

While visiting our daughter, Mrs. Charles C. Spray, in Portland, Oregon it was my good fortune to meet Freeman Essex and discuss the question of his family's origin. In agreement with Susan E. Essex's opinion, we decided if any relation exists it is far back in the dim past.

Copy of letter from Mrs. Susan E. Essex:

"Feb. 20, 1967

Dear Dr. Essex:-

Your letter rec'd. today. I'm sure my husband (deceased 2 yrs) or relatives of his were not related to Thomas Essex.

My husband, Herman Stonewall was son of Charles Essex who came from England years ago.

His mother was Melissa Freeman. I know nothing of Charles Essex ancestors. Melissa Freeman Essex was from Richmond, Indiana.

They (Chas. Essex family) lived in Troy, Ohio when I met Herman Essex. I lived in Dayton, Ohio. He was 24 and I was 20 yrs. old when we married in Sept. 1920.

There was also Freeman Essex (oldest son - lives in Portland, Oregon. Linden Essex (deceased), youngest son. Helen Essex-Farnsworth lives in Calif. Also, Gertrude Essex Och, lives in Calif.

My name was Susan Hardesty, born Dec. 25, 1900, Dayton, Ohio. My husband and I have lived in N.Y.C., and state, N.J., also Delaware and Maryland.

I have 3 married sons (1 single, 24 years old - youngest at home with me) and 5 daughters - all married.

Freeman Essex (75 yrs.) is not active in Ins. Business now. But his daughter Jean is. (Freeman's wife Ernestine died last Oct.).

I'm enclosing card. Freeman might be able to give you some information on forebears, but this is all I can furnish.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Susan E. Essex"