

July 30, 1979

Dear Edward,

I have been researching the DeWan family tree for about fifteen years. I get leads from my family, follow them up as far as I can go then shelve the project until something new comes up. Your name came to me this week from my brother Jim DeWan of Kirkwood, N.Y. in 1972 from my brother George DeWan of Long Island and in 1973 from Almeta (DeWan) Hardell of Utica, New York. Once you left New Jersey for Missouri we lost track of you. The time has come for me to fill you in on the information I have.....which you can correct or add-to whichever the case may be.

Our <sup>great-</sup>grandfather was Martin DeWan (1830) married to Catherine Braithwaite (1832) both born in Ireland. ( 1880 Census-De Puyster, N.Y.) He is as far back as I can go. He must have had brothers and sisters and that, so far, has been a dead end street. My last contact was a P. Michael Dewan in 1974, then aged 83. He said his grandfather was Patrick Dewan, born in 1820 at Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland. His Gr. Grandfather was Morris Dewan (married Alice Prout) P. Michael was born in 1890 so he left out his fathers generation. I cannot figure out why because my original request was for his father's name! He could have been a little senile and meant father and grandfather. At any rate 1820 is close to Martins birth date of 1830 so I'm assuming he made a mistake. He listed no brothers and sisters. I contacted his son Father Bill and told him the information was confusing. I never heard from him again. He has 44 grandchildren. They still might be related. You may want to contact Father Bill and ask him if his father (P. Michael) is still alive. He would be 89! I have zeroxed the letter. Read and please advise. The original contact was Sister Virginia Dewan (my sister)

Martin and Catherine had eight children. Mary, Michael, John, (your grandfather) Ellen, James E. (my grandfather) Tom, Sarah & Rose. I have some information on all of them but will give you my Grandfather's first.

James E. Married Caroline C. Bouck (tombstone in Ogdensburg reads Carrie C. Buck) Homestead at 915 Elizabeth St., Ogdensburg, N.Y. They had three sons William DeWan (married to Florence White) with three children - Bill, married with large family - do not know whereabouts - Marilyn, married to Ed Taylor, Syracuse, N.Y. with four children, Eddie, Allen, Arlene & Robert and Florence, married with no children to ? Davenport of Ogdensburg, N.Y. Will, (The Prof.) married again and has three children by his second wife in Syracuse, N.Y. - families do not communicate. George Landon DeWan, the second son, was married three times to women named Catherine, Algitha and Georgette. He adopted a daughter during the last marriage named Doris who now has a child and lives in Watertown, N.Y. Georgette remarried.

The third son, James Landon (my father) married Caroline Heffernan of Cicero, Illinois. They had nine children. Margaret and Cecilia died as infants. Conrad Anthony DeWan lives in Royal Oak, Michigan and was married twice. He has three children Michael, Madelaine and Matthew by Mary Letsis and James Anthony by Judy Simpson. Barbara (DeWan) Burke lives in Brewster, N.Y.

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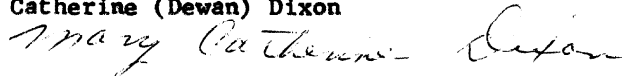
The "tree" that I have is a large pasted together maze but I will zerox it and send it on. The information I have on your family came from Almeta Dewan Hardell--she is one of Tom Dewan's nine children (married to Augusta Dart) and her grandfather is John Dewan (same as yours) I originally met her through Kenneth, her brother. He met my brother on a plane flight from Oregon and they swapped notes. She mentions you in her letter. She can also bring you up to date on more additions to the family. Her address is on the enclosed letter.

Your latest correspondence with my brother has some names that do not agree with some of my information. Please advise. Betty Dewan wrote me in 1965 that your aunt Olive never married and that she died young. Your letter says she married a Bigelow and had a son Billy (married to A. Lawrence.) Did Emma marry a Bigelow too? Almeta said your father Otis had three children Kenneth, Ruth & Kyron. Where did I go wrong? Your letter says his three children were Ruth, Otis & Edward (you) I cannot find my source.

I am going to try and track down the family bible that Betty loaned to Irene. They could both be deceased but it must be an heirloom. Maybe her daughter Mary has it. Utica isn't too far from here. I may drive up and check the phone books.

Hope I have been helpful. Keep in touch.

Mary Catherine (Dewan) Dixon



The argument goes on- is it small "w" or Capitol "W"