November 19, 1981

Camilla:

I want to thank you for the genealogy information. You will never know how much I appreciate you sending me this family information. I have a question. Did you know that James Edward and William lived in St. Paul and Spokane before you spoke to me? I cannot remember if I asked you the same question on the telephone.

I assume you are most interested in finding information on the St. Paul Orndorfs. My grandfather, James, dropped the one f before 1890. I haven't had time to do further research at the St. Paul Public Library. Everyone has asked me that question first, so I thought I'd get it out of the way.

First let me give you what I have found on the 10 children born to Aloysius and Julia Ann Riddlemoser Orndorff.

- 1. Emma J. Orndorff Eckenrode b. Aug. 7, 1855, d. Apr. 28, 1931. Husband Vincent J. Eckenrode b. May 14, 1848, d. Oct. 21, 1931. Both buried at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Md. Source Names In Stone, page 364, published 1966.
- 2. Joseph W. Orndorff you know more about him than I do.
- 3. Juliet A. Orndorff Adelsperger married William Adelsperger, they lived in Osceola Mills, Pa. I wrote to the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Philsberg, Pa. for information some months ago. Todate I have not received a reply. I could not find a Catholic Church listed with directory assistance in the town of Osceola Mills.
- 4. James Edward Orndorff b. Mar. 30, 1860, d. May 26, 1942. More about him later in the letter.
- 5. Ada Virginia Orndorff Buffington b. Oct. 24, 1863, d. 1932?, born Emmits-burg, Md, died at 1221 W. King Street, York, Pa., buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, York, Pa. I haven't had time to write to the cemetery for the date of death. Husband Jacob Buffington-b. unknown, d. Aug. 18, 1930, buried St. Joseph's Cemetery, Taneytown, Md.
 - 6. Mary Elizabeth Orndorff a/k/a Sister Bernard.
 - 7. William Riddlemoser Orndorff Oct. 23, 1865, d. Nov. 14, 1956 in Spokane, Wash. Baptism at St. Anthony's Shrine on Nov. 20, 1865. Married Mary Ellen Padden, born in Fairhaven, Washington Territory on Feb. 28, 1871, d. Jan. 7, 1959 in Spokane. Buried in the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Spokane, Wash.
 - 8. Anna M. (a/k/a Nan) Orndorff Pontius (spelling on tomestone) b. 1871,
 - d. May 30, 1951 in Baltimore, Md. Her husband Kenneth Young Pontius b. 1878, d. 1943. Only had one daughter, Pauline Elizabeth, b. 1908,
 - d. 1927. All buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Mena, Ark., where they lived.
 - 9. John A. Orndorff single. From information I would guess he was born between 1872 1873. Is he buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery or does he have a tomestone only? Where did you get the information on his death?

10. Laura Gertude Orndorff Roddy - b. Sept. 24, 1874, d. Oct. 25, 1950. Her husband John Mary Roddy - b. March 31, 1874, d. Oct. 27. 1964. Married at St. Anthony's Shrine, Emmitsburg, Md. Source - Names In Stone and their daughter, Sister Ruth Roddy.

I will send you what I have on the decedants of Ada Orndorff Buffington, William Orndorff and Laura Orndorff Roddy in another letter.

Do you want information on my grandmother's family, the Hynes?

Icam enclosing the following material:

- 1. A partial genealogy compiled by J. R. Orndorff (believed to be the author of "From Mill Wheel to Phowshare"; published in 1938) for William Orndorff of Spokane.
- 2. Death Certificates:

a) James Orndorff

b) Jennie Elizabeth (Jane) Orndorf

c) Anna Marie Orndorf, daughter

d) Leo Orndorf, son

- e) John Dewey Orndorf, Sr., son My father.
- 3. Various newspaper articles on members of the family.
- 4. Information on my parents, sisters Dona, Marilyn and my family. Janet and Audrey have yet to give me all their information. As soon as they do I will forward it to you.
- 5. Birth certificates on two of dad's brothers Leo and Aloysius Francis.

Is there any thing else you need? If there is, please write and I will try and get the information for you.

Regards,

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