1157 Oak Street, Oakland, Cal.
June 8th 1900,

To
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
Twin Oaks, West Washington D.C.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

The following information may aid you in your inquiries regarding Mr Victor Smith,

In the "Daily Alta California" June 27th 1865. announces the arrival of the Panama Steamer which brings the following news taken from "The Panama Star & Herald", "The Steamer "Golden Rule" from New York to Graytown, Nicaragua, was wrecked May 30th at 3.40 A.M. on Roncador Reef, the passengers 530 in number were all safely landed on the island Mr John M. Rogers the Purser reached Aspinwall on the 6th inst, in an open boat for

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for the purpose of procuring a vessel to take the passengers to that port, The U. S. Steamship "Huntsville", which left Aspinwall to look after the "Golden Rule", on the 5th instant, will undoubtless return to day 8th instant, and will in all probability proceed immediately to the wreck, if she has not already discovered it. The passengers will at once be placed on board the Steamer "America" in this harbor (Panama) & sail for San Francisco, a list of the passengers is published in which the name of Victor Smith appears, Roncador, is described as a small island of the N. Sea, one of the Antilles 35 miles E.N.E. of Old Providence, & 57 S of Serrandla or Pearl Islands Latitude 13 deg 32 m 50 sc S. and

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Longitude 80 deg 4 M. W.

— The Rescue —

The U. S. Steamer Huntsville, and State of Georgia, arrived at Aspinwall on the 11th instant with the passengers of the Golden Rule,

Victor Smith, was among the passengers by the Golden Rule, & it is probable that a consignment of greenbacks was on board, but we have no definate information on the subject, and cannot tell whether they were lost or otherwise if on board, The above is from a letter from Capt Merry (Hon W L Merry, our Minister to Nicaragua,) dated Panama, June 12th and written to J W. Raymond Agent of the Nicaragua Transit Co,

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It is possible that Capt Merry may remember something about Victor Smith — I will look again over the files of the Alta California, to see if I can find a notice of the arrival of the Steamer America at San Francisco, perhaps Smith's name may be mentioned, I shall also try and hunt up his name in one of the San Fco. directors

Please find enclosed a letter I received from Mr F.W. Houghton Supt The Maritime Ass. of the Port of N. York, in answer to one I wrote him regarding the loss of the "Golden Rule" — If I can help you in any other way please let me know.

Very truly yours

Jane Hubbard

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