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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

120 East 19th St.,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

We enclose herewith letter from Lewis Yost, 821 Farragut St. East End, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated June 7th. We have not made a copy of this letter, thinking that you would wish to extract only certain portions. Therefore will you not please return this correspondence as soon as you are through with it?

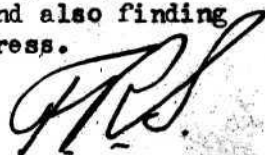
Very truly yours,



Enclosure.

Secretary to Judge Gary.

P.S. We are also enclosing a copy of letter, which you may keep, from Sister Mary Theodora, Mother Superior of St. Mary's Convent, Peekskill, July 2nd. We are looking up the Dickson report and also finding out about Mr. Dickson's present address.



C O P Y

SAINT MARY'S CONVENT,
Peekskill, N.Y.

July 2, 1925.

Elbert H. Gary, Esq.,
71 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Cousin Elbert:

Thank you for your kind letter and for the very generous enclosure toward the expenses of my research work. This will be a great help for oftentimes in out-of-the-way places I come across old books with pictures which I should like to have photographed, and I shall use this fund for research purposes. In Massachusetts I came across an old book with a picture of the old John Bissell Ferry across the Connecticut which was granted him by the Colony in return for his services in going to England and bringing back cattle to replace the loss from the previous severe winters. In another book I found an interesting old wood-cut of Deacon John Moore's old home. Deacon John had two daughters, Abigail and Mindwell, and they married two sons of old John Bissell, and Abigail was the ancestress of your Mother's grandmother.

I do not know whether Aunt Fannie wrote you that we had found the name of Captain Vallette's wife. She was Mary Hammond, a descendant of one of the first settlers in Hingham, Mass., When Captain Vallette went to sea, and she had mourned him as dead for a proper time, she married a Mr. Adams. After his death she married General Wolcott. Both of them must have been well advanced in years at that time. General Wolcott was a Brigadier General in the American army and was stationed here at Peekskill for a while. He was a son of one Governor of Conn. and the brother of another.

I only wish I had more leisure to pursue my fascinating hobby. I hope, however, that I shall be able to make more headway with my work and I shall let you know when I can make an appointment to see you. I wonder if you know that some of our Windsor ancestors met at Hartford and drew up a little Constitution for the Connecticut Colony which is said to be the first example of a written Constitution in history.

My Mother has just celebrated her 87th birthday and is quite well and in possession of all her faculties. I hope to see her later in the summer.

Believe me,

Affectionately yours,

(sgd) Cousin Fannie
Sister Mary Theodore
Mother Superior CSM

VALLETTE GENEALOGY.

(Note, New York, May 8, 1923. The first paragraph below, regarding John Vallette, is based upon the information contained in Mr. Lawrence Brainerd's letter of November 26, 1913. The remaining paragraphs entitled respectively, Captain Vallette, Jeremiah Vallette, Jeremiah Vallette and Susan Abiah Vallette, are copies of the material assembled by Lawrence Brainerd in his book of records of Judge Gary's ancestry, a volume written in longhand.)

First Generation in America.

John Vallette - The following was found in an unindexed book of land records in Newport, R.I.: "John Vallette received a grant of land in Newport, R.I., in 1702, next to the land owned by Daniel Seherre". Seherre was a noted Frenchman and one of the most prominent of the early residents of Newport. Vallette was doubtless his friend. This places the arrival of the family in America as early as 1702 and it is thought they came from France via Barbadoes, as it has been found a John Vallette was there at an early date as owner of quite an extensive tract of land.

Second Generation.

Captain Vallette - No official record of him exists, except that such a man was the father of a son born in Newport, R.I., in 1735, viz., Jeremiah Vallette. He was, by the accepted tradition of the family, an officer of the French Army and was captured by a British vessel during the struggle for possession of the American Colonies. While a prisoner at Newport he married an American woman and one son, at least, was born to them. He returned to France on being released but died there shortly after his arrival. The VALLETTE name is a prominent one in France and is found also in the Island of Jamaica during the 17th Century. A family bearing the same name lived in Montville, Conn., but it is evident that their relationship to the Rhode Island family, if any existed, was very remote.

Third Generation.

Jeremiah Vallette - (1735-1813) was born in Newport, R.I.; removed to No. Kingston, R.I., where he was married. A few years later he removed to Richmond, R.I., where he was living in 1774, according to the Census of 1774 (which record substantiates the Vital Records and family records of the order of the births of his children, etc.). He removed to Lee, Berkshire County, Mass., between 1775 and 1780 and in 1788 he was taxed there for 8 shillings. He was a substantial farmer in comfortable circumstances, a church member and a man of standing in the community. He married, 1st, Ann Nicoll (born Mar. 4, 1734, at No. Kingston, R.I., died July 8, 1808, at Lee, Mass.) on Dec. 27, 1753, at No. Kingston, R.I., by Emanuel Northrop. He married, 2nd, Mary Spring in 1808. Children: by 1st wife, born in No. Kingston and Richmond, R.I.: (1) Mary, born May 18, 1754; (2) John, born Feb. 10, 1758 (he remained in Rhode Island, served in the Revolution and as late as 1833 was a government pensioner); (3) Abiah, born April 6, 1763, married William Feste of Lee, Mass.; (4) Anne, born April 13, 1760; (5) Phoebe, born 1762, married Aaron Warner of Lee, Mass.; (6) Jeremiah, born June 4, 1764; (7) Hannah, born ---, married Lodeville Warner of Lee, Mass.

Fourth Generation.

Joseph Vaillette - (1784-1868) was born in Richmond, N.I., where he appears in the Census of 1796 "he under 16". He removed to Lee, Mass., with his parents, and when 25 years old married Abiah Cook (born July 19, 1760, in Winchester, Conn., died Mar. 9, 1822, in Winstan, Ill.), 18 years his junior. They were married on October 4, 1797, at Lee, Mass., by Rev. Alvan Hyde. His residence was in Lee and Stockbridge (adjointing town) till 1802 when he removed to Elmhurst where he died in 1868 in Winstan. Children: (born in Stockbridge, Mass.) Charles, born _____; Ruth, born _____; William, born _____; Elizabeth, born _____; Sarah, born _____; John George, born Feb. 1, 1817; Susan Abiah, born July 23, 1819; Henry Filling, born -- 1821, died -- 1829; Jonathan C., born -- 1827, died -- 1849.

Fifth Generation.

Susan Abiah Vaillette - Born in Stockbridge, Mass., July 23, 1819, died in Winstan, Ill., March 12, 1876. Married Hester Gray in Winstanville, Ill., Oct. 22, 1841. (Parents of Judge Elbert H. Gray)