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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

June 12th 1942

Mrs Anne de Mille
25 East 9th St
New York

My dear Mrs de Mille

After so many years you will perhaps be surprised to receive a letter from me. You will no doubt remember the Stickneys of the olden days in San Francisco when my father had a newspaper and your father made contributions to it. Fortunastely I have four volumes of the "Californian" in two books which father at one time was owner. In these volumnes are contributions of your fater, Bret Herte, Mark Twain and others.

My mother died in December of 1932 and amongst other things I found old family albums which have individual pictures of the entire George family in those olden days; pictures of all except your father, and I am quite sure I have seen such a picture but have not been able to locate it. I have several pictures of your mother taken at different times; pictures of Jennie, Dick and Harry, all evidently taken in the early teen age. Also a picture of Jennie taken in Baltimore; she is holding a baby which is stated to be 2 months and 3 weeks old. Have also a picture of you taken evidently Dec 25 1892 at a studio at 124th 183 East Street but no City is given.

I best remember Dick because he used to take me up into the attic of the big house on the hill and from the rear window there was a wonderful view of the ships in the bay. Dick had many models of ships which he had made. I well remember your father holding me on his knee in the parlor of this big house. At least it seemed big to be as a little boy.

Also amongst other things, mother left a bundle of letters written by your mother and father from San Francisco, New York London and Dublin; also a letter from Jennie in a girlish hand writing from London or Dublin, I just dont rember which as I am writing this from the store and my papers are at home. I have worked for this firm for the past ten years. It is a wholesale hardware store. They bought out a hardware store I used to work for, for about 40 years, and when they sold out I came down here.

Mother's three children are still living. My sister, Lulu (Mrs Duncam) is living near Sacramento. Her husband died a number of years ago and she never remarried. She has two children, both married. My brother Charles R has been living in Los Angeles for quite a number of years. He is a musician and no doubt you may have heard of him. He has written a lot of music and published a number of pieces. His last major production was the setting to music of "The Ancient Marrisoner" which takes over 30 minutes to produce.

25 East 9th Street, New York,
July 15, 1942.

Dear Mr. Stickney:

Your letter of June 12th was most welcome. I have been away and so my reply goes to you later than I like, and therefore seems not to show the appreciation that I feel.

It was good of you to write me and tell me of the old days. How I wish I could talk to you and your sister and get from you perhaps, some of the anecdotes of my Parents early times in California, that I have found so very difficult to collect. Now that Mr. Barry and Dr. Taylor and my cousin Will McCloskey are gone, I do not know to whom to go for tales of the old times. They would mean much to me, such anecdotes, if I could get them for I am writing a Life of Henry George. The first few pages have been published and I will send them to you.

As the life of Henry George encompassed a world movement and was lived in various parts of the world it is difficult to compress its history into only 342 pages and I have had to cut out much that I would like to give space to and cut out many people who had not an important part in the actual work in that world movement. It has seemed imperative to eliminate many names, so as not to bewilder the reader, in this so-much-shorter- book than my Brother's book. Therefore you will find not much reference to the Stickneys, as possibly you might expect, considering that they and the Georges were all poor together and so very friendly, in those early, lean days/

How lucky you are to have a complete file of 'The Californian'. I quite envy you. If there is a complete file in the San Francisco Library - and you want to do a generous act, will the file to the Henry George Collection of the New York Public Library. It would be very much appreciated. (You refer to the other magazine as 'The Alta Ealifornian' - I thought it was 'The Alta California'.)

I did not know your Mother lent Henry George money but I am grateful that he was able to pay it all back/ Most of the work in printing 'Progress and Poverty' was contributed and the money paid for the 'Author's Edition' paid, I thought, for the rest of the expense. Certainly anyone who helped in launching that great work did a good job! The book is reaching far and wide and today there are Henry George Schools in all parts of the English-speaking world. There are many classes in and around San Francisco now, as no doubt you know.

Alas I am the only one of my family left. Jennie died before my Father did, in 1897. Deik died in 1913 and Harry died in 1916. How often I have longed for them! I have tried to carry on the George tradition but it is a big job!

