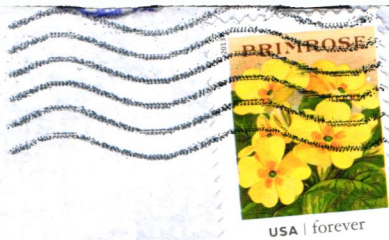


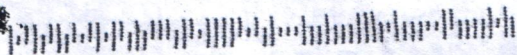
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Dear Charles:

Re/ The Family Tree.

The Taskers were French Huguenots (French spelling Tascher) who went to England when the Catholics made it uncomfortable for them in France. In the early 1800s three brothers came to U.S.A. One settled in Dover, N.H. and founded the branch from which the Bixby family are descended. (You or Velma may remember the W.E. Bixby Co. in Haverhill. Mother B was a Tasker) The other two went on to Bartlett N. H., and I believe some of the family are still there. One was a hotel proprietor there within my memory. Both brothers had large families. The one we are interested in had several daughters and five sons., Joseph, Joshua, Elijah, Elbridge and James. Rumor has it that they were all giants, black hair, black eyes, and devil-may-care. They all walked from Bartlett to Haverhill, and when they arrived at the shore of the Merrimack river the two J s had a wrestling match to see who was the better man. These two dropped from sight after the Civil War and it must be assumed they both were killed.

Elbridge married and built a colonial type house on Middle Road, near the East Parish Meeting House, which was owned by the family up to a few years ago. He had no children.

Elijah went to California with the '49 ers by sailing vessel via Cape Horn. He never struck gold in a big way, but he did acquire a hair-do that would put the hippies to shame. We one had a photo of him, which has unfortunately disappeared. He was a handsome fellow, long black curls to his shoulders, and a pirate's black beard. Evidently barbers were scarce on the West Coast in those days.

So far as I know he never married. After a time he came back to Haverhill and was associated with my father in the counter business for several years. I remember him well. An old man then, who used to stand me up on the cutting block and bribe me with nickels to recite from my repertoire of nursery rhymes etc. He returned to California and died there.

James, your great grandfather, I know little about. He died in 1883 before my time. He married Mary Noyes of East Parish, (By the way, the name Noyes means " saved from drowning " so maybe we are in a direct line from Noah !) A distant cousin of mine, also named Mary Noyes, had a genealogy of the Noyes family which she once showed me. It began with a Capt. Noyes who came over with William, the Conqueror, and was rewarded for his prowess in battle by a land grant. One of his descendents came to America in 1640 and became the first minister at Newbury, so you see we were not far behind the Mayflower.

The family gradually moved up the Merrimack River, and Theodore Noyes, (West Newbury by that time) married Philena Morse. The Morses owned a considerable tract of land on the Haverhill side of the river. (see separate sheet for history of the Morse house.) It is now owned by Richard Fletcher, a Merrimack Nat'l Bank official, who is restoring it. His mother is a friend of mine, so I furnished a copy of the house history and was invited to inspect his work. He is doing a fine job but has used brown shingles on the sides, It was always white so does not look natural/

After their marriage James and Mary lived in the house you probably remember across the street from my home on East Broadway. He must have farmed in a small way and made shoes in the Winter. There was a ell attached to the house which was referred to as " the shop". Your grandfather also made shoes at home. He had a " thimble" a short distance from the house on E.B.

Did you know that Hazel Bartlett and her husband bought you grandfather's house on E. B. and has developed it into a small fruit farm. They have remodelled the house completely and have landscaped the pasture back of the barn with evergreens and what have you. You would never know the place.

That is the extent of my knowledge. There seem to be no celebrities in the family, although I have heard that a half-brother of Grandmother Noyes became governor of Ohio. There are no scoundrels that I know of, which is something in these days.

I did not mention your grandmother Tasker. She was Emma Philbrick, daughter of Rufus who was proprietor of the general store at Tilton's Corner, and was succeeded by hisson George.