

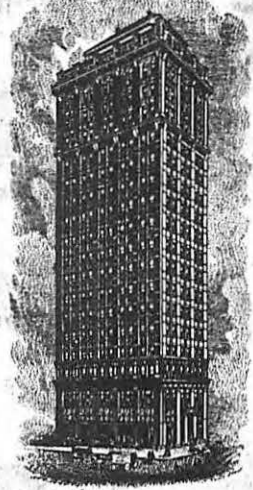


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Dear Mr. Dishman-

Your letter received several days ago and was certainly appreciated and enjoyed very much. Before answering, I sent it out home to papa to see what information he could give me, but same is very limited. I hope, however, that you can from the following give me some little record of our family.

Papa says that most of the Dishmans came from Bedford County, Va. His grandfather, William Dishman, born March 19th, 1790, married Dorothy Calison, who was born June 3, 1797, they married Oct. 12, 1819., and I think there were about thirteen children. It seems, however, that this William Dishman, together with his mother, three brothers and one sister came from Bedford Co. about the beginning of the 19th Century and settled near Glasgow, Barren Co. Ky.

My grandfather was Robert Calison Dishman, born

April 1st, 1823. I think he was born in Kentucky. He married Mary Weaver Norman of Virginia. He was educated in Glasgow, Ky., and taught school for awhile. He was afflicted with asthma and finally went back to farming on account of it. My grandfather Dishman had five daughters and three sons.

My father, Robert Taylor Dishman, was born in Barren Co., Ky., Dec. 7, 1848, and was married to Miss Janie Berry of the same county. There are four of us children, three girls and one boy, of which I am the youngest.

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It seems that one of my great Uncles was named Jas. Alexander Dishman, born Sept. 13, 1820, and was in the Civil War of 1861. He raised a Company in Arkansas and was made Captian of same. He died immediately after the War. He married a Miss Isabella Lackey of Warren Co., Ky, and they had five sons, all of which were in the army with him.

Another of my gr3at Aunts, Margaret Francis Dishman, was born Sept. 1, 1834, and married Ezekiel Kinslow, of Barren Co., Ky, and they had twelve children. They finally settled in Grayson Co. Texas. 88

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There was another great Uncle, Obadiah Dishman, born August 26th, 1829, who married a Miss Rebecca Hamilton of Missuuri. X 224

There was an Aunt, Nancy Emma Dishman, born Feby 15th, 1831, who married Perry Stringfield of Barren Co., Ky. She died March, 1903.

The above is about all the information which I have that I think you could trace anything from.

Papa said that he wrote you several years ago and gave you about the same information which I have so dont know whether you will be able to help me out or not, but surely hope so. What I am so anxious to know is what Nationality we are. "From whence did we come". The only thing I know is that we are not "JEWS", and havn't enought wit about us to be Irish. Please solve the question for me---from what country did we originally come. I imagine that our name has been changed some in spelling for I have looked in so many different records for same and have not been able to find it a single time, perhaps, on account of the spelling being changed. However, I am a Tennessean, was born in Hardeman Co., of which fact I am proud.

You stated that you once lived in Nashville quite a good many years ago, and I guess now that you would hardly know the place it has improved so much even sinc I have been here, and I have lived here about nine years--almost since I quit crawling, it seems.

I do not know of the Hickerson family you spoke of, nor do I know a Dr. Dunning who you said married a Miss Hickerson. You know it seems that time and people change so fast and so many things can happen that if you are away from a place any length of time you hardly know anyone when you come back.

You spoke of passing through Nashville on your way South last year, and I trust that if you come through here again that I will have the pleasure of meeting you. I hope that if you ever have occasion to go to Seattle that you will call on my brother, ^x Dr. R.H. Dishman, 1000 Cobb Bldg. I expect to be out in your part of the country sometime next Summer, as I have made all plans to go to the Exposition, however, will not get up so far as your State.

Well, I guess I have given you all the information I have and as I guess I must not presume too much on my new found cousin's time, I will close. I will certainly appreciate very much if you can give me any of the information asked for, and trust that it will not be any trouble.

Hoping that I will hear from you real soon, and thanking you in advance for any information that you

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can give me, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Emma Dishman

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