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May 26, 1913.

My dear sister,

My unusually delay in answering your kind and courteous letter, I can assure you, has not been due to a lack of desire on my part but to the fact that I had to write home for the necessary information.

There is not much doubt but that our family lines are closely interwoven. I am a Kentuckian by birth and my fathers people have lived in Kentucky since about 1830. My great-great grandfather, John Pulliam, was the son of George Pulliam of Virginia, afterward of Missouri. He married Elizabeth Blackwell of Virginia, daughter of Robert Blackwell, a Major in the Revolutionary War. John Pulliam settled in Harrison County, Kentucky, and had three sons, Walker, Missouri and John. John was my grandfather. All of this except therange in parentheses, which is my father's recollection and which he is now trying to verify, I did not think the worst involved in getting this information would be of any benefit. I am also related to the Killiards.
Of Virginia. My great grandmother sister, Allie Blackwell, married Christopher Lillard, and a brother John Blackwell married a Miss Lillard. Handy C. Purnim, formerly President of the National League was a cousin of my father. This is about all that I know of planters writing but when my father goes to Kentucky next week he will look it up. My family is now in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where we have a plantation. If you are ever near there I will feel hurt if you do not avail yourself of the opportunity of meeting and knowing the family and I will promise you old-fashioned Southern hospitality. I expect to be back in a few months.

Now just a word about our western chapter. We have without doubt the strongest hold on the west of any National fraternity. Of course I am most familiar with the Colorado chapter, Chi Sigma is the whole show at the springs, leading in all college activities and owning a nice house. Beta Kappa at Denver was the surprise of my life. I expected to find them weak with hard times ahead since they are just a year old. On the contrary they with Beta are the best in the school and are respected, for good cause, by all the fraternities. I was not in school...
but affiliated with the chapter in order to help them all possible. I. E. A. can certainly be proud of Beta Kappa. The main reason, as I see it, for this remarkable showing is the strong hold our alumni have in Theta. An Omega graduate has a large and active membership composed of prominent and influential men; Illinois, California, Harvard, Kansas, etc., all enjoy the best of reputations.

Let me hear from you sometime when you are at leisure and I may know something new by that time which may be of interest to you. With best regards to the chapter and with best wishes to you and your family, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Matthew M. Williams

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