

Letter from Hannah Sophia Young Jessup to Leroy Young.

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The population of this district 11 said to be 26,000 .
Cripple Creek , Colorado December 8, 1895

Dear Nephew;

I was agreeably surprised a few days ago to receive your letter of the 8th of November. It was forwarded from Picaonee to Cripple Creek to me .
Charles came over to Cripple Creek in February and I came with his wife and children, Geneva and George Leroy, in March. We are all in pretty good health but Eva. She has had the chickenpox a week but is better now.

Well, I will tell you about the town and mining district. It has doubled in population since we came here and there are houses going up by the hundred all over town and surrounding mining camps, and the houses that are to rent are rented before they are finished and the hotels and lodging houses are all occupied and there are men and women looking for lodging every night.

Charles bought a lot last summer for \$110.00 with two two-room houses on it. We live in one and he rents the other for \$10.00 a month, and he bought four lots two months ago for \$100.00 a-piece and in one month was offered \$200.00 a-piece .

He took a lease on the Full Moon Mine (with partners). They are down 100 feet but haven't shipped any ore yet, but are in an ore lead that they think it will be all right with a little work for there are three mines adjoining their lease that are shipping ore; one that assays as high as thirty two thousand dollars per ton. There are new rich strikes made almost every day. There has been forty or fifty shaft houses built on Gold Hill where Charles' lease is, since he took his lease.

There is a bigger boom here than there ever was at Leadville. It is said that there is one million dollars a month shipped from Cripple Creek. There are two railroads and a prospect for two more soon. It is said to be the greatest gold mining camp on earth .

Emma is in Butte, Montana; Amos Clinton in Los Animoso, Colorado; Alice in Picaonee; Richard is at Sugar Hill. I suppose you know more about your father's family than I do. I have a copy of your births but they are at Alice's in my Bible. --,

(Family Tree information)

I will write what I know of our ancestors. My grandfather, William Young, came from Scotland to New Jersey. He married Mrs. Dougal. His children: James, (my father), Joseph, Ruth and William.

My father married Sarah Webb, had one son John, she died and he married Dorcus Mints in New Jersey. She was a widow. Their children: Eliza, married Joe Vannote, Mary, married John Chamberlain, James, married Eleanor Siniard in Ohio, Dorcus died and father married Mary Cluster (my mother and your grandmother) .Their children were: Ruth Ann Kopley, Joseph C. Young (your father), Hannah Sophia Jessup, Andrew J Young, Jacob R. Young, William H Young, Richard C. Young.

I do not much about your mother before her marriage, but I was informed that her mother died when she was a little girl and a lady by the name of Esther Brown raised her, near Waynesville, Ohio where she and your father were married. (Elizabeth Pugh)

Andrew married Pheobe Tethill in Illinois. Jacob married Dianna Crickmore in Indiana. William married Hulda Moon in Ohio. Richard married Elizabeth Tucker. Mothers' family were all born in Ohio, and your mothers', Charles, Mary Ellen, Sophia, Elizabeth, Rachel Ann, Leroy, James M. in Indiana, and Peter. William Friend, Eugene and Josephine (twins) were born in Illinois.

I will tell you where all the relatives are buried that I can think of: Mother, Josephine, Andrew Pheobe, William, in Illinois. Father, Ohio- Ruth and Jacob in Indiana.

My great-grandmother Young was an aunt to Captain Lawrence of the 1812 War. Mother's family names were: Grandfather -Peter Cluster. Grandmother-Christinia Stower Cluster, their family all born in Pennuck. Jacob, Elizabeth, Michael, Ann Marie, Mary (my mother), Sophia, Richard, Daniel, and Sarah Cluster. I will send you a copy of your family births when I get my Bible. Thomas

and Alice Bailey talk of coming over here next spring. If they come they will bring the rest of my things. All I can think of now at present, so goodbye, with good wishes to all.

Hannah Sophia Young (Jessup)