



Note: I think the first James Lawrence is of Revolutionary war fame who said "Don't give up the ship"

Respectfully

Fred W. Shoemaker

2345 Mataro St.,  
Pasadena, California,  
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Miss Gertrude Yoder,  
Hemet, California.

Dear Miss Yoder,-

My son, Loren Shoemaker,  
a member of the Alhambra police force, gave me your letter which  
he recieved and evidently intended for me.

Now as to your ancestors and mine, there is no doubt that there  
is some connection but where, I can't at the moment figure out.

My father told me that the Shoemaker family in America, originated  
from seven brothers who came here from Holland at an early date  
and that they spelled their name Schumacher but he could have been  
mistaken as to that.

My father was James Lawrence Shoemaker and he was born in Indiana  
March 24 1835, died September 24 1912 at Wilsonville Nebraska  
He homesteaded there in 1880 that is where I was born March 6 1901

His father was Thomas Hudson Shoemaker Born February 12 1800 in  
Kentucky the same day and the same neighborhood as Abe Lincoln

He had a brother John Shoemaker born April 5 1804 died Feb. 19 1880

Their father was Adam Shoemaker born Oct. 30 1770 died Oct. 7 1849

and his father was John Shoemaker a Revolutionary war soldier who  
was married in a Fort in 1775 and his father was Adam Shoemaker  
I forgot to mention the brides name was Catherine Hoover, daughter  
of Jacob Hoover I might also mention that his son Adam Shoemaker  
also married A Catherine Hoover.

If you wish, I can give you the address of some of the decendants  
of my Grandfather's brother John Shoemaker But what a "Guy" he  
must have been Here is a story they tell on him.

You see when the Shoemakers left Kentucky and went to Indiana where  
my father was born they also located in the same neighborhood as the  
Lincolns this of course before the horse and buggy days and no doubt  
before the horse and saddle days and I have an idea there were but  
few horses and the conveyance was mostly afoot and the entertain-  
ment was principally going to church; Well apparently Abe had  
taken a girl to church well this John Shoemaker sneaked the girl  
out before church was out and got her on his horse with him and  
left Abe to go home alone. Well I never learned what happened when  
John and Abe next met up with one another but I understand that Abe  
was no "pink tea" and that the outcome was but I rather surmise  
that it was nothing for John to brag about

We would be very happy to have you and your <sup>parents</sup> come to see us  
and will try to get out to see you one of these Sundays

With kindest regards

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Fred Shoemaker