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Dear Sir:-

With the assistance of the most eminent American writers, I have for some time been preparing a National Cyclopedia of American Biography, which is intended to be to this country what the great National Biographies are to Europe. The great fault with previous American works is, that their scope either excludes the living, or is limited to the well-known few in the centers of activity. The aim is to make this Cyclopedia NATIONAL, reflecting the spirit, genius and life of the entire Republic; and, while it preserves all that is valuable in the past, to have it also contain the lives of the men and women who are doing the work and moulding the thought of the present time.

Your name is entitled to a place in this work, and while I have some knowledge of your life, I would like fuller details to complete the sketch. Will you kindly prepare, or have prepared, a biography, of such incidents in your career as will enable us to write a proper article; or, if you will be so kind, please give us an extended sketch from your own hand. As every man knows more of himself than anyone else, it is proper that he should state the facts; but the character portrait can probably be better prepared by another hand. This sketch will be revised by the editors, and arranged to fill the space proportionate to its importance, and a proof sent to you for approval. There will be no expense for the preparation and insertion of this Biography.

It is the achievement of individual effort that makes up the true history of this Republic. No man ever did a manly work without taking a manly pride in it, and he owes it to himself, to his family, and to the community that his work be preserved in the pages of history for the encouragement and help of his fellow man. (See Historical Biography.)

If you cannot spare the time to prepare the sketch yourself, will you kindly indicate where we can apply for the information. Specimen pages will be furnished by application to the publishers.

Asking an immediate reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*James R. Gilmore*

*The page on which your name would go will soon be in type. Please let me hear from you at once.*  
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