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Dear Cousin Paul:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the latest results of your genealogical research.

I've never known much about the Lambert side of the family, and I really didn't know it went back that far--apparently even farther than the first Mains from Germany, who settled in Maryland about 1740 or so. Most everyone died at such relatively early ages in those days of very limited medical knowledge, and the frequent deaths of children were tragic (apparently that's why many families had lots of them).

I also appreciated having the family tree down through my father, who died in 1967 (I still miss him very much). My older brother Dan Jr. worked at assembling genealogies some years ago, and I've thought about it as a retirement project. But it's very time-consuming work. When I was in Salt Lake City at a convention a few years back, I took a look at the Mormons' extensive genealogical library. But it was too daunting; and other than finding a book about the first Main-Mein-Mayne ancestors in America, I didn't learn much. So I thank you again for putting together some pieces of the puzzle, and for taking the time to write me about your experience and to send the fascinating gravestone photos. Some things do last for centuries!

You probably know that Anne Mayne, widow of the Rev. John C. Mayne, died in her mid-80s about a year ago in Pittsburg, Kansas, where she lived in a nursing home near her daughter Betty Vequist and Betty's husband David. Aunt Anne was the last of that generation that meant so much to Hannah ("Mother") Mayne. Makes me feel all the older!

You also reminded me that I owe some photos to Jean Mayne Fulton, who's attending a Michaels family reunion in August. I'm not sure just where they fit into the Mayne-Lambert genealogy. I do get to a reunion of the Sonner brothers (my mother's nephews) each year.

As indicated, I retired at the end of 1990 after my career at the Gannett newspapers and Gannett Foundation, most of it in Rochester. My wife Nancy and I have three wonderful daughters and two grand-daughters. We spend some time in Florida each winter, but will probably live out our lives basically in Rochester. I keep busy with volunteer work and golf and yard and reading. My younger brother John still owns and "works" my father's farm near Rochester and has two sons, Mike and Tom (his eldest son John died in an auto accident). Brother Dan is retired from Kodak and living in Reno, Nev. He did not remarry after his third (!) divorce, and has two daughters and a son from his last marriage. More details on request.

At 66, I'm fortunate to enjoy generally good health, as does the rest of my precious family. Perhaps we can get together on some occasion before too long. I hope so.

With all best wishes,

Cal Mayne

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