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November 4<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lusi,

I am afraid the information in the old family bible is not really very much. It was not something that had been written in and added to for generations. It appears to be something that my mother wrote probably about 1950 because it includes only the first three of my children and none of my sisters who come later. Also it was hard to get a good copy, one that you can read so I made three different copies, only 10¢ each and my contribution. I have also made, from those records and my own knowledge made up an updated list of 3 generations and a 4th generation for my sister Joyce and myself. I have lost track of most of yours, the 4th generation of Richards. You see I am of your grandfather Aldred's generation but the age of your mother. My aunt Alice Manceur Richards was 8 years older than my mother and she married very young and had all 14 of her children before my mother even married. My mother taught school and supported her mother, Elizabeth McKitsick Manceur until she died in 1922. Only then did my mother marry and begin her family. She was 36 years old by then.

I have not gotten involved in or interested in really true genealogy but for the past couple of years I have been working on a novel about my grand mother Elizabeth based on the stories





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I remember my ~~gr~~ mother having told, not having firm details I have not tried to make it a true story although many incidents have a basis of truth and many are true fabrications, figments of my imagination. I have all the family members but all their names are fictitious and dates of events are only close, no effort made to correspond them with actual birth dates or anything.

I have the story finished, from the time my grand mother met George Marceur until she died on Halloween in 1922. I have approximately 280 typewritten pages and now I am in the process of typing up a neat manuscript to submit to some publishers. I don't know if it will ever get published as it isn't full of sex and violence which seems to be the thing these days to make a book sell. Oh, well it has been fun and many of the family are eager to read it. Who knows what will happen with it.

When you get the Marceur & McKittrick trees completed we'd like a copy of each & will be happy to pay. We have a Lauderdale family tree & Larry's grandmothers family tree and we have a Williams one so it would be neat to have some of the other ancestors. It is always interesting to read and know about but I'd never been curious enough to dig it all out. I'd rather just use my imagination and





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write about what may have been. Maybe its because I am too lazy to research the true facts, but then I am more of story teller than a non fiction biographer.

Well, it is good to have people like you who are interested in the research end of it. Keep up the good work.

I am just sorry the bible didnt have any more information than it did and it is all probably info that you already have. If thats the case I'm sorry. When I talked to you on the phone I only remembered there was some writing in it but what or how much I could not remember. The bible is so big and fragile that we hardly ever open it or even take it off the shelf. Good luck on your work.

We had a nice visit with your mother on Monday when we drove up to see her. We pray that the chemo therapy will stop all progress, eliminate all cancer cells. She and I were quite close during our teen years. She is only a few months older than I am so we were in the same class in school. She is sure proud of you, Laverie so keep up the good work.

Always  
Elizabeth

