

Typical Inquiry Letters from Scott Sinnock, 1994 - 1995

In late 1993 I received a list of addresses of Sinnocks from throughout the world from *The World Book of Sinnocks* by Halbert's Family Heritage. I sent 67 letters dated March 30, 1994 to Sinnocks with USA addresses and 42 letters April 20, 1994 to those with foreign addresses inquiring about family information. These letters launched my long foray into the genealogy of the Sinnock family.

This section contains typical examples of these initial inquiry letters and some related items. The letters are divided into the following sub-sections:

- ***Letter to Sinnocks in the United States***, March 30, 1994
- ***Letter to Sinnocks in England, Canada, Australia, et al.***, April 20, 1994
- ***Letter to Respondents***, December 13, 1994
- ***Letter to additional Sinnocks in the United States***, June 10, 1995
- ***Enclosures in the March 30, April 20, and June 10 Letters***

I received many responses to the March 30 and April 20, 1994 and the June 10, 1995 letters. I entered information as it arrived in the growing *Sinnock and Kin.ftm* database and extracted summaries from the database to send as enclosures to all respondents in mid-December, 1994. Based on these initial contacts more than 1000 letters, telephone calls, visits, email messages, Facebook messages, and others were exchanged with many Sinnocks and their descendants throughout the United States, Canada, England, New Zealand, and Australia.

Each letter was tailored to its recipient so original letters cannot be exactly reproduced from these entries, especially for the response letters. A full set of individual responses is contained in the "*Family Communications*" document. However, general information in the following examples probably bears some semblance to the text of the originals. I include my own letters only because many may still be floating around out there (they are the sort of family things a lot of people save), and this section will give the proper historical context. To summarize that context, I advise the reader to discard all my letters, if they have any, and use the most recent *Sinnock and Kin.ftm* database and this web site as more reliable.

Letter to various Sinnocks in the United States, March 30, 1994

Recipients Address
Dear Recipient,

Please let me introduce myself. I am Scott Sinnock, son of Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr. of New Castle, Indiana, and fourth great-grandson of James Sinnock of Hailsham, Sussex County, England. I am in the process of compiling information about Sinnocks from throughout the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world. This letter is a sort of “shot in the dark” and is being sent to you as well as to several other Sinnock individuals whose addresses I obtained in 1993 from *Halbert's Family Heritage*, a commercial genealogical research company. I would be very grateful if you could provide me with any information about yourself, your family, and your ancestors. I also would greatly appreciate copies of any genealogical records about the Sinnock family that you may have. I have enclosed forms that you may fill in. Please feel free to use any other format you consider more convenient for documenting your family information. Be sure to provide full names rather than initials wherever possible, as well as full dates of births, deaths, and marriages to the extent practical. On the other hand, you may ignore all this and go to a movie.

I have traced my branch of the family back to James and Elizabeth Sinnock of Hailsham, Sussex County, England. An enclosure lists all their descendants known to me. Most of this information was obtained from a set of records compiled by Thomas Sinnock (1836 - 1910), grandson of James and Elizabeth, and son of Samuel and Mary Lindfield Sinnock who immigrated from Hailsham, England, in 1853, settling in Payson, Illinois, near Quincy. I not aware of any Sinnock's who currently live in Colorado, so any background on your family branch would be especially appreciated.

I am compiling the family information in a computer database, using software sold commercially as *Family Tree Maker* by Banner Blue Software. I would be happy to send you any information about the Sinnocks that I can access with the database. If you have an IBM-compatible personal computer, I could send you a disk containing the database and you could load it yourself, if you buy the software. Thank you for your kind consideration and help in this long-term, fascinating exploration of the ever growing Sinnock family.

Sincerely,

Scott Sinnock
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Las Vegas, NV 89123
Phone: (702) 361 8684

→ *Standard Closing* cited below

enclosures: 7 page list of descendants of James Sinnock
2 ancestor tree forms
1 descendant tree form
2 ancillary information forms
1 coat of arms drawing with instructions

Distribution List

Person	US Addresses from World Book of Sinnocks	Response
Barbara Sinnock	901 Monroe Street, Beardstown, IL	Family 01
Betty L Sinnock	30154 San Martinez Road, Santa Clara, CA	Letter Returned
Betty L Sinnock	3566 Spottswood Avenue, Memphis, TN	Family 14
Bruce Sinnock	3756 Douglas Avenue, Memphis, TN	Family 14
Burton S L Sinnock	112 South 5" Street, Raton, NM	Family 17
Carol H Sinnock	1110 Cam Village Drive 1001, Houston, TX	Letter Returned
Charles B Sinnock	12151 Dale Avenue, Apt H1, Stanton, CA	Family 09
Charles T Sinnock	RR 2 Box 182, La Plata, MO	Family 09
Christine Sinnock	650 Minor Road, Apt 12, Memphis, TN	Family 14
David B Sinnock	3433 Kathleen Street, San Jose, CA	Family 08 - 2 letters
Deanna L Sinnock	6117 Guardian Court, Apt 6, Louisville, KY	Family 16
Dennis R Sinnock	504 South 8" Street, Quincy, IL	Family 13
Donald J Sinnock	RR 2 Box 216, La Plata, MO	Family 09
Donald P Sinnock	2644 Jasmine Avenue, Stockton, CA	Family 08
Duncan L Sinnock	25422 Trabucva Road, El Toro, CA	Family 05 - 4 letters
Edwin P Sinnock	440 Wainwright Avenue, San Jose, CA	Family 07 – Telephone

