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Hi Relatives

Here is the Kincaid family--clear back to the year 1064. As you will note, the earliest members did not have a surname--that came later.

This abstract is taken from a study by Herbert Clarke Kincaid. His work has the ring of authenticity, for he painstakingly cites the sources of each item of information. If you would like to have a copy of the original study, you have only to write and let me know. I have added the numbering system to aid in easy identification of lines of descent. Members of my branch of the Kinkade family will note that I have used the letters A through I, already assigned to them. This was made necessary by large number of generations recorded. I now regard this as being a pretty authentic family tree. When I see where' and how we "tie in" I will change our identification system to bring it into conformity.

YOU may say--but that is about the Kincaid family, I am a Kinkade: If there is one single conclusion that I have developed as a result of my research, it is that we are all related if our name has the sound of Kinkade, In the earlier days precise spelling was of little importance and the spelling adopted was by happenstance. As an example of this, legal records concerning certain of my forebears spell the name of the same individual in about five different ways.

I feel sure, therefore, that we all "tie-into" this family lineage at some point. One group of those receiving this mailing have a positive "tie-in" through their descent from Q-54 Samuel Kinkade and his father, P-11, George Kinkade, Note that in this study P-11, George, spelled his last name Kincaid. His present-day descendants spell it Kinkade

I have become convinced that in order to do an adequate job of studying our family, it will be necessary to contact and trace the ancestry of persons throughout the United States of all spellings of the name. The inter-relationships will criss-cross backward and forward through various spellings. I am appalled by the enormity of such a task. Certainly, I don't have the time, money or patience to do it. Perhaps you will undertake the task! Or perhaps you will undertake a segment of the research so that a future Kinkade genealogist can tie the segments together--just as I have already been able to tie many segments together.

I have tried to evaluate what I should do from this point onward. Perhaps the decision is being made for me. I have been so busy all last Spring and Summer that I haven't answered a letter since March. To those of You who have written to me, my humble apology. I still hope to send you a personal answer. I conceived of sending out this report as a substitute but even this project has been "bogged down" for months.

As I have time, I think I would like to do the following:

1. Try to locate the missing "half" of my immediate family which dropped from our sight and information about the year 1802 in Kentucky,
2. Make an alphabetic and geographic list of all the Kinkade's (of all spellings) of the United States as shown in the 1880 Census abstract made by the WPA in the 1930's. 'It included all the families that had children of ten years of age and under residing with them. It would be incomplete, but nevertheless a fine tie-in between present day Kinkade's who at least know their grandparents and the earlier Kinkade's of this country. It gives the age of the individuals plus state and country of birth.
3. Collect biographical material and pictures of the early Kinkade's.
4. Some of you know that part of the earliest information that I obtained about the Kinkade family was from correspondence between John Thompson Kinkade of Auburn, California and his brother James in Marysville, Ohio. At the age of 23 in 1849, John Thompson Kinkade crossed the plains to California. He was a miner until 1869 when he returned to the law profession, becoming quite prominent. I have located a collection of his letters to his brother, some 91 items, in the

Huntington Library in San Marino, California. I plan to do considerable research in these letters to try to find additional information about the family.

5. Enter, Mimeograph and distribute the information that many of you have sent me about your branch of the Kinkade family.

6. Collect any additional histories I can find of the Kinkade family (of all spellings).

7. I have purchased a two-volume work by Margaret Dickson Halley on "Irish & Scotch-Irish Research" in which she lists thousands of sources of information about these families in Scotland, Ireland and England. I have already done some preliminary research on the Kincaids of Scotland and North Ireland. I hope with the aid of these hooks to do more.

Incidentally, you may think as I did that you were part Irish by being Scotch-Irish. Scotch-Irish does not indicate intermarriage of the Scots with the Irish. On the contrary, the Irish were Catholic, while the Scots living in North Ireland were Presbyterian. There was much religious Persecution of the Presbyterians by other religions. There was virtually no inter-marriage whatsoever. The term Scotch-Irish is unknown in Ireland. It was coined in the United States to differentiate between Scots who came directly from Scotland and those who had lived for a time in Ireland. In Ireland, these Scots were known as the Ulster Scots, since almost all of them lived in the province of Ulster--now known as North Ireland.

8. Ultimately, I expect to bring together and mimeograph all I know about all branches of the Family. This material will then be put into the most prominent historical and genealogical libraries across the United States for the use of your descendants and any future Kinkade historians and genealogists. I hope to continue to keep you the people who have supported this study, posted by mimeographing and sending you information as you and others supply it to me. I have a massive amount of such information right now which I haven't found time to classify and record.

You have been generous in your contributions. This study was purchased with 20 of that money. Falley's study was purchased with another \$30 of that money. So was the paper, ink, stencils, envelopes, postage, etc. I honestly feel that all but the largest contributors have gotten their money's worth. I hope that you will see fit to continue your support - particularly I hope that those who have made no contribution so far can see their way clear to do so.

My warmest regards to you and the other members of your family!

Sincerely

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