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*Daughter of Oscar  
who is Daughter of  
Ansel  
Uncle of Oscar*

Dear Mrs. Tooley:

First, let me introduce myself in way of information. I am Jesse Langdon, a son of Erwin Ansel Langdon who in turn is a son of Rufus Langdon and Catherine Stickler. Rufus and Catherine, of course are my grandparents. Rufus died in Wisc. in 1877 and Catherine passed away in Canada in 1905. I am 70 years of age, having been born in 1904. Rufus Langdon is the Son of Gideon Langdon of which I have very scarce information about him except that Gideon was born in Oneida County, N. Y. and passed away May of 1970 in Rock County, Wis. Gideon was married twice - that we know of. We do not have his wife's maiden name nor do we have his second wife's maiden name. Only that Abram and Ansel were the Sons of his second wife.

Let me explain further. My father, Erwin is an older brother of Oscar Langdon of Yoncolia area, deceased, and I am a first cousin of Mamie Langdon Lee living at Yoncolia. Mamie gave me your address.

The Curator of the Roseburg Museum has written to me wanting to obtain facts of information and a picture of each Ansel and Abram (is it Abram or Abraham?) who lived for many years and passed away in the Elkton area. Seems that the County is busy trying to obtain facts and more particular photos of the early settlers of Douglas County.

I have very little information on either Ansel or Abram except it is my understanding that both are half brothers to my grandfather Rufus, Rufus being the older, he being born in Penn. in 1826 and died at Markesan, Wis. April 8, 1877. My father was born in 1860 so he was 17 years old at the time. Rufus died of a bursted appendix so my father said. Abram was born on 1828 in Trumbull County, Ohio, and passed away July 17, 1904 at Elkton. Ansel was born July 26, 1831, in LaGrange County, Ind. and passed away Sept. 6, 1894, at Elkton. His second marriage was to Lenora Maupin Bunch. Mamie states that you are a step-daughter of Lenora.

For the past two years, I have been compiling family history, some of which is from my father's diary that he kept in Wis. from the years 1879 while in College at Ripon through 1882 when he homesteaded in what was then Dakota Territory. I also have other data and Oscar's daughter Ruby has a daughter that has researched a good amount of information - much more so than the data that I have.

Question???? Do you have any family history on each Abram and Ansel? Any photos? Do you have any printed material or written for that matter other than the information that Ruby's daughter, Mary, has?-

I have a sister living out from Oregon City and was there in September along with my wife and two twin sisters from Phoenix. We thought of phoning you and making our acquaintance to see what information you have.

I have a half sister Ruth that lives at Springfield. She states that when my father, wife and two children arrived in Oregon that Abram met them at Drain and from there they went to Elkton and later settled on Red Hill out from Yoncolia where I was born. We left Oregon in the Fall of 1916 and I more or less grew up in Ariz. My mother was my father's second wife.

Will appreciate hearing from you, Mrs. Tooley.

With Kindest regards,

/s/ Jesse V. Langdon

*Son of Erwin  
Brother of Oscar*

P.S. Believe the children of Abram and his wife died as infants. Ansel had a son Jón of Phoenix, she being a younger sister of my grandmother Catherine and was there a son, Commodore? Others?