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Detroit, March 15. 1897

Hon. A. W. Tourgee

Dear Sir.

A few days since Mr. Ethan Allen Doty, who is editing a Genealogy of the descendants of Edward Doty of the Mayflower, requested me to furnish him, for use in this work - a complete record of the descendants of our gr. grandmother "Betty" Doty Winegar - I have tried to comply with his request - but cannot do the matter justice for want of statistics in your particular branch of the tribe -

Will not you please to furnish the family records of Jacob Winegar (your gr. father) and of his descendants for this purpose? I know of no other person on whom I can call for these statistics - I also have another request for a brief biog of Cap. Zach. (who died at Williamsfield) for use in a history of Mass. Legislators

My ancient Aunt, Persis Howland, wid. of Alfred P. Winegar, knew Cap. Zach. She wrote me in '93 that

at the time of his death - the Capt. was engaged in investigating the history of Ulric (the immigrant) in Europe - and that he claimed to have discovered much of it - Did you ever hear of his having done such work? If so - what had he accomplished?

Mrs - "Bishop" Newman has made some investigations in Germany and Switzerland with very interesting results - she has not secured ~~our~~ actual lineal descent on that side - but has certainly got close to it. She has found the family names and their lines back over 300 years, in Switzerland - She found the precise names of heroes Winegar gr. parents on tombstones in a Swiss cemetery - and the graves cared for with beautiful flowers, when she was there -

If you can help to perfect the record of "Betty's" family - and will do so soon - it will be an addition to Mr. Doty's records of the "40th Signer of the Mayflower Compact"

Yours Truly

J. R. Chase

P.S. I am putting my Winegar Genealogy in form for printing.