

This is a series of three letters written by Elizabeth White to Mrs. I.P. Gough "Fanny/Fannie".

October 30, 1940

Mrs. I.P. Gough
The Hopkins Apartments.
Baltimore, MD

My dear Mrs. Gough,

About two weeks ago at a conference of the Garden Club of New Jersey I was claimed as a relative by Mrs. Marion Byrd Hopkins. I was indeed glad to welcome Mrs. Hopkins to the number of my known cousins, especially as it was in the Fenwick line, about which I know little back of my grandfather, James A. Fenwick.

Mrs. Hopkins told me that you could probably give me information as to the relationship of my grandfather with William Coad and his son, Edwin, of Cherryfields, MD. I would appreciate it very much if you will give me some idea of what data in this line you have available.

From what Mrs. Hopkins tells me I suppose we are cousins, too, and as such I greet you.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth White

April 18, 1941

Dear Fanny,

Surely there is kindred blood in our veins and it is pleasant to drop the more formal salutations.

How interesting to learn that you were named for "Aunt Fanny Saltar". When I was a little girl she lived in Pemberton just three miles from Lisbon Farm and I remember well the dignified, gray-haired, old lady who like her contemporaries always wore a cap. She was Miss Fanny Saltar and I am almost sure, though not sufficiently so for genealogical records, that she was a younger sister of the John Salter who married Margaretta Howell, one of the sisters of my great-grandmother Susan or Susanna Howell, who married Col. Athanasius Fenwick. If so, she was no blood relative of either yours or mine, just an "aunt" by courtesy.

There is a book of which only 200 copies were printed which gives the entire Howell connection from the first Thomas Howell who came to America, down to 1898 when it was published. It is titled, *Genealogical and Biographical Memorials of the Reading, Howell, Yerkes, Watts, Latham, and Elkins Families*, by Josiah Granville Leach, (published by) J.B. Lippincott Co. Philadelphia, 1898.

Mrs. Helen Morris MacMillan of Pemberton, NJ, a great granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Howell Jones, one of the sisters of Susan Fenwick and Margaretta Saltar, has kindly loaned me her copy of this book for a few days, and the young wife of my nephew is typing a copy of a few of the pages which show the Howell connection between your foremothers and mine. I hope to be able to send you a carbon of this within the week or two. In this book there are more definite records of the births and

deaths of Col. Athanasius Fenwick and his wife and the births of their children than is contained in the enclosed copy of record kept in a family Bible by my Grandmother Fenwick.

Helen MacMillan tells me that Lardner Howell also had a copy of this book. In it much credit is given to cousin Will Howell for his assistance in compiling the record. It is just possible there may be a copy in one of the libraries in Baltimore to which you could refer. I feel a distinct sense of loss in Lardner Howell's death, though I have seen him very rarely in these latter years. We were almost the same age and when we were in our teens he used to pay us long visits on the farm at New Lisbon.

The records from the family Bible show the death of James Fenwick Jr, he was unmarried. My mother, Mary Anne Fenwick, the only other child of James A. Fenwick and Mary T. Cashell (his wife), was married to Joseph Josiah White on November 11, 1869, by Rev. Alexander MacLeod at the Fenwick home at Lisbon Farm. Dr. MacLeod was the husband of Grandfather Fenwick's sister Margaret. The children of Joseph J. White and Mary Anne Fenwick were as follows:

Rebecca Merritt White, born August 27, 1870, died March 1871

Elizabeth Coleman White, born October 5, 1871, (as signed below)

Mary Fenwick White, born June 29, 1873

Married Dr. Emlen Painter Darlington, no children.

Joseph White, February 26, 1877, lived but a few days

Beulah Sansom White, October 19, 1878

Married Dr. Lewis William Darlington, has two sons.

Anne Pierson White, born June 30, 1881

Married Franklin Smith Chambers on October 18, 1906

Barclay White, born January 16, 1887, lived but a few days.

Beulah Sansom White and Dr. Lewis W. Darlington have two sons.

Joseph White Darlington, born February 2, 1917

Thomas Brinton Darlington, born July 31, 1924

Joseph White Darlington was married August 17, 1940 to Mary Doan Ellis from the home of Sidney Hutton and his wife, her aunt, Laura Doan Hutton, at West Grove, PA. The ceremony was performed in the Friends Meeting House at West Grove. It is my niece Mary Darlington who is typing the records for me, though not this letter.

Anne Pierson Chambers and her husband have one daughter, Elizabeth Hoggland Chambers born September 21, 1909.

This furnishes considerably more data than I think you will want to add to the record you so kindly sent me and which I herewith return. I will be very happy to have a copy after you have had it photographed.

With warm cousinly greetings, I am very sincerely,

Elizabeth White

July 7, 1941

Mrs. I.P. Gough
Hopkins Apartments
Baltimore, MD

Dear Fannie,

Long ago I promised to send you a carbon of some Howell family data which my niece copied from the Howell book owned by Helen Morris MacMillan. The papers got buried on my desk and the thought of them lost in the details of my blueberry work. I am sorry, but here they are at last. I hope they may prove of interest to you.

The parts of the record that Mary copied for me were in reference to my own branch of the family and there may be other sections which would be of special interest to you.

It was a very special favor that Helen granted in permitting us the use of the book for a few days. She does not like to have it out of the house.

Helen is the daughter of Anthony Morris, who was the son of Anne, the eldest daughter of Mary Howell, who married Benjamin Jones.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth White