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Letter from Mark H. Sibley to George Sibley, August 12, 1851

Mark H. Sibley

Canandaigua, New York

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Canandaigua

Augt. 12. 1851

My Dear Cousin

The receipt of your letter of the 23rd ulto. was delayed a little by my absence from home.

As soon as I returned I addressed our relatives at Rochester Monroe Co, and at Grafton Ohio requesting them to finish to furnish me with the family statistics (in which I am disgracefully deficient). That I might be enable to give you a pretty full history of the lineage of those branches of the race who have resided, or do reside, in those place;- whereof you can use such ___ as full within the ___ of your ___ of domestic ___.

As soon as I get my replies the results shall be transmitted to you.

It was forging & ___ of you to notice me at all after shameful neglect of your former kindness. And if I do not, be promptful in future manifest my appreciations of such forbearance, I shall prove myself wholly unworthy of a renewal of the like generosity. O drop of this hurried note just to advise you that you may soon expect some branches for your genealogical __, which I hope to be able to accompany with something of a letter from myself and wife to you & your Lady. The truth is I have been driven on a professional & judicial treadmill for years, without a moments respect for social recreation of any sort.

My office expires with this year, I have refused to take it again and as I have become too deaf to follow my __, I think I shall have because to atone for all the Past short comings of the claims of ___ and consanguinity. Nay, I every go so far as to anticipate the pleasure of yet seeing you on the Bank of the Missouri; where the shades of "tender wood" will doubtless prove far more refreshing to my social ___ those of the Hudson have to my hasty spirit.

Mrs. Sibley writes with me in in assurance of unabated kindness and respect for yourself and we beg you will make our best regards, and hope for a future acquaintance, acceptable to your lady.

Very Sincerely

—

Mark H. Sibley

George Sibley E.

St. Charles

Missouri