Person	US Addresses from World Book of Sinnocks	Response
Eileen Sinnock	7110 West 20 th Avenue 106, Denver, CO	Letter Returned
Floyd C Sinnock	RR 1 Box 216, Quincy, IL	Family 13
Frank A Sinnock	23 Black Birch Road, Scotch Plains, NJ	Family 06 – Telephone
Grant C Sinnock	10744 Chinon Circle, San Diego, CA	Family 04 - Visit
Harriet E Sinnock	2315 North 9 th Avenue, Billings, MT	Family 09 – Telephone
Henry G Sinnock	54 Lambert Lane, Springfield, IL	Family 06
Henry M Sinnock	4201 Via Marina Apt 263, Marina del Rey, CA	Family 06 – 2 letters
Hugh K Sinnock	1843 Tee Box Drive, Las Vegas, NV	Family 10 - Telephone
James M Sinnock	709 E Cook Avenue, Raton, NM	Family 17
James S Sinnock	11 Evergreen Drive, Gansevoort, NY	Family 11
Jamie Sinnock	1325 Ironton Street, Denver, CO	Letter Returned
Janet K Sinnock	1515 East 101 st Street, Indianapolis, IN	Family 10 - 3 letters
Jeffery T Sinnock	2005 SE Jefferson Street, Albany, OR	Family 02 - 1 letter
John N Sinnock	Plinganserstrasse 59, 8000, Bayern, Munchen, GER	Family 11 - 6 letters
Judith S Sinnock	Box 61, East Middlebury, VT	Family 05
Kathleen G Sinnock	1639 Elmwood Avenue, Stockton, CA	Family 08 – Email
Kathryn Sinnock	1235 North 26 th Street, Quincy, IL	Family 15 - 2 letters
Kelley I Sinnock	901 Melanie Court, Petaluma, CA	Family 04
Kendrick J Sinnock	5675 N Pennsylvania Avenue, Indianapolis, IN	Family 10 - 1 letter
Larry G. Sinnock	1922 NE Cady Street, Bremerton, WA	Family 19
Leslie D Sinnock	21 Little Texas Valley Road, Rome, GA	Family 12
Leslie D Sinnock	57 Lakeshore Boulevard, Stafford Springs, CT	Family 11
Linville H Sinnock	3706 Mareli Road, Apt 2, Shelbyville, KY 40065	Family 16
Lucille P Sinnock	5350 West 52 nd Avenue, Apt 401, Denver, CO	Family 10
Marc R Sinnock	10440 Cornel Avenue, Indianapolis, IN	Family 13
Margaret J Sinnock	2613 North 12 th Street, Quincy, IL	Family 14 - 1 letter
Mary A Sinnock	19 Surrey Hills Road, Apt A, Hannibal, MO	Family 01
Mary L Sinnock	14 Mountain Terrace, Bristol, VT	Family 05
Mary Sinnock	3127 N Pennsylvania Avenue, Indianapolis, IN	Family 10
Melanie B Sinnock	917 Roble Avenue, Menlo Park, CA	Family 04 - 4 letters
Melvin L Sinnock	203 West Birchwood Drive, Romeoville, IL	Family 13 – Telephone
Merle D Sinnock	1177 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN	Family 14
Milton G Sinnock	216 West 7 th Street, Beardstown, IL	Family 01
N Sinnock	7021 Plymouth Road, Baltimore, MD	Letter Returned
Norman D Sinnock	230 Farmington Avenue 1, Hartford, CT	Family 11
Paul E Sinnock	23311 Maid Marion, Houston, TX	Family 18
Paul E, Sr. Sinnock	133 Crofton Avenue, San Antonio, TX	Family 16
Paul G Jr. Sinnock	1320 Pigeon Pass Road, Louisville, KY	Family 16
Richard Sr. Sinnock	1207 Summit Drive, Louisville, KY	Family 16
Richard W Sinnock	3707 State Street, Quincy, IL	Family 13
Robert C Sinnock	9222 Kiefer Boulevard, Apt 2, Sacramento, CA	Family 03
Robert G Sinnock	719 Cornelia Court, Mountain View, CA	Family 04
Robert O Sinnock	Box 612, Colfax, CA	Family 03
Robert Sinnock	11353 Pyrites Way, Apt 3, Rancho Cordova, CA	Family 03
Ronald D Sinnock	6405 Saguaro Drive, Glendale, AZ	Family 01
Ronald L Sinnock	4 London Lane SE, Rome, GA95	Family 12
Russell W Sinnock	1 Patricia Terrace, Grayson, GA	Family 12 - 1 letters
Stephen Sinnock	1037 West Mariposa Avenue, Stockton, CA	Family 08
Steven K Sinnock	3116 East Fox Run St, Quincy, IL	Family 13
Terry W Sinnock	1414 Woody Avenue, Louisville, KY	Family 16
Willis R Sinnock	2274 Carol View Drive, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA	Family 02 - 5 letters

