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Dear Martha,

Thinking you might be interested in a little story of some of our ancestors I'll tell you of an incident of my mother's father, Charles Lewis Dillon.

Soon after the Civil War a number of families of this locality, Keokuk county, Iowa, migrated to a community in Kansas. Both of my parents were among that group. After living there a few years my mother's family decided to go on to the State of Washington. My grandfather, with a team of mules and a covered wagon headed west on the Oregon Trail. Grandmother (Mary) and my aunt Elsie were to follow later on the train.

I never did get all the details of the journey. It was too much for the mules though, more and more the things in the wagon had to be abandoned as the going grew difficult crossing the mountains. He finally arrived on the west coast driving the mules with the two front wheels and axle. To get to his final destination it was necessary to cross the Sound on a ferry boat. The mules refused to cross the gangplank. No amount of urging could persuade them to go aboard. Giving up in disgust, he swore at the team, turned his back on them and started to walk aboard the ferry. They followed him on.

When Grandmother and Aunt Elsie arrived in Washington they had to spend a night at a hotel. Grandmother was unfamiliar with gas lights, but she knew she shouldn't just blow out the flame so they left the light burning. Later in the night the proprietor came pounding on their door, fearing that they may have been gassed. He turned out the light.

My mother also went to Washington, my father followed later, and they were married in Everett,

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MISCELLANEOUS ORDER

Washington in 1892,
They returned to ~~Paola~~, Kansas where their nine children were born. In 1914, W. J. Garrett and his son Lester, drove four horses and a covered wagon from Clyde, Kansas to South English, Iowa. My two sisters, Mac and Pansy and myself rode with them the first half mile of that journey and then walked back to the Kansas farm house we would be leaving later.

Your great uncle,

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