Please remember me to your sister, Mrs. Lulu Duncan, who wrote to me in 1928. (I suppose her sons are young men by now. Oh, the horror of this war!)

With repeated thanks for your letter and enclosure -

Sincerely

Anna George de Mille.

VOICE OF THE VALLEY

SACRAMENTAN COMMENTS ON TWAIN'S EARLY HISTORY

Editor: I was much interested in C. J. L.'s front page editorial in reference to Mark Twain, and immediately got out my two large bound volumes of "The Californian," dating from May 28, 1864, to August 18, 1866. My father, Augustus Allen Stickney, was one of the owners of this paper from November 26, 1864, to August 18, 1866. It was published in San Francisco at 328 Montgomery street.

A hasty glance through the pages of this literary weekly revealed that Mark Twain contributed quite frequently. I find such articles as "A Notable Conundrum," "A Touching Story of George Washington," "Daniel in the Lion's Den," "Important correspondence between Mark Twain and various clergymen relative to the occupancy of Grace Cathedral,"

"How I Went to the Great Race Between Lodi and Norfolk," "What Cheer House Robbery," "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" (this latter was copied

from the New York Saturday Press), "A New Biography of Washington" (copied from the Territorial Enterprise).

Series of Articles

Then follows a series of articles in connection with Mark Twain's trip to the Hawaiian Islands that first appeared in The Sacramento Union, reference to which was made in your last Sunday's paper. These are only some of the articles contributed by Mark Twain in "The Californian." (A distinction must be made here—"The Californian" and the "Alta Californian" were two different papers).

In glancing over the pages, I observed also many contributions both in prose and poetry by F. B. Harte better known as Bret Harte. And then too I found that Henry George, author of a number of books including his Single Tax Theory and the book "Progress and Poverty," also contributed to this paper.

Louped Money

Many times before her death, my mother told me that it was she who loaned Mr. George the money with which to publish his later book. Her friends told her she would never see her money again, but George paid back every cent. (This is the first time I am sure that the facts concerning the publishing of the book "Progress and Poverty" have ever been made public.)

My mother also told me that Mark Twain at times had free desk room in father's office for watching the office while he was at lunch.

Father at one time stuck type for The Sacramento Union, and also for the state printing office when it was located at 15th and L streets. Capitol Park in those days, between 12th and 15th streets, was a wilderness of weeds and high grass and it was in going through this part of the park during wet weather that he caught cold which settled into pneumonia and he died March 30, 1890.

I trust what I have written will be of interest to lovers of Mark Twain, who was born November 30, 1835, and whose 100th anniversary we will observe this year.

Yours truly,
E. A. STICKNEY,
Rt. 4, Box 445K.

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The third and oldest is the writer. I will be 70 on the 7th of July. (and that wont be long). No special accomplishments except have kept at work for 50 years and never asked for a job. Strange as it may seem, I write a "poem" once in a while when the muse hits me just right.

I have been plening for a long time to write you; I believe my sister has written you a number of letters in the past but this is my first.

I happen to have in my desk an extra copy of a photostate copy of an article I wrote for the local paper Jan 29 1935 in which you may be interested. I have persued a number of books on the life of your father but, while my father's name is sometimes mentioned, nothing is said about how your father obtained to money wherewith to publish the book "Progress and Poverty

This money came from a life insurance association in S.F. upon the death of my father and your father was instrumental in getting the association to pay, otherwise she might not have received as much as she did. I have many letters in which your fater mentions remittances which went to pay the amount borrowed. Mother often told me that her friends advised her agsinst her doing this but she did it and received back every cent. You and I were too young in those days (perhaps it was before our time) to remember the hardships that the two families went through; mother has told me many times some of these things and "that the Georges were over and we hand only corn meal mush."

Well, I have written more than I had intended but trust you will enjoy it. Will be pleased at any time to hear from you, to know what you are doing; what of Dick and Harry and Jennie. Perhaps some of them have passed over as I never kept in touch with them although often thought of them.

With childhood memories

Sincerely

Edgar Allen Stickney

written by my own hand
with the hunt and pick
system so excuse mistakes
of an "old"man!

*(Eddie in those post-
days)*