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Correspondence from H. N. Ruffner to Cousin - January 24, 1910

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Mason, Effman Co., Jan 24, 1910.

Dear Cousin:

Your letter received. Your Uncle Immanuel, that you spoke of, has been dead over fifty years. He had three sons, all dead, and one daughter. She is living in Iowa. She married a man by the name of Damunde. I think your uncle was a cousin of mine. He was a very large man and a blacksmith by trade.

My grandfather came from Virginia, the same county you did. My father's name was Andrew. He had three brothers:- David, Benard, ^{and} Noah. Uncle Ben lived on a farm close to Hebron. Had a still house on the canal south of Hebron. My father died in Fairfield sixty-eight years ago. *→ Andrew died 1842* My mother moved to this country the next year. I have a sister living here and a brother in New Orleans. Uncle Ben has a son living in Shelby County. His name is Frank. Martin Ruffner, who was killed by the Indians. His son lives in Cumberland County close to Greenup. He is dead. His children are living there. One of the sons is living there, Martin Ruffner. If you want to get anything more about them, write to Greenup, Cumberland County.

We have five children living, two sons on farm close to town; two sons in Arizona and a daughter in Denver, Colorado. There is a Ruffner in Prescott, Arizona in the mining business. Have you any relations there? *See reproduction from Frederick*

We are sorry that your reunion is in August. If it was the last of September, we might be able to attend. We have all of our arrangements made to spend the coming summer in Arizona with our son. Would be delighted to be with you all.

If you could come to see us anytime, you write to Bertha Howell at Christianburg, Ohio. Her father is a cousin of mine. Will be pleased to have a copy of the history of the Ruffners.

We are having a very cold winter. I enjoy this kind of weather. It is pretty hard on old folks. We are all alone. The children are all married and are living in town. We have a very nice little cottage and are very comfortably fixed. Will close. Hope to hear from the reunion, if we are not fortunate enough to be there.

Your cousin,

H. N. Ruffner.

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