Correspondents' Families

Family 01: Linda Sinnock Davis
Family 02: Willis Ray Sinnock
Family 03: Robert Oliver Sinnock
Family 04: Melanie Beth Sinnock
Family 05: Duncan Letton Sinnock
Family 06: Henry Madden (Hank) Sinnock
Family 07: Edwin Perry Sinnock

Family 08: George Barbour Sinnock
Family 09: Charles Wesley Sinnock
Family 10: Hugh Kay Sinnock
Family 11: John Norman Sinnock
Family 12: Russell William Sinnock
Family 13: Melvin Lee (Mel) Sinnock
Family 14: Merle Dean Sinnock

Family 15: Kathryn Thale Sinnock
Family 16: Paul Gildie Sinnock
Family 17: Roberta Kell Sinnock
Family 18: Paul Edward Sinnock
Family 19: Larry Grant Sinnock

Letter to various Sinnocks in England, Canada, and New Zealand, April 20, 1994

Recipients Address
Dear (Recipient),

Please let me introduce myself. I am Scott Sinnock, son of Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr. of New Castle, Indiana, USA, and fourth great-grandson of James and Elizabeth Sinnock of Hailsham, East Sussex County. My lineage to James is through his son Samuel, his son George, his son James William, his son Pomeroy, and his son Pomeroy, Jr., my father. I am in the process of compiling information about Sinnocks from throughout England, the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world. This letter is a sort of “shot in the dark” and is being sent to you as well as to several other Sinnock individuals whose addresses I obtained in 1993 from *Halbert's Family Heritage*, a commercial genealogical research company. I would be very grateful if you could provide me with any information about yourself, your family, and your ancestors. I also would greatly appreciate copies of any genealogical records about the Sinnock family that you may have. I have enclosed forms that you may fill in. Please feel free to use these or any other format you consider more convenient for documenting your family information. Be sure to provide full names rather than initials wherever possible, as well as full dates of births, deaths, and marriages to the extent practical. On the other hand, you may ignore all this and go to a movie.

I have traced my branch of the family back to James and Elizabeth Sinnock of Hailsham. An enclosure lists the children of James and Elizabeth, all born in Hailsham, and the family of their fifth child, Samuel the common ancestor of all Sinnocks in the United States known to me. Samuel was indentured as a cordwainer in Hailsham, met Mary, daughter of William and Mary Lindfield of Hamsey (near Lewes), in Battle, and settled in Sedlescombe, before emigrating to America. Perhaps you are aware of more history of the Sinnocks or Lindfields who lived in Sussex. Samuel left England in 1853 with his family to join his son George, who had emigrated in 1837 as an adventurous nineteen year old with his young wife Sarah Ann Kay. They settled near Quincy, Illinois, on the Mississippi River. From there, the Sinnocks in America spread to at least 18 states and one Canadian province. Most of this information was obtained from a set of records compiled in the early 1900's by Thomas Sinnock, son of Samuel and Mary Lindfield.

I have no records of any Sinnocks currently living in England, therefore any information about your family would be especially appreciated, particularly if you could tie your family to James. I do know, as indicated above, that the Sinnocks who came to America lived in Battle and Sedlescombe as well as Hailsham, all in East Sussex. Perhaps you are related. I have also heard that the Sinnock name is derived from a mispronunciation of Seven Oaks, the same as the town name south of London, and that a Sinnock Square is a minor tourist stop in Hastings. Given that I have only this limited information about my English ancestry, perhaps you can provide me with more information on the origin of our name or my family. I am compiling the family information in a computer database, using software sold commercially as *Family Tree Maker* by Banner Blue Software of Fremont, California. I would be happy to send you any information about the Sinnocks that I can access with the database. If you have an IBM-compatible personal computer, I could send you a disk containing the database and you could load it yourself, if you buy the software. Thank you for your kind consideration and help in this long-term, fascinating exploration of the ever growing Sinnock family. I eagerly await your reply.

Standard Closure

enclosures: 1 page list of descendants of James Sinnock
2 ancestor tree forms
1 descendant tree form

Distribution List

Person	Address	Response
Alice Sinnock	11 Highfield Close, Malvern, Worcester	Letter Returned
Alison Sinnock	Flat 63 Broomfield, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent	Family 02
Arthur (<i>Charles</i>) Sinnock	40 Prince Edwards Road, Lewes, East Sussex	Distant Cousin
Chris Sinnock	12D Bridgeness Road, BoNess, West Lothian	Family 07
Col E A (Tony) Sinnock	11 Palmeira Square, Flat 6, Hove, East Sussex	Family 03 - 2 letters
David Bertram Sinnock	34 Bridge Down, Canterbury, Kent	Family 02 - 2 letters
David (<i>G.</i>) Sinnock	27 Ireland Ave, Whitburn, Bathgate, West Lothian	Distant Cousin
David (<i>Leonard</i>) Sinnock	81 Cornwall Road, Herne Bay, Kent	Distant Cousin
David Sinnock	83 Old Bromley Road, Bromley, Kent	Family 06

