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Hon. Albion Tourgée.

My dear Sir -

I am in search of information regarding my ancestors - and in my hunt, I have several times recently been referred to you, as being the best repository of what I want -

I am grandson of Jesse Vinegar - the youngest son of John Vinegar - late of Lee Mass. I have searched thoroughly in Lee for information about said John (1) - and to my surprise - then learned that your mother was my mother's cousin - and that you had done good work in tracing the history of the Elder Vinegars -

Will you please oblige me - through a distant cousin - (not quite as distant as Mark Twain's father Adam, however) by telling me, the origin of the Vinegar family in America - the date and place of birth of great grandfather John - the maiden name of his wife - or great grandmother - the date and

of her birth - and of her death - the names and personal statistics of their children - and of their descendants other than in the line of Jesse? The latter I have fairly complete - but all else is nebulous - I am told that your uncle Zach had prepared a good genealogy of the family - running back into Germany several generations - If so - do you know what became of his work after his death? - When and where did Zach die?

I came to this state with my parents in 1836 - and have never seen many of my mother's relatives - She died in 1842 - and I have had little opportunity for gathering family history - which now I am anxious to acquire - I know of four Winegers in this state - who are probably relatives of 2^d degree or 3^d. Can you give me names of descendants of Stephen - son of John (1) One of our Mich. Winegers is named John Mrs. Ellen F. Ballard ^(Cornland + 1) and William F. Bartlett (Lee) have repeatedly referred me to you for family statistics as better posted on them than I am - Hoping to hear from you & am yours very truly - Theodore R. Chase