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Maude Gutches,
Clerk of Court of Todd Co,
Long Prairie, Minn.

Dear Mrs. or Miss Gutches:

Would you please tell me, is there a record on file there of the birth of one Harold Arthur Weeks, born on May 31, 1902 at Browerville, Minn, to Everett E. and Leonora J. Weeks? Please tell me also what the cost of a certificate of birth will cost.

Harry Weeks is my nephew and he asked me to help him to get a certificate of birth if could, and knowing I had helped others in the same way, as I have the records of the Weeks Family as well as those of my own branch, the Dimon or Diffeond Family.

But I want first to know first if you can furnish such certificate of birth before I state in the affidavit that there is none in your office to be obtained. He is willing to pay for it if you have and you state the price he must send.

Now I wish to take a minute of your time for some further information if you will be so kind as to give it to me.

Are you by any chance any relation to Wurton L. Gutches who

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was in Co. K., 14th Minn. Vols. in the Spanish American War? If so can you tell me where Merton is now and what he is doing?

I was also a member of Co. K., and lived in Sauk Centre at the time the War broke out, and enlisted from there.

I'm not sure but it seems to me that Mrs. Gutches, Mrs. Bidleman and Mrs. Hamm were related in some way and were related to my father, Henry Dimond by marriage or otherwise. Am I right?

Well inclosed you will find self addressed, stamped envelope for return reply and thanking you many times I am

Very Truly Yours

S. A. Dimond.

If you lived in Brower - Little, you must have known my husband Wm. J. Gutches - Mr Gutcher passed away in 1927 and was appointed Clerk in his place

Long Prairie, Minnesota,

June 28th, 1943.

Dear Sir: We find no record of the birth of Harold Arthur Weeks and am enclosing blanks and a letter of instruction for filing a delayed registration. My husband was the uncle of Merton Gutches. Merton lives out in the country, P.O. Address is Long Prairie, Minn. R.F.D. Yes Mrs. Bidleman and Mrs. Hamm were his aunts. Mert has had a couple of strokes and lost his voice, he was Judge of Probate the last 4 yrs. but lost out in the election last fall on acct. of that. He is able to be around, drives the car to town most every day. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you.

Yours truly Maude Gutches
Clerk