

5404 N. Okemos Road,
East Lansing, Mich., 48823,
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Dear Carl;

I was glad to receive your nice letter but sorry to hear of your heart attack.

I was laid up 10 days with a heart attack in 1960 and 5 days in 1961 but have gotten by since. One thing I learned was not to do today what I could put off until tomorrow. In other words I didn't do anything unless I felt like it.

The doctor told me not to overdo, quit before I got too tired. It reminded me of the old story I had heard many years ago.

The farmer said to his new hired man, "do you have a watch?" The man said no. The farmer said well I'll tell you. The whistle blows at 12 o'clock, down town. You come up a half hour before. So I was to quit a half hour before I got too tired.

As to my excuse for not replying to your letter sooner. And this is an excuse more than anything.

I have been busy in my spare time hunting for Delamaters in the Michigan census, a good part of the time since we got back from Florida in early April. I had done considerable of it during the last few years but finished it up a few weeks ago. I have spent hundreds of hours on this.

The 1840 census lists the name of the head of the family only and I found 10 families.

The 1850 - 1860 - 1870 - and 1880 lists all names. I found 71 Delamater names in 1850. 76 names in 1860. 115 names in 1870 and 158 names in 1880.

I am now trying to get it organized so I can turn it in to the state library where it will be bound in a book.

I am enclosing a sheet on which I made a few mistakes, which you may keep. This lists some of the Delamater families which I found in Jackson County in 1880.

In Feb. 1968, I completed the census of N. Y. state 1790 to 1850 inclusive in which I found nearly 1,000 Delamater names. I should mention that these names are on microfilm and some are dim and hard to read. It is easy to miss a name on some of these microfilms.

I enjoy doing these things as I feel it will make the tracks more plain for some one in the future who is trying to track Claude and his descendants.

I hope your health will continue to improve and you will be able to stop in here some time when you are up this way.

Yours Sincerely,