

1445 Hallett St. Denver

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My Dear Cousin

I am very much obliged for the copy of the abstract of the Kilbourn "family tree" we found it very interesting but Aunt Har wanted me to ask you if there was not a Rowley among Grandpa Kilbourn's brothers. Mr. Kimball has two young lady nieces living in the same block we do and we were talking

the evening before your  
note came about "family  
trees". There are not many  
Hassmithe in this country,  
the name used to be  
spelled Hassmyth, and it  
seems that some of them  
are very clannish and  
proud of their descent. I  
don't think the members  
of the family living here  
are at all like that but  
they <sup>were</sup> very much interested  
in the papers you sent.

Of this particular branch  
of the family there is but  
one son in this last  
generation. I suppose your  
sisters were with you and  
you had a happy Christmas  
Harry came home from

and will be here  
about two weeks so we went  
home to Christmas dinner  
but Jennie and June have  
been indulging in the  
"Influenza" and weren't  
feeling very happy. It  
has been so very warm here  
ever since we had our storm  
in October but today the  
snow is coming down  
and looks like Christmas  
weather. Please remember  
me to all of your family  
with best wishes for the  
New Year.

Very Sincerely

Helen B. Merritt