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ENC L TO M. BOROUGHS
LTR OF 20 JAN 1987

Dear Mrs. Boroughs:

The enclosed letter seems to fit your Newport family so I thought it might be of interest to you. You may keep the letter. I don't think our families are connected that is, I haven't found any proof that way.

My Newports, my husbands family, came from England. According to what I have learned two brothers, John and Richard came to Virginia from England in the mid 1700's. They became separated and were never reunited. Richard became the ancestor of our line. He lived in Va., S.C., and later the family was in Tenn. where my husband lived. When I find Newports I can't place I always wonder if they could be descendants of the brother, John.

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter. Please write again if you care to do so.

Good luck and best wishes.

Mrs. Mayme Newport

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NO Newport in Taylorville,
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Dear Kirk and Mayme;

To bad that we find things out to late. In 1966 we took a trip through the west and visited the Bad Lands and the Black Hills. We stayed over night in your town so we could have had a good visit if we had only known. We then went on to Lander, Wyoming to visit with a cousin whom I had never seen, then through the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Glacier and on to Spokane where our daughter lives. Then we went down the coast to Los Angeles and back home by way of the Grand Canyon and Pikes Peak.

First to explain our visit to Neosho Falls. Gene Leedy's mother was formerly Julia Etta Newport and was my fathers sister. So Gene Leedy and I are first cousins. I have a brother living in Wichita so when we go out there we always stop by Neosho Falls either on our way out or coming back.

I am always glad to receive letters from people who are interested in the history and genealogy of the Newport Family. Researching into this has been one of my hobbies for many years. In 1967 we made another trip to the east when I was fortunate to be able to trace our line of the Newports back to England. The first of our line of the Newports came to America about 1698 and settled on the eastern shores of New Jersey but later moved to southern Delaware. He had two children. The oldest, a daughter named Mary never married. Their second child, a son, named Jesse is the Jesse mentioned in the short Synopsis Of our family history which I am enclosing. I am a son of William Thomas Newport, b August 17, 1852 - d April 20, 1930 m May Butler. I have a rather complete record of our line of the Newport family but I have never run across the name of Ezekial Newport so I think that you are of another strain. However, from the information which you sent to me I am certain that you are of the same line as Earl C. Newport, 2516 N. Doolittle St., Chattanooga, Tenn., 37406, and I suggest that you write to him. I have had some correspondence with this Earl Newport and he sent me a genealogical record of his family and I am sure that you would find him most interesting and helpful.

You and Earl Newport both say that your family first came from Virginia but I have never been able to find any records of any Newports ever having lived in Virginia excepting that some our our family migrated into the northern counties of Virginia but that does not prove that there were none there because one can easily miss information of that kind. Our family migrated from Southern Delaware to the Philadelphia area, to Near Pittsburg, to Ohio and on across the land to the Pacific Ocean. Of the three who migrated into northern Virginia, they di so at a date to late to co-incide with the dates and information tha Earl C. Newport sent me.

From Revolutionary war Records and various church records that I have run across I am quite sure that there must have ^{been} another line of Newports who originated around Boston, Plymouth and the Cape Cod area. Looks like I will have to close for this time. I will enjoy hearing from you.

Yours truly?

Wm. W. Newport. ← BORN JULY 1896, so: age 72

NEWPORT FAMILY

The first that we know, as yet, of this lineage of the Newport family was Jesse Newport who married Elizabeth Long, daughter of David Sr., and Ann Long of Sussez County, Delaware.

Jesse and Elizabeth migrated from Delaware to Abington near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where they and all their children, with possibly the exception of one son, James, joined the Society of Friends or Quaker Church. In 1794 Jesse moved again. This time to Washington County, Pennsylvania where they evidently spent the remainder of their lives. The children of Jesse and Elizabeth were Thomas, Aaron, James, Richard, Lydia, and Mary.

Thomas, Dec. 6, 1759 - 1842. m 1st. Rebecca Trane, 2nd Mary Evans.
Aaron, 1761 - 1831. m Mary Cadwallader.

James,
Richard,
Lydia m David Powell.
Mary Polly m Pence.

Thomas Newport, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Newport, was born in Sussex County, Delaware on December 6, 1759. He went to Philadelphia and there joined the Society of Friends. He married Rebecca Trane and in 1786 he moved again to Washington County, Pennsylvania. Next he^s found in the adjoining County of Fayette, where he is included among the early members of the Redstone Society of Friends of Fayette County. His wife, Rebecca, died at the birth of twins. He then married Mary Evans, daughter of John (born 1737) and Hannah (Worthington) (born 1738) Evans. She was born November 12, 1760. Thomas Newport and Mary Evans were both members of the Redstone Society of Friends of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In 1793 Thomas Newport and his wife Mary (formerly Evans) were disowned by this Quaker Society, this evidently being the time at which he took up the Swedenborgian religion.

