collaborated with the librarian of the high school) contains many Gordon references: A.C., Caroline, the family, Rev. Guy, James Maury Morris, J. C., Jephtha, Reuben, R. C., Richard, Samuel Mrs. William, and Rev. W.C. and Rev. W. P.

The Gordon family was listed in the congregation of the Christian Church at Daysville in 1880. A store there which belonged to Mr. Reuben Gordon in 1953 was first started by his father, J.C. Gordon in 1903. The senior Mr. Gordon ran the store until 1943, when he died.

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Mrs. Yoakum

I believe that Mr. Reuben Gordon is still living in Louisville, Kentucky, but I believe that his sister, Mrs. Lillian Shumate, still lives at Daysville.

A search of the Todd County records would include that of deeds, wills, estate settlements, marriage records from the foundation of the county in 1820 from parts of Christian and Logan Counties. As Daysville is practically on the Todd-Logan line, it would seem possible that some of your Gordon information would be in the Logan County records at Russellville, which I could search out for you.

I might suggest that you would find marriage records in Boone County, Kentucky, by writing the County Court Clerk at Burlington, Kentucky, 41005. Beverly Washington Gordon must surely have left other traces in that county, too. Too, the birth and death records in this state start only at 1911, so probably would not help, tho' some counties' records start at 1851. You might contact the Kentucky Historical Society at Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 for help in their records. They do no research, but would suggest researchers there in the library to help you at a fee.

There are many printed sources which might be of help to you; especially Perrin's History of Todd and Christian (1884) to which I have access but do not own. Another good source is Rev. Coffman's HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY which is in the Russellville City Library. I have Collins HISTORY OF KENTUCKY in two volumes here at home.

Please let me know if I may be of help to you, and I will make every effort.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Thomasson Lynn, G.R.S.  
(Mrs. Ralph D. Lynn)

May 29, 1973  
311 Magnolia Lane  
Duncanville, Texas 75116

Mrs. Ralph Lynn  
Elkton, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Lynn:

Enclosed is the information on my Gordon family. I would like a quot on what it will cost for you to do some research for me. I was told that you do this kind of work in Todd County, Kentucky. I would like to know how you charge if by the hour or sec.

We believe my Beverly Washington Gordon to possibly be the grandson of Samuel Gordon but I have been unable to locate Beverly Washington Gordon's parents.

I have also been unable to locate anything on Carolina Clark Wood, Beverly Washington Gordon's wife's folks. There were also In Kentucky but I know nothing about them.

I will be waiting to hear from you in regards to the charge. Thank you.

*Mrs. J. M. Yoakum (Shirley)*

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- I. Beverly Washington Gordon born Todd County, Kentucky October 14, 1817, died May 12, 1910 at Caddo, Stephens County, Texas. Married January 21, 1845 to Carolina Clark Wood in Boone Co., Kentucky. Carolina born January 17, 1824 Cincinnati, Ohio, died Jan. 4, 1919, Caddo, Stephens County, Texas.

Beverly and Carolina moved from Kentucky to Missouri, from Davis County, Missouri to Arkansas about 1867 and to Grayson County, Texas in 1875 and to Stephens County, Texas in 1876. (There is no Davis County in Missouri so it must have been an old county or else possibly Daviess Co.)

Beverly and Carolina had 9 children:

- A. Fredonia Elizabeth Gordon born Kentucky Dec. 25, 1845, died June 28, 1926 Altamont, Missouri. Married James Kirk Matlock March 13, 1863. They had 10 children.
- B. John Thomas Gordon born Todd County, Kentucky May 8, 1848, died September 12, 1940 Collinsville, Grayson County, Texas. He was married three times and had several children.
- C. Henry Oswald Gordon (my great grandfather) born Todd County, Ky. March 22, 1850, died June 21, 1937 on the home place Cooke County, Texas. Married May 1, 1879 to Emma Rintha Ingram. They had six children and I descend through the fifth child.
- D. Nancy Jane Gordon born Dec. 24, 25?, 1852, died April 17, 1930. Married William Dallas McFadden 1877 in Texas. They had nine children.
- E. Richard Franklin Gordon born August 15, 1855, died June 26, 1927 Caddo, Texas. Married Eliza Price. No children. Married again and no children.
- F. Mary Addie Gordon born August 25, 1857, died about 1860.
- G. Margaret Virginia Gordon born Missouri July 2, 1860, died June 11, 1955 Phoenix, Arizona. Married Andrew Jackson Cox. Six Children.
- H. Leah Vernon Gordon born Davis Co., Missouri August 20, 1864, died April 8, 1962 Globe, Arizona. Married James William Robinson. Five Children.
- I. Tillie May Gordon born Arkansas May 22, 1868, died May 21, 1942 Caddo, Texas. Married Joseph Henry McMeen 1889 at Caddo, Texas. They have eight children.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, or other person legally authorized to solemnize Matrimony:

You are permitted to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY between  
*J. M. Gordon* and *Nancy M. Merritt*  
the requirements of the law having been complied with.

WITNESS my signature as Clerk of *Todd* County Court,  
this *3rd* day of *April* 18*90* *S. H. Wells* Clerk.  
*J. D. Rathford* D. C.

# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that on the *9th* day of *April* 18*90* the RITES OF  
MATRIMONY were legally solemnized by me between *J. M. Gordon*  
and *Nancy M. Merritt* at *Douglas* in the county  
of *Todd* in the presence of *James Allenworth*  
& *John Ferguson*.  
(Signed) *W. E. Thobley.*

[The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.]

Gordon, Samuel

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