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Dear Nellie,

Glad to hear from you and so pleased that you are getting the family history together. Here are some dates for you.

The Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railroad (commonly known as The Katy) built through the Indian Territory in 1872.

This is about the time that the Irish came to this area, to help construct the railroad.

Bartholomew Lane was one of those Irishmen who came to the Indian Territory about that time.

Several members of the Lane family came to the United States and were in New York for a brief time before coming to the Indian Territory.

Members of his immediate family coming with Bartholomew Lane was a sister named Kate Lane and a half brother named Jack. He had left his wife and three daughters in Wales while he sailed for the New World to look for employment.

Two other families who came with the Lanes were the Halpins and the Galvins.

Kate Lane married one of the Galvin men. They could have married in Ireland. I don't remember his name. They had all sailed on the same boat.

Bartholomew Lane's mother's maiden name was Henwright.

Bartholomew Lane's three daughters born in Ireland were Johanna, *KATE* and *MOLLY*

Bartholomew Lane met his second wife when he was working as a section foreman on the Katy railroad, near Caney, Indian Territory. Frances Jones was three-fourths Choctaw Indian.

Frances Lane was born on November 12, 1854. She was married at age 20, which would make it the year 1874. Bartholomew Lane was supposed to be about 40. He could have been about 51.

The dates on Bartholomew Lane's tombstone are: Born 1835

Died May 2, 1920

Now, members of the family say that the birthdate is in error. He was supposed to have been 97 when he died on May 2, 1920. If this is true, then his birth date is 1823. His birthday was February 14. If this 1823 is his actual birthdate, then he was 51 years old when he married Frances Jones.

The dates on Frances Lane's tombstone are    Born; November 12, 1854  
Died: January 6, 1947

She was 20 years of age when she married. I have heard her say that she was only four years older than her stepdaughter, Johanna. This would make Johanna 16 years old when the Lanes married.

I don't know how old the two younger girls were.

It is possible that the Lanes had been in the Indian Territory about a year when Bartholomew and Frances married.

The young girls could have arrived in the Indian Territory in about 1873. This would have made Johanna about 15 years old. This is probably the age she was when she arrived in the United States.

If the girls were about two years apart in ages, then Kate would have been 13 and Molly 11 at the time they arrived in the United States.

Bartholomew Lane paid a friend a thousand dollars to go to Wales and bring his daughters to America. He met them in St. Louis. I remember my father saying that they had grown so much that he did not know them. I don't know how long it had been since he had seen them. Two or three years may have elapsed since he had seen them.

Johanna married Pete Smith. They lived in Denison. They had four children:

Mae

Jack

Harry

William (Roxy)

It was always said that Pete was cruel to her. A Negro woman who worked for them told this. They didn't tell her father because they were afraid that he would take action against Smith. Johanna died when her children were very young. My mother loved Johanna very much. Kate Lane took pneumonia when she was 15 years old. They had to wait four days for a local train to stop. By the time they got her to Denison, Texas, it was too late. She died and is buried in Denison.

And, of course, you know the story of your mother, Molly Lane. I don't know about her schooling.

Kate Lane, sister of Bartholomew Lane, married \_\_\_\_\_ Galvin. They lived in St. Louis. Their children were:

Mamie -----married Bill Aud (maybe Audd)

Tim-----married Margaret Lane (his first cousin)

Katie-----Charley Carpenter

Simon-----didn't marry

Johnny-----Josie

Dennis Galvin was a brother-in-law. He was born in Ireland. Tim Galvin was born in Sandy Hood, New York.

Nine children were born to Bartholomew and Frances Lane. Five lived to be adults. They are:

Margaret (Peggy) born: 1876 died 1962 married Mike Halpin 1st husband  
Tim Galvin 2nd "

Edward Lane (Puck)-----married Addie Danyer

Bartholomew Lane (Shug)----- married Stella REvere

Rosa Ann ----- married Elmer Frank Bell

Daisy ----- married Pinckney Williams (Pink)

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Bartholomew Lane always said that he was born in County Kerry on the River Kenmare.

I have made three trips to Ireland and have visited this area where papa was born.

Elaine and I went to a Presbytery (this is where the Catholic priest lives). A young priest got out the old records and showed us where Bartholomew was born. It was very interesting.

Killarney is one of the towns in the County Kenmare. The county seat is Tralee. It is a very beautiful area.

I would like to have the dates on your mother's tombstone. Please send me what family history you have.

My sister, Rosa Bell, died June 21, of this year, in Ardmore, Oklahoma. I am the last of the family.

I believe I have answered all of your questions. As you can see, Johnny Galvin was papa's nephew, his sister Kate's son.

I enjoyed hearing from you. Please write to us again.

With much love,

*Daisy Williams*

P. S. I will send you the birth and death dates of the family in another letter, and their children.