Person	Address	Response
Dennis Sinnock	69 Grange Road, Hove, East Sussex	No further contact
Dorothy Cox Sinnock	16 Kimberley Road, Beckenham, Kent	Family 05 - 3 letters
Dorothy Sinnock	3 Littlemead, Cocksbridge, Lewes, East Sussex	Letter Returned
Dudley Sinnock	6 Heatham Park, Twickenham, Middlesex	Distant Cousin
Edith M Hawkins Sinnock	4 Newport Ct, Cowdrey Place, Canterbury, Kent	Family 02 - 1 letter
Frank Sinnock	56 West Farm Avenue, Ashted, Surrey	No further contact
George Sinnock	4 Yew Tree Road, Beckenham, Kent	Family 05
George W Sinnock	206-86 Keewatin, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Family 01
Howard Sinnock	49 Marymead Drive, Stevenage, Hertfordshire	Family 04 - 1 letter
James Sinnock	38 Hornbeam Road, Reigate, Surrey	No further contact
John F Sinnock	101 Thorndale Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Family 01
John Samuel (Jack) Sinnock	33 Iroquois Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Family 01 - 1 letter
John Sinnock	135 Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent	Family 06
Joyce Cooper Sinnock	42 Holmcroft Way, Bromley, Kent	Family 06 - 2 letters
June Sinnock	13 Carlyle House, Bridge Rd, Worthing, West Sussex	Distant Cousin
K Sinnock	163 Belcher, Winnipeg, Manitoba	No further contact
Kathleen Sinnock	15 Rayners Lane, S. Harrow, Harrow, Middlesex	No further contact
Keith (<i>William</i>) Sinnock	173 Knapmill Road, London, London	Distant Cousin
Kenneth J Sinnock	1 Southern Road, Flat 5, London, London	Family 06
Leonard Sinnock	48 West Benhar Road, Harthill, Shotts, Lanark	No further contact
M W Sinnock	9a Coroglen Avenue, Birkenhead, North Island	No further contact
Marjorie Sinnock	17 Eddystone Road, DwnThomas, Plymouth, Devon	No further contact
Martin Sinnock	22 Medina Villas, Flat 1, Hove, East Sussex	Family 03
Michael Sinnock	4 Devon Way, Hillingdon, Middlesex	Family 08 - 1 letter
Mildred Sinnock	Solent Ldg, 14-17 S. Parade, Southsea, Hampshire	Letter Returned
Peter James Sinnock	19 Dundas St, Spinningdale, BoNess, West Lothian	Family 07 - Emails
Reginald Sinnock	1 Belmont Close, Hassocks, West Sussex	Distant Cousin
Stella Sinnock	60 Hawkins Ave, Torquay, Devon	No further contact
Susan Sinnock	97 Boyland Road, Bromley, Kent	Family 06
W G Sinnock	160a Mt Wellington H, Panmure, North Island	thru Mark Milton
Winifred Sinnock	127 Northdown Park Road, Margate, Kent	No further contact
Winifred Sinnock	Copyhold Ln, Friday Hill Ctg, Haslemere, Surrey	No further contact

* Distant Cousins, at least 3rd .up to 9th from any numbered family below

Family 01: John Samuel (Jack) Sinnock
Family 02: David Bertram Sinnock
Family 03: Ernest Anthony (Tony) Sinnock

Correspondents' Families
Family 04: Howard James Sinnock
Family 05: Dorothy Cox Sinnock
Family 06: Joyce Cooper Sinnock

Family 07: Peter James Sinnock
Family 08: Michael Sinnock (*father changed name to Sinnock*)

Typical Letter to Respondents, December 13, 1994

I received many letters in response to my March 30 and April 20 inquiries (the 1st two subsections) which I sent to Sinnocks from, primarily, the United States and England. I summarized what I knew of the family at the time based on those letters plus what I knew from Thomas Sinnock's family history written in about 1910, plus some of my own immediate family records. The summary was then sent about December 13, 1994 to all who responded to the earlier letters with a request for corrections. A typical letter follows.

Recipients Address

Dear Recipient

Happy Holidays! Please give my love to your family. For one of my presents I hope you enjoy the enclosed information. This represents a snapshot of what I have learned so far about our family. It is all preliminary, though I think most of the information is accurate, if not complete. In addition to what I have included, I have found the published tracing by a member of the LDS (Mormon) church of a direct line from William the Conqueror back through Helen of Troy to Adam and Eve. Of course this is mostly myth. The link is through ancient Swedish kings, who are somewhat less mythological, though they sort of begin with Odin. Anyway it seems that our ancestors can be traced through the Pomeroy family to William the Conqueror, and from there as far back as one wishes to give credence to the published sources.

With respect to the Sinnock family, I have contacted a genealogist associated with the genealogical research service of East Sussex County, England. He has confirmed the earliest records we already had and added several older generations to those listed in the *Sinnock Family Tree* document written in about 1907 by Thomas Sinnock. Some of these "new generations" are shown at the top of the list of descendants of Elias Sinnock (see last item in the enclosed notebook). I believe this line of inquiry may lead to a connection in about 1625 to the Sevenoak name and associated family coat-of-arms (see notebook). Much of what I have learned of the Sinnock family has come from about 30 responses to the 70 letters of inquiry I sent out in March and April. More on that in a moment. Also, if you remember, I found a red book about the Henry family when going through Dad's apartment. Well, that led to tracing our Sinnock-Obear-Henry ancestry to the Flournoy's, who were French Heugenots that settled in Virginia in the mid 1600's.

