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Mr. and Mrs Glenn Hewitt
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Dear kinfolk, of the Hewitt Clan,

I have your letter of March 20 and was suprised at hearing from you, though I had heard that we had relatives named Hewitt still in Oklahoma.

I have very little data on the Hewitt tribe as I sent what notes I had to my sister in Kansas. Richard Hewitt (1793) kept a Journal of Record and passed it on to his daughter, Rebecca. When Rebecca's home was destroyed by fire at Webb City, Missouri, Richard's Journal was lost in the fire. What we have today is notes from the memories of Richard's children and grand children. Rebecca Hewitt-Bradley's account went like this:

Richard Hewitt was born in 1793 near Knoxville, Tennessee, in the Cherokee Nation. Richard's mother was a Cherokee maid and his father was an Englishman. Richard was five years old when his mother died. Richard's father was a distiller and a miller by trade and he taught Richard his trade also. The senior Hewitt set up a mill and distillery on the south side of the Great Smoky Mountains at, or near the present town of Hewitt in North Carolina and about 50 miles from Knoxville, Tennessee and near the present Cherokee reservation in North Carolina. Here Richard grew up and married a Cherokee maiden. To them were born six(6) children (according to Rebecca Bradley). When Richard's wife died he guided wagon (freight) trains from Knoxville to Cincinatti, Ohio and return. Once when in Cincinatti, Richard attended a Latter Day Saints meeting and there met a spinster, Jerusha Parker, a spinstress dress-maker of Cincinatti, age 28. Jerusha owned some lots in Cincinatti which Richard traded for a team and wagon and the couple moved, with three of Richard's children to Fountain County Indiana., (the Spring of 1840.) Richard farmed at the new location and on November 22, 1840 a daughter, Rebecca Maria was born. In the late summer of 1844 Richard and family moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. At Nauvoo his daughter, Mary Jane Hewitt married Stephen Maloney, with Brigham Young performing the ceremony. Mary Jane and Rebecca were half-sisters. The records show that if Richard and Jerusha Hewitt had six children of their Union, then the second set of children took the names of the children by Richard's first marriage. This is possible but not probable. So far as I can learn Rebecca Maria Hewitt was the only off-spring of Richard and Jerusha Hewitt. Jerusha and Richard were /4 married in 1839, according to Rebecca's records. Rebecca was 14 years of age when her father, Richard Hewitt died at Talequah, Indian Territory in 1854. After Richards death Jerusha and daughter Rebecca with her stepson, William, returned to Kansas and lived on the Kaw river west of Kansas City, Kansas. While at the Kansas address William and Rebecca went to Texas by wagon to bring back with them Mary and Steve Maloney, who had went to Texas from Utah. Rebecca attended the school at the Methodist mission in Kansas and when she was age 20 married John Adams. When John Adams died Rebecca and her two daughters by Adams went to New York State to live with John Adam's mother and father. While in New York she got a letter from her half-brother, William Hewitt asking

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 her to come to him in Nebraska and help him with running a stage station on the Oregon Trail at the Big Blue crossing. Rebecca came to Nebraska and cooked for the stage station. While in the Nebraska station Rebecca met a soldier, Enoch Elijah Bradley, and they were married in the year 1866 when Rebecca was 26 years old. After Bradley's discharge from the cavlery the family moved to Benton County Arkansas where they bought a farm near what is now the town of Cherokee City. When the Mining Boom started around Joplèn Missouri, the Bradleys sold their farm and moved to Webb City, Missouri. My mother, Katie Bell Bradley was born at the Cherokee City address and home. About 1907 the Bradleys bought a home at Niangua and moved there. Rebecca died at the Niangua home in June 1915. William Hewitt died at the Bradley home at Niangua Missouri ten days before the death of Rebecca. Enoch Bradley died at the home of his daughter, Katie, in April 1922 at age 82.

As I said above, I have no records of any children born to Richard and Jerusha Hewitt except the daughter, Rebecca.

Rebecca had a sister that married a man named Black and they lived at Springfield, Missouri. Another sister married a man named Lewis and they lived in Montana. I only know of my great uncle, William Hewitt and the Maloneys. I met Will and Ellen Black at Niangua Mo when they visited my grandmother, Rebecca. My sister, Edith may give you some further information on the Hewitt Clan. Her address is; R.F.D. No. 1, Garnett, Kansas 66032.

The Hardings and Parkers came to Ohio from New Jersey. Great Great grandmother Harding was Indian, though of what tribe no one seems to know--but probably of some New Jersey or New York tribe. Jerusha Parker has been reported to be $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian blood.

I am the only registered Indian in my mother's family of McGoons, though my father is descended from the Sac-Fox tribe--about one-sixteenth I have heard him claim. We are also related to some Canadian tribe which some say is Abenakis on my father's father's side. The McGoons emigrated to the states from Canada about 1815 when my grandfather was very young.

How long have you lived at Drumright? We lived at Bristow and Slick, Oklahoma from 1927 until November 1943 when we moved to Wyoming. My wife has two sisters living at Bristow, Oklahoma, and many nieces and nephews there and at Beggs, Oklahoma. My wife is part Cherokee also.

Have you ever herad the Cherokee name of Tee Hee? I understand they are kin of ours. My wife's brother married a Lula Tee Hee of the Cherokee Tribe.

I will close for now, again thanking you for writing. If we come to Oklahoma this summer we would like to stop in Drumright and say hello to you. I am age 72 but still working. I do concrete work--make sidewalks, driveways, patios, etc. Bye now andwrite again sometime,

A descendant of the Hewitt Clan,

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