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Letter from Origen Sibley to George Sibley, July 26, 1840

Origen Sibley

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Blakeley 26th July 1840

My dear Cousin

As my last letter would contain only a part of the genealogical data which I had to communicate, I will now finish, if indeed this sheet will suffice for the purpose. We are now in the midst of an exciting political congress, & really considering that this state has so long been of the administration strong holds. The ___ of the Whig party are indeed flattering. I can hardly hope that we shall carry the state, although, if we lose it, it will be by some trifling majority. So well as to leave little doubt but we shall succeed in the great November contest. Your state election I believe comes on the first Monday of August also, but as the residence of the great humbugger himself, I can hardly anticipate the success of the Whig ticket. But to business.

Cyrus Sibley was born Jany 6th 1784 in Sutton Mass.

Eliza Ann Humphries " Sept 9th 1809

They were married June 12th 1827

Your Artemus O. Sibley born March 9th 1829 – in Baldwin Co Ala.

Artemesia Ann " July 31st 1830 " " " "

Salome Jane " Dec 19- 1832- Died April 12th 1835

Willard Franklin " April 18th 1835 in Balwin Co. Ala.

Cyrus Blue " May 12- 1837 " " " "

Helena Jane " May 28- 1839 " " " "

I should have stated before that Brother Artemus received a commission in the last war as Ensign, & joined the army under Genl. Hull, he was killed three days before the surrender of Detroit, by a random cannon shot from the British ___ erected opposite. Himself and two others were killed by the same shot, & theirs were I believe the only lives lost on that reclaim. The ball nearly severed his body, & he survived but a few minutes. We received the particulars from Uncle Abe Sibley who resided at Rochester New York & with whom Artemus had lived nearly from his childhood. He was spoken of as a promising young officer, & his death was much lamented. The surrender of Detroit took place on the 15th 1812- consequently his death happened on the 12th. He was the next child after Cyrus, having been born Apl. 6. 1786

Elijah Javett was born 1782 died Sept. 1st 1830

Salome Sibley " " Apl. 13th 1788

They were married Sept. 14th 1814

___ Maria Louisa Javett born in November or Dec, 20th 1815 decd. Nov 25th 1816

John Franklin " " Feby 12- 1818 in ___ on Cont.

Origen S. " April 5- 1820 in " " " "

Mary Anne Elizabeth " Oct. 28 1823 Baldwin County Ga.

Susan Rebeca in Thomaston Georgia Sept. 14- 1826 – decd. July 23rd 1827

Mr. Javett was a Native of Thomson (__ county) Connecticut. All his family were respectable & independent farmers. Mr. J. inherited a good farm, & was a very sound intelligent man, of much reading & study. He labored under a pulmonary complain & came to Georgia in 1818, partly for his health & partly on business, & after a few years removed his family there.

Benjamin Franklin Sibley was born in 1790 & died in 1793. I will endeavor to procure precise dates. My next sister, Susan S. Sibley was born July 16th 1793 & was married I think in 1832 to Nehemiah Scarborough Esq. the former husband of my sister Mary. They have children

Nehemiah Barstow Scarborough born Sept. 1823 is Providence RI

Cyrus Sibley " " July 30 1827 in " "

My brother Benjamin Franklin resides or did reside in Woodwill Mississippi & I shall write to him to day to ascertain the statistics of his family. [hole in page] wife died about two years ago & I wrote to [hole in page] __ him to bring his children to live with [hole in page] __ received no answer, nor have heard from him since.

Origen Sibley was Born June 25. 1798 in Thompson Cont.

Elizabeth Barstow " May 8- 1825 in Baldwin Co Ala.

Married Nov. 14 1833 " " "

__ Josephine Sibley " July 2 1835 " " "

Salom Elizabeth Sibley Aug (- 1837 " " "

Origen Sibley Jr. " Febt. 6- 1840 " " "

All my brothers & sisters were born in Sutton Mass. Our parents removed to Thompson Ct. before I was born so that I, only, am a native of the land of steady habits. We are all well. My love to Rufus & your Lady. Let me hear from you soon & believe me

Yr. Affectionate Cousin

Origen Sibley