The information on Mom's side comes mostly from family histories published in the 1800's for Bartholomew, Eddy, Shattuck, Potter, and Williams families. The Williams family is that of Roger Williams founder of Rhode Island. All those families arrived in Massachusetts in the early 1600's as Puritans. I'm sure some of our ancestors with first names of Obadiah, Zachariah, Ebenezer, and Caleb were burning witches in Salem and Ipswich. Through the Eddy line, one of our distant cousins in Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science "religion," so we are well connected to religious, shall I say zealots? Maybe it will help punch our tickets at the pearly gates, but I doubt it. The LDS church has a computerized database that provides a link of the Bullock line of Mom's ancestors to the Giffards, a notable English Medieval family that also ties to the ancient English and French royalty (see enclosed 8.5 x 14 sheets). However, there are some apparent problems with this lineage, including a daughter (Jane Giffard) who died before her mother was born, a neat trick if you can pull it off. So hold the presses with respect to the links of Goggin's ancestors with the ancient Kings and Queens.

To bring you up to date on my research, let me provide a brief summary of my work so far. (Note: since my word processor allows easy updating of letters, this is an evolving summary that I have sent to several of the people mentioned below). The family records are growing rapidly as information continues to arrive as responses to the 72 letters I sent out to Sinnocks throughout the United States and 42 letters to Sinnocks at addresses overseas, 35 in England and Scotland, 4 in Winnipeg, Canada, one in Germany and two in New Zealand. My hope is to locate and identify the family ties of all Sinnock's in the world. Given the rarity of the name, I think this just might be possible, though I am not encouraged by the many "isolated" three-generation families I am finding in England. In searching the addresses of the English Sinnocks, I discovered that many live in the Hove, Lewes, Hamsey, Sedlescombe, Battle, Hailsham areas of Sussex County, mostly East Sussex, where James and Elizabeth Sinnock lived, some of the earliest Sinnocks known to me. As you may know, James and Elizabeth's fifth child, Samuel, his wife Mary Lindfield and most of their children immigrated to the Quincy, Illinois, area in the 1850's, beginning the trunk of the Sinnock family tree in the United States. Samuel and Mary's first son, George and his wife Sarah Ann Kay are our direct ancestors and immigrated to Illinois in the 1840's preceding Samuel and the rest of the family. Another of Samuel and Mary's sons, Thomas, wrote the summary of family history just before he died in 1910. Most of what I have done is nothing more than to update his excellent family history by stitching together far flung pieces of a

puzzle provided by so many kind responses to my letters. Much to my pleasant surprise, twenty six people, have now responded to letters I sent out.

Most surprising, perhaps, was learning that another Sinnock, Hugh Kay Sinnock, lives here in Las Vegas. Our paths have now crossed twice in highly unexpected ways. When I lived in Indiana in the spring of 1963, I was participating as a pole vaulter in the State Finals track meet in Indianapolis. One of the officials called the name “Sinnock” to take a turn at vaulting over the qualifying height. Lo and behold, two Sinnocks showed up, Hugh and myself. I had never heard of nor seen him before or after, until he called me in April and said he lived only several miles away. Susie and I recently met Hugh and his wife Elaine and they are a delightful couple. Hugh at 49 years old just had a “bad” run of 10 kilometers in 45 minutes. At the same event, Heather and I made two miles in about half an hour. I guess Hugh is still in pretty good shape. Hugh's mother, Janet Kimble Sinnock, and Hugh's brother, Kendrick (Tad) Sinnock of Indianapolis, Indiana, also wrote and provided links of their branch of the family to Daniel Boone, through Hattie J. Callaway, George E. Sinnock's wife, a brother of James William, our great grandfather. Janet must be quite a determined, strong-willed woman. She is 75 years old, has just finished her college degree (two years ago), and is caring for her 100 year old mother in her home. Betty June Sinnock Warlick, Marilyn Kay Sinnock Bills and Willis Ray Sinnock of California and Willis' son Jeffrey, also are descendants of George E. and Hattie. They all wrote and extended the Callaway line back two generations before Daniel Boone. Betty, Marilyn, and Willis are the three children of Ray Barnard Sinnock, a descendant of Kay Sinnock, another son of George, our great-great grandfather. Alas, our branch cannot claim kinship with Daniel, whose wife's family also traces to the English and French royalty.

One evening last April Henry Madden (Hank) Sinnock, from my the branch of George and Sarah Ann Kay's descendants, showed up at our house on a pleasure trip he made to Las Vegas from his home in Marina Del Rey, California. He provided information about his family, especially his grandparents, Hildegard, the Quincy doctor, her mother Melinda Knapheide, also a Quincy doctor (long before women's lib), and Hildegard's husband, Frank Sinnock. Hank was a rock and roll band member (pretty wild, I think) in central Illinois before going to California to attend Santa Monica College. Margaret Jean Sinnock, also of Quincy, wrote and provided information about 75 descendants of Kay Sinnock, another son of George and Sarah Ann Kay.

