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Sewanee

Sewanee Tennessee
March 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Kelardin,

My husband and I are
pleased to receive your letter of March
13th, and are much interested in your
efforts in behalf of the Tulare County
Historical Society.

Although you and I have not met,
for I have been in Visalia very
seldom since my marriage in 1917,
I am sure I have heard my close
friend Kathleen Small talk much
of you. It happens that she writes
me and sent clippings, when the
Times-Delta was sold.

I feel some regret that the paper
has passed into the hands of an out-
of-state owner, but it is gratifying
that you retain your connection
with it and that you are interested
in the preservation of Tulare County
traditions and historical matter.

I am afraid you will be
disappointed in the amount of help

and contribution I can give to the
Historical Society, because nearly
all of my father's material has
already been distributed.

Between the times of his death in
Sept. '31, and our removal from
California in Jan. '39, Dr. Jones and I
did our conscientious best to sort
and dispose of his books and papers
according to his expressed wishes,
our own judgment, and the advice
of such friends as Francis D. Taggart,
Col. White, and others. Much material
relative to Tulare County and a
complete file covering the creation
of the Parks, was given to the Tulare
County Library, as you know. Some
Virginia City papers went to the
University of Nevada Library, Hawaiian
material to the Bancroft Library of
U.C., books, papers, and pictures of
early San Francisco to the California
Historical Society. A great quantity
of correspondence and miscellaneous
material was sent to the Calif. State
Library at Sacramento where I was

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generously granted the use of
a seminar room in which I
could be stored and sorted. My
husband and I spent some time
with it, and over a period of several
years I paid Mrs. Bonnie Trindle
of the house, to work on its classification.
But she had relatively little time
on Sundays and holidays to devote to it,
and eventually the Library needed
all its seminar rooms for the
use of the rapidly ~~growing~~ proliferating
Regional Bureaus. So all my
things were moved & cramped
storage space, much of the work
of sorting was undone, and our
project was of necessity terminated.
Before leaving California I
made a special trip to Sacramento
to talk to the State Librarian. At
that time I gave all that
material, without reservation,
to the State Library, with the

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understanding that they would classify
it — retaining, distributing, and
destroying according to their best
judgment. I suggested that matters
of local interest be sent to the
Tulamee County Library.

I have never had any report from
Sacramento, and under such
conditions I doubt very much if
anything has been done. I
therefore suggest that you write
the State Librarian inquiring
about the Geo. W. Stewart collection
which I released to them Nov. 29, 1938.
If it has not already been disposed
of, you could put in a request for
duplicates or other discards that
would be suitable for the
Tulamee Co. Historical Society Museum.

All notes and manuscripts on Indians
were together, and as books on the
subject was presumably to have been
father's next undertaking. This I
submitted to the late Dr. C. Hart
Merriam and to Mr. Francis Sargant

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but neither of them felt able to
complete it for publication nor
could they suggest anyone who
might handle it adequately. Both
advised giving it to the State
Library, as the safest repository, so
this was done. Whether this file
has been made available to the
public I do not know, but if so
it would be only for reference
in the Library. I am only sure that
anyone who uses the material will
make proper acknowledgment of
the source.

Of published writings I have
retained only one copy of each
pamphlet and book and magazine
containing articles by or about
my father. My last two spare
copies of the Rock Basin reprint were
given to Jas. L. Mangum, and Francis
Parguehan on request.

I am enclosing on a separate sheet a list of the published articles on Indians. You might be able to obtain copies from the publishers, or it is possible that the State or County Libraries have extra copies. They would present to the California Historical Society. I just I will see that the Society gets mine eventually.

Whenever the Museum is established I will certainly want to give some of the few things I have retained. When I have time I will submit to you a list of things I think might be suitable. There is nothing of great historical value, and nothing that I would sell. You are considered to put it on that basis but it will be my pleasure to give anything that I can. after my life time, or perhaps during it,

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all the books and papers of my father
but I have kept what he distributed.

Dr. Jones made a bibliography
of all father's articles & editorials
on Emancipation, and the County Library
has a copy. I doubt you have seen
it.

Who is County Librarian now? Miss
Flower was once a good friend and
so interested in the Stewart collection
in the Library, I hope her successor
maintains some of the interest.

It is my impression father left
a small collection of curios for
a museum, whether in connection
with the County Library or the Society
I do not know. If the Historical
Society has kept any nucleus of
articles through the years it is
probable his thing was with them.

I will be writing to you
again as I have time to look

over my Californiana. I feel personally
 grateful to you for your interest
 and efforts in carrying forward
 work my father was so closely
 associated with, especially the
 preservation of Indian material.
 We look forward to revisiting
 California and especially Visalia and
 Sequoia Park as soon as The
 University of the South restores summer
 vacations and regular travel is
 unrestricted. Then, in about ten
 years my husband plans to retire
 from his professorship here, and we
 talk of returning to California to
 live. This is a beautiful place
 (the University has a domain of 10,000
 wooded acres on the edge of the
 Cumberland plateau) and the
 college community is delightful.
 But we are still westerners at
 heart. With every good wish for the
 success of your undertaking,
 Sincerely, Emily Stewart Jones

Published articles on Indians
by George W. Stewart

- 1) Prehistoric Rock Basins in the Sierra Nevada
American Anthropologist Vol 31, No. 3 July-Aug '29
Pamphlet Reprints
- 2) The Yokut Indians of the Kerns Region
Sierra Club Bulletin Vol. 12 No. 4 '1927
- 3) Two Yokut Traditions
Reprinted from Journal American Folklore
Vol. 21, No. 81, Apr. Sept 1908
- 4) Brief report of talk by G. W. S. on Yokut
Indians before Calif. Historical Society, in
Calif. Historical Society Journal
Vol. 4, No 3, Sept '25
- 5) Notes, and plates of drawings of pictographs
by G. W. S., in "Petroglyphs of California
and adjoining States," by Julian H. Steward
Min. of Calif. Publications in American
Archaeology and Ethnology Vol 24 1929