Thomas Newport and his wife Mary (Evans) migrated to Montgomery County, Ohio, soon after their marriage.

In 1804 Thomas Newport moved from Montgomery County to a farm at Turtle Creek near Lebanon, ^{Warren Co.} Ohio. Here he founded the Turtle Creek Society of the Swedenborgian Church. He founded a county library, but it was mainly a religious library related to the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg. In 1818 he was ordained a minister in the Swedenborg Church. He founded the Western Association of the Swedenborg Church. As members of the Turtle Creek Society emigrated westward, Thomas Newport continued to proclaim "The Truth" undaunted by declining membership. By 1832 Thomas Newport was severely handicapped by the infirmities of age. In 1840 Thomas Newport reported that the Western Association had ceased, that it had gone into a "wilderness state", and had been there for a number of years. Thomas Newport died in 1842.

According to his last will and testament, Thomas Newport's children were: John, Jesse, James T., b 12-12-1792 - d 8-12-1872, m Mary Corwin; Thomas, b 10-29-1795 - d 1879?, m Sarah Biggs; Betty m Steward; Hannah m John Banta; Tacy b 7-9-1798 - d 1845, m Daniel Banta Jr.; Mary Polly m Pence; and David m Margaret Banta.

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Thomas Newport, son of Thomas and Mary (Evans) Newport was born in Montgomery County, Ohio on October 29, 1795. He moved, with his parents, in 1804 to a farm near the town of Lebanon in Warren County, Ohio, and grew to manhood there. He married Sarah Biggs, daughter of Aaron Biggs, on July 5, 1821.

Thomas Newport started his ministry in the Swedenborgian Church in the Turtle Creek Society of Lebanon, Ohio. By 1823 Thomas Newport was preaching every Sabbath, traveling many weary miles to answer any call for preaching. In 1830 he lived in Oxford, Butler County, Ohio, where a few Swedenborgians met together informally for doctrinal discussions. Oxford was considered a field for Swedenborgian missionaries. He later moved to Preble County, Ohio, near a town called Eaton. He lived there until most of his family were grown. Then he went to Brown County, Indiana, because he had heard that there was gold in the hills. But there was none.

In 1868, at the age of seventy three, he went, with horse and spring wagon, to Kansas. He preached his Swedenborgian doctrines as he traveled. He bought land near Burlingame in Osage County, Kansas. There he helped to form a Swedenborgian colony called "Olivet." This town has long ago disappeared excepting for a large house which was the home of a Dr. Sweeney, the upper floor of which was one large room and the meeting place for worship. Thomas Newport's sojourn in Kansas was short. He returned to Indiana and supposedly died at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth Casto, near Indianapolis. Actually, his death date and burial place are, as yet, unknown.

Thomas and Sarah (Biggs) Newport were the parents of the following ten children: Aaron, born April 6, 1822; Thomas, born July 30, 1823; John, born September 30, 1824; Margaret, born July 9, 1826; Mary, born April 7, 1828; Elizabeth, born March 11, 1830; Amanda, born June 20, 1835; James, born June 3, 1837; Ephraim, born January 23, 1839; and Rachael, born October 22, 1841.

Aaron Newport, son of Thomas and Sarah (Biggs) Newport was born April 6, 1822 and died February __, 1888. On May 31, 1849, he married Mary Stout, born February 12, 1832 and died June 12, 1902.

The children of Aaron and Mary (Stout) Newport were:
Emerald Emanuel, b August 21, 1850 - d February 28, 1934 m Ella Wade.
William Thomas, b August 17, 1852 - d April 30, 1930 m May Butler.
John Worthington, b December 6, 1854 - d October 5, 1918 m Mollie Matsdrof.
Julia Etta, b February 14, 1857 - d July 6, 1943 m Robert Burns Leedy.
Mary Elda, b May 6, 1862 - d February 9, 1922 m Aaron Cockrell.
Abel Silver, b June 12, 1865 - d m Katie Martin.

photocopy of p.2 of "...short synopsis of our family history which I am enclosing. I am a son of William Thomas Newport, b. Aug 17, 1852 - d. Apr 30, 1930 m May Butler." Author is William W. Newport (01.01.01.07.01.02.02) & date of letter is 1 Jul 1968 with return address of 502 W3d St., Taylorville IL (Christian Co). Letter was to Kirk & Mayme Newport & sent to JNJ by Marg Boroughs in her 20 Jan 1987 letter to JNJ; as of Mar 1987 no Newports in Taylorville but is W. Leslie Newport in Hillsboro (Montgomery Co) phone# 1-217-532-5182. (original filed 01.01.01.07.01.02.02)