Another descendant of Kay Sinnock and his wife, Sarah Ives that has contacted me is Melanie B. Sinnock, our third cousin from Menlo Park, California. She called to determine if I was legitimate, or “some shady character” after some ill-begotten financial gain. After a lengthy conversation she was convinced I was indeed a Sinnock exploring family history. She is 37 and is completing her Master's degree, having returned to college after getting her BA many years ago. The conversation went on for nearly an hour. I use “conversation” loosely, because, apparently, she is and has for many years been nearly totally deaf and mute. We “talked” through an intermediary who spoke what she typed and typed what I said. Apparently this service is provided by the phone company. My “conversations” with Melanie have been some of the most amazing and enjoyable experiences of my family explorations, so far. It is wonderful that we are able to use the technology available to us to communicate in ways that could otherwise never occur, opening heretofore completely closed windows into other peoples' lives so that a little light of communication may shine in. Melanie's sister, Shannon Kay (Shari) Waugh, wrote when she learned I was researching family history to request the forms so she might fill them in. Melanie and Shari's brother, Grant from San Diego, California, called and supplied even more information about the descendants of Kay and Sarah Ives Sinnock. Susie and I met Grant when we were in San Diego last summer. He too is delightful.

Duncan Letton Sinnock of Crestline, California, and his brother, Robert Kell Sinnock, each wrote with information about their side of the Raton, New Mexico branch of Sinnocks, descended from another James William Sinnock (not our ancestor) and Mary R. Baker. James was the son of Samuel and Mary Lindfield, and thus George' brother. Duncan's family currently lives in California; Roberta in Corrales, New Mexico. I noticed “Seven Oaks Studio” as the return address on the Roberta's envelope and immediately knew it had to be from a Sinnock. This is very similar to her brother, Duncan's “Seven Oaks Realty” company in Crestline, California. Roberta letter indicated that she had exchanged information about the Sinnock family with Julia Oberdorfer Sinnock. After Mom died, Dad sent me some information they had gathered on the Sinnock family. In the package were two letters from Roberta to Aunt Jule, dated 1963 and 1964. Before Duncan's and Roberta's letters to me, the letters to Aunt Jule were the only source of information I had seen about the New Mexico branch of Sinnocks. Duncan and Roberta also provided much about John R. Sinnock, eighth chief engraver of the Philadelphia mint who designed the Roosevelt dime, Franklin half dollar, Purple Heart service medal, and many other products of the mint. I'm sure, all Americans have

the initials of our name, “Sinnock,” in their coin purses or pockets, *i.e.* the “JS” at the base of Roosevelt's neck on the Roosevelt dime stands for John Sinnock.

Linda Sinnock Davis of central Illinois has been researching the Sinnock family history for several years, and I was able to reestablish contact with her to share files on family members. Her mother, Helen Kathleen, wife of Milton Gregory Sinnock of Beardstown, Illinois forwarded my letter to her. Upon receiving the letter, Linda called me and provided the statistics on about 100 Sinnocks who are descendants of Edwin Streeter Sinnock, another brother of Thomas and George, all Samuel's sons. Melvin Lee Sinnock of Romeoville, Illinois, called and his sister Shari Sinnock Brown of Quincy,, Illinois, wrote to provide information about their family, also descendants of Edwin Streeter Sinnock and his wife, Martha Cook. Linda has researched the Sinnock family for some time now, and her help has been invaluable. From Linda I learned of another branch of Sinnocks, from Massillon, Ohio, who apparently emigrated in the mid 1850 from England. I believe the descendants of this family now live in Louisville, Kentucky, though none of them have responded to any of my attempts to contact them.

Finally, Jeffery Thomas Sinnock of Albany, Oregon, called and indicated he would send me “a truck load” of genealogical material for the Sinnock family compiled by his mother, including photographs of George and Sarah Ann Kay Sinnock. He mentioned that he is related to the Quincy Sinnocks, as well as to Daniel Boone, through Hattie Callaway, I think.

I have been able to use the library to gain quite a lot of information about the Pomeroy ancestors of Fannie May Nichols, wife of James William Sinnock, “Big Daddy”, I think our great grandfather. As you may know the Pomeroy's can be traced directly back to the year 417, when our 48th great grandfather, Wallia, King of the Visigoths, helped delay the final fall of the Roman Empire. Another line leads to Charlemagne or Charles the Great, our 35th great grandfather, who crowned himself as Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas day in the year 800. Rollo the Ganger (the Walker), our 30th great grandfather, was a Viking raider who was given Normandy (so named for Rollo as Northman's land) as a fief by Charles the Simple, King of France, to stop his raids on Paris and surrounding towns. His 3rd great grandson, William the Conqueror (our 25th great grandfather), invaded England in 1066, the last invasion of the British Isles even up to the present time, and established Norman rule in England. William's son, Henry I of England, had a concubine (perhaps an early wife), Sibella de Corbett. From their union a daughter, Rohesia, was born. Rohesia married Henry II de La Pomerai, whose grandfather, Ralf de La Pomerai, was a knight who fought with William in the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Through many generations, the Pomeroy's lived in a Berry Pomeroy Castle on the Dart River near Totnes, Devon, England. One of their ancestors, Eltweed Pomeroy and his wife Margery Rockett, were good English Puritans who became Pilgrims to Dorchester, Massachusetts, near Plymouth, in 1630 to escape King James Stuart's tyranny toward the Puritans, Quakers, and others of like belief in contrast to the Church of England. Their 4th great grand daughter, Frances Mayo Pomeroy married Thomas Coggeshall Nichols, whose daughter, Frances (Fannie) May Nichols, married James William Sinnock, our great grandfather.

