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2522 Otis Drive,
Alameda, Calif.
Dec. 9, 1961.

Prof. James W. Silver,
The University of Mississippi,
University, Miss.

Dear Professor Silver:

It has been almost a year since I returned your Father's Journals. I have all the material together and have not forgotten it for a moment. I am always "working" on Silver. The fact of the matter is, that I have not frequented the Libraries as much this year as heretofore, because I have had so much material, already gathered, that needed sorting and typing. And, I must admit, some leads have led me on other paths -- on some of my other lines and hence the Silver family has suffered - somewhat.

However, I have ever kept a watchful eye out for your particular Branch of the Family Tree and I have collected some material which I believe will pertain. And late this year I came upon a lead which when I have time to develop it I think will lead somewhere. But, it all takes so much time, and letters, and letters, and letters.

I am sure that somewhere in your father's Journals he mentioned the name Sisson. However, I do not recall his mentioning the relationship but I do believe there is a cousin-ship between some Sissons and your father's family.

Do not think because you do not hear that I have forgotten or lost interest. I will try to develop your line to the best of my ability and when I have some definite proof, you will be the first to have it. I have always appreciated your trusting me with your father's Journals. And, may I stress here do not give your father's Journals to the City Library of Rochester. They will be stored away and soon lost or destroyed. If you wish to place them in some secure depository, either present them to the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake where they will be preserved for ever, or to the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. They will serve posterity better if they are in Salt Lake.

I trust that all has gone well with you, and that the New Year will prove beneficial in every way.

Sincerely,

Muriel A. LaPera
Muriel Atkinson La Pera (Mrs. J.H.)