

Denver, Mountclair Str., Colo.
May 26, 1913.

My dear father:

My unseemly 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, Monroe and John. John was my grandfather. Am certain of all this except the George in parenthesis, which is my fathers recollection and which he is now trying to verify. I did not think the wait involved in getting this information would be of any benefit. I am also related to the Lilliards

of Virginia. My great grandmother's sister, Lillie Blackwell, married Christopher Lilliard, and a brother John Blackwell married a Miss Lilliard. Harry C. Pulliam, formerly President of the National League was a cousin of my father. This is about all that I know at present writing but when my father goes to Kentucky next week he will look it up. My family is now at 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 chapters. We have without doubt the strongest hold on the west of any National fraternity. Of course I am most familiar with the Colorado chapters. Chi Sigma is the whole show at the springs, leading in all College activities and owning a nice house. Beta Kappa at Boulder 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. F. T. A. can certainly
be proud of Beta Kappa. The main reason, as I
figure it, for this remarkable showing is the
strong hold our alumni have in Denver. Our
graduate has a large and active membership
line containing prominent and influential men.
Several of your Chapter is one of the hardest
workers. California, Stanford, Kansas etc., all
enjoy the best of reputations.

Let me hear from you
some time when you are at leisure and
I may know some thing 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

Affectionately Yours.
Matthew M. Sullivan.

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