Responses to my letters from England include Edith Sinnock of Canterbury, Kent, England, and her son David. They both wrote and sent information about John Sinnock, her husband, and their family. Colonel E. A. (Tony) Harvey Sinnock of Hove, East Sussex, wrote and gave me the limited information he has about his family. According to Tony, Halbert, his father, was quite an adventurer who took part in the Jameson Raids in South Africa and smuggled a fortune in diamonds back to England by stitching them into a slit in his arm. Alas, he blew the family fortune on drink and gambling.

Martin Sinnock of Hove wrote and indicated he would soon retire and may begin searching for family records in his area of England. I certainly hope so, because I have yet to relate any of the current English branches of the family to ours, and perhaps he can find the ties.

Joyce Sinnock sent information about her husband's family, descendants of John and Lucy Sinnock (b. about 1880) of Beckenham, Kent. Dorothy Sinnock, the second husband of the late William Sinnock, also of Beckenham, wrote but was not able to provide much family lore.

Russell William James Sinnock (Russ, who dropped the “James” as to pretentious) of Grayson, Georgia, near Atlanta, called and provided information about his London, England, branch of the family. This branch does not tie to the family of Samuel and Mary Lindfield Sinnock who started the Quincy, Illinois, clan of Sinnocks, and, as far

as I can tell, are the progenitors of all Sinnocks in this country, except Russ and John Norman Sinnock of Bridgewater, Connecticut. Russ thought that his family *might* tie to one of James and Elizabeth's other children who remained in England. However, he wasn't sure and said his family back in England was not very interested in family history, so records are sketchy. John Norman Sinnock provided information about nearly 120 members of his family from the Bristol, Avon County, area of England. Though Russ and John Sinnock live in America, they come from England and have all their relatives there, being first generation Americans. So immigration of the English Sinnocks continues.

Michael Sinnock from Middlesex, England wrote and indicated that his father had legally changed the family name in the 1920's to Sinnock from some unknown name that "had caused no end to the embarrassment of his father and his siblings." So it appears that our family name is desirable to adopt by others. Michael had no idea why his father chose Sinnock.

From Canada, John (Jack) S. Sinnock, seventy years old, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, wrote and provided information about a Canadian branch of Sinnocks, not descended from the same line as those of us in the United States. His grandparents emigrated from London, England, in the 1890's, and perhaps they were related to our ancestors from Hailsham, but that is not known. In his letter he informed me of another branch of Sinnocks in Michigan who also emigrated from England in the mid 1860's, but I have not been able to tie this branch to any other Sinnock clan.

As you can see the family tree is growing into a forest. As I continue to delve into the family history, the "personality" of the family is emerging. It appears that we are a very rugged, energetic, educated, perhaps overachieving family of solidly middle class, merchant, English stock, mixed with the finest of families from, primarily, England but also elsewhere. Though I'm not exactly sure what I will do with all this family information, I intend to use it eventually to write some sort of family history. I will probably include narrative text about individuals, maps showing where the individuals live, figures, and copies of selected family photographs. I hope to basically update Thomas Sinnock's' original family history (of which I now have six separate versions) using the wonderful new tools available today. If you would like, I could keep you posted periodically on the progress of my research. For now, thank you very much for your help in this fascinating endeavor. Anyway, Merry Christmas. I wish we could be with you and Jean and all the family for the holidays, particularly this first Christmas without parents. However, we will enjoy our small family and friends here, this year. Maybe we can convene again somewhere for Christmas in the next few years. Las Vegas is always pleasant in late December.

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Letter to Various Sinnocks, June 10, 1995,

Recipients Address
Dear Recipient,

Please let me introduce myself. I am Scott Sinnock, son of the late Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr. of New Castle, Indiana, and third great-grandson of Samuel Sinnock and his wife Mary Lindfield of Hailsham, Sussex County, England. I am in the process of compiling information about Sinnocks from throughout the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world. This letter is a sort of “shot in the dark” and is being sent to you as well as about 15 other Sinnock individuals whose addresses I obtained from a CD ROM computer disk containing all listed phone numbers in the United States. I would be very grateful if you could provide me with any information about yourself, your family, and your ancestors. I would also greatly appreciate copies of any genealogical records about the Sinnock family that you may have. I have enclosed forms that you may fill in. Please feel free to use any other format you consider more convenient for documenting your family information. Be sure to provide full names rather than initials wherever possible, as well as full dates of births, deaths, and marriages to the extent practical. On the other hand, you may ignore all this and go to a movie.

