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Dear Bob,

I guess I'm a first cousin, once removed. Well – hello. I was flabbergasted to receive your packet. Where do you find all this stuff? I'm afraid that I'm not going to be of much help to you but I'll do my best.

My mother did not like Washington and didn't much care for relatives of any kind (which is strange as she was a fairly active member of the D.A.R., and her aunt Kitty who lived with us from time to time was a professional genealogist) so shortly after they were married she and my father moved to New York and thence to Bronxville and then to Scarsdale.

Aunt Allie visited us frequently so I knew her quite well up until 1938. Uncle Marvin and his family lived near us in Scarsdale while we were there and his sons and my older brother, Robert, were good friends. After 1938 my family lost track of all the Youngs except Marvin Tom Young who continued as my mother's attorney. Now – paragraph by paragraph:

#1. It had always been my understanding that all five children of William Sanford Young were orphaned and were raised by their uncle John in Chattanooga, TN. They must have moved there sometime around 1891 when Marvin was still a baby. John was connected in some way to the Methodist Church. (Story: "Uncle John," his wife and Aunt Allie were having dinner with my father and mother. She served them brandied peaches, which they found delicious and commented accordingly. Aunt Allie was on the point of telling them what they were eating but a thunderous look from my mother dissuaded her and the innocent couple were allowed to continue on their way to perdition).

#2. Robert came to Washington well before 1914. He did not attend college but read law as secretary to William Jennings Bryan and was later graduated from Georgetown University Law School – before 1914. He then worked at the State Department under Secretary Lansing. He and my mother were married November 4, 1914 (my father's birthday) in Washington, DC. They moved to Bronxville N.Y. and then Scarsdale several years later. My brother Robert Jr.(ne John Robert) was born Jan. 7, 1918, I was born Jan 22, 1924 and my brother Richard was born Aug. 15, 1925. (all of us, I think, in Mt Vernon Hospital)

#3 Robert attended the Taft School, Williams and Union Colleges and for a short while Columbia Law School. He entered service before Pearl Harbor and retired from the Army Air Corps as a Captain in 1945. He later became an insurance agent in Fairfield, Ct. He was married in 1942 to Miriam Flanagan. He died in 1996 at the age of 78. There were no children.

#4. Richard attended Taft and Admiral Farrigut Schools and served as a gunner in the Army Air Corps and later worked in the steamship business with Black Diamond Steamship Co. and Atlantic Container Lines. He died in Morristown N.J. in 1987. He had never married.

#5. My mother died in 1986. Both she and my father are buried in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y. My father was only in Woodlawn while a mausoleum was built. Both Robert, Richard and Robert's second wife, Leesa, are buried there as well.

#6. I was graduated from Choate-Rosemary Hall School in 1941 and attended Bennington College for two years. I was married to Lt. Frank M. Mansfield in Oct. 1943. We have two children, Robert Christopher (1953) and Melanie Ann (1957).

Robert is married to Susan Davis and they have no children. Melanie married Ralph Meyer in 1983. They have two daughters Christina (10) and Catherine (8).

#7 Marvin Tom Young was married to Marion (I can't remember her last name) at the Hitchcock Memorial Church around 1932 . They moved at some point to Bucks County, PA where they raised Black Angus cattle (tax dodge?) and Marion was into antiques. They had one daughter, Mary Ann. They were divorced, remarried and divorced again. They had one daughter, Mary Ann. After his marriage, Marvin Tom joined the firm of Baldwin, Todd and Young where he remained until his death in a New York hotel at the age of 53. John Conroy Young was graduated from the Lawrenceville School, spent some years as an actor and then joined his father in an inventing venture in Tampa, FL where he died at the age of 53 also.

Well, there you have it. All I know. I am including an old picture of my father, taken around 1935. There certainly is a strong family resemblance. My mother always resisted having her picture taken but I managed to dig out one.

Very sincerely yours,



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