Last year I sent a similar letter to about seventy Sinnocks in the US, England, Canada, and New Zealand based on addresses provided by *Halbert's Family History*, a commercial company specializing in genealogical research. Your address was listed as 6117 Guardian Court in that listing by *Halbert's*. That mailing was returned by the post office. I just recently obtained your current address from the computer CD ROM disk. However, if you are aware of my earlier correspondence and wish not to respond, please forgive the repeated request. If your branch is not related to that of Samuel and Mary Lindfield, I have records from the 1800's and earlier of many English families from Sussex, Kent, Hereford, London, and other counties in England that may tie to your branch of the family. Since I have no information on the Louisville branch of the Sinnock family, I am very eager to learn if and how this branch fits with the others, here or in England.

About forty individuals responded to my earlier letters, greatly expanding the knowledge of the Sinnock clan. Based on their help and my own research, the Sinnocks in this country are now traced back to a John Senoke who lived in Eastbourne, East Sussex County, England in the mid 1500's. John was the 5th great grandfather of Samuel. An enclosure lists all the descendants of John known to me. Much of the information on the list about the Sinnocks in this country was obtained from a set of records compiled by Thomas Sinnock (1836 - 1910), son of Samuel and Mary Lindfield Sinnock. Samuel and Mary immigrated from Hailsham, England, in 1853, settling in Payson, Illinois, near Quincy. Samuel and Mary and their central Illinois progeny are the common ancestors of most Sinnocks in this country. Most of the information about the English ancestors of Samuel is from the parish registers of East Sussex County.

I am compiling the family information in a computer database, using software sold commercially as *Family Tree Maker* by Banner Blue Software. This information has been and will continue to be freely shared with all correspondents. My purpose is purely personal, not commercial. I would be happy to send you any information about the Sinnocks that I can access with the database. If you have an IBM-compatible personal computer, I could send you a disk containing the database and you could load it yourself, if you buy the software. Thank you for your kind consideration and help in this long-term, fascinating exploration of the ever growing Sinnock family tree.

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enclosures: 7 page list of descendants of James Sinnock
2 ancestor tree forms
1 descendant tree form
2 ancillary information forms
1 coat of arms drawing with instructions

Enclosures with Letters of March 30 and April 20, 1994, and June 10, 1995

Family of James Sinnock and Elizabeth Weller
(from Hailsham, Sussex County, England)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Location</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Location</u>
James Sinnock	b. August 11, 1758	England	d: November 1839	England
Elizabeth Sinnock Children	b. June 28, 1759		d: February 1830	
1 James Sinnock	b. April 17, 1785	Hailsham, Sussex County		London, England
2 Thomas Sinnock	b. October 06, 1787	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: May 16, 1867	
3 William Sinnock	b. February 20, 1790	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: July 1862	
4 Elizabeth Sinnock	b. November 29, 1791	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: November 06, 1872	
5 Samuel Sinnock	b. November 13, 1793	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: September 29, 1886	Payson, Illinois, USA
6 Ann Sinnock	b. December 25, 1795	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: August 17, 1818	
7 John Sinnock	b. February 08, 1798	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: December 05, 1798	Hailsham England
8 Charles Sinnock	b. March 22, 1800	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: 1891	
9 Mary Sinnock	b. August 10, 1803	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: August 12, 1817	Hailsham England

Family of Samuel and Mary Lindfield
(emigrated in 1853 to Quincy, Illinois, USA)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Location</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Location</u>
Samuel Sinnock	b. November 13, 1793	Hailsham, Sussex County	d: September 29, 1886	Payson, Illinois
+Mary Lindfield Children	b. August 03, 1797	Ofham, England	d: September 26, 1872	Payson, Illinois
1 George Sinnock	b. January 17, 1819	Battle, Sussex County	d: January 22, 1901	Payson, Illinois
+Sarah Ann Kay	b. October 06, 1826	England	d: April 13, 1904	Payson, Illinois
2 Samuel Sinnock, jr	b. April 24, 1821	Sedlescombe, England	d: December 18, 1902	Gorin, Missouri
+Martha Ann Cleck	b. August 05, 1825	Bloomfield, Kentucky	d: October 16, 1876	Newark, Missouri
+Beckee Pugh: 2 wife				
3 Mary Ann Sinnock	b. January 04, 1823	Sedlescombe, England	d: ABT 1910	Quincy, Illinois
4 Harriett Sinnock	b. September 18, 1825	Sedlescombe, England	d: October 30, 1900	Payson, Illinois
+James Inman	b. December 24, 1827	Sussex County, England		
5 Charles Sinnock	b. August 22, 1827	Sedlescombe, England	d: June 10, 1841	Westfield, England
6 Francis Sinnock	b. September 25, 1831	Sedlescombe, England	d: May 28, 1841	Westfield, England
7 James W. Sinnock	b. October 12, 1833	Sedlescombe, England		
+Mary R. Baker	b. September 16, 1837	Hamphre County, Virginia	d: July 07, 1909	Raton, New Mexico
8 Thomas Sinnock	b. July 14, 1836	Sedlescombe, England	d: December 28, 1910	Quincy, Illinois
+Eliza S. Streeter			d: April 04, 1891	
+Mattie Kay: 2 wife				
9 John Sinnock	b. June 02, 1841	Westfield, England		