

Oct. 27, 1971

COMMENTS REGARDING THE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE WITH DISTANT
BAGGERMAN RELATIVES IN GROOM, TEXAS.

On Nov. 3, 1961 Mr. John A. and wife Odell Baggerman came to 731 Radcliffe to visit Mother and Dad. I was not home and Lulu vonStroh gave me a note of the visit. According to Lulu's account the above John A. is the second cousin of William J. Baggerman (my father) and is the son of Cornelius Baggerman, who was my father's cousin. *

On Aug. 9, 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whatley, Groom, Texas visited Mother and Dad. Mrs. Whatley's maiden name was Baggerman, according to Lulu's note of the visit. Lulu's note also had written on the bottom "Margaret, Irene and Roselle Baggerman" believe they are the children of one of the two above mentioned families, probably the former, (see attached letter copy of May 26, 1970).

* - on Lulu's note of this visit was written the name, "Mrs. Mildred Marealer", believe this spelling is incorrect and should be Marselek or Marselak. Believe this person is a friend of the relatives. Find the Aug., 1970 St. Louis telephone directory lists a Mrs. Mildred Marsalek, 416 S. Woodlawn (821-6748) and probably is the person listed in Mrs. John A. B's letter of May 26, 1970.

Comments on letter of May 26, 1970: The one statement in this letter that confuses me is that of the second paragraph of the second page, namely "Dad had three brothers. They were Will, Peat, and John." My father Wm. J. B. had three cousins by these names, but unless there were another three by these names, I don't know how they could be related to the Texas relates.

Wm. F. Baggerman

(letter written to Mrs. John A. Baggerman, Route A, Groom, Texas 79039)

April 27, 1970

Dear Mr. Baggerman:

Quite a few years ago, I believe about 1964, I remember you visited St. Louis while my parents were living. They lived at 731 Radcliffe Ave. Their housekeeper wrote down your address and I recently found it among some old papers.

I am writing now because I thought you might be interested in information we have received through some contacts with a Baggerman family living in Amsterdam.

About two years ago Fred, my brother who now lives in the St. Louis area, made a trip to Holland and having a son with him named John, decided to call the John Baggerman listed in the Amsterdam telephone book.

It happened that this Mr. Baggerman was a teacher of English in the equivalent of a high school and my brother and son were invited to the family home. Then about a year ago my brother's oldest son, Peter and his wife Martha, on a trip to Europe made Amsterdam one of their stops and visited the Baggerman family in Amsterdam. An active correspondence has developed. The Baggermans of Amsterdam say that there are few families by our name in their country and they think we are related. The most interesting development of the friendship has been learning the name and address of the family historian for those of our name in Holland. He is Mr. Ary Baggerman. In correspondence with him he has indicated a real interest in helping us to develop our family history as it began in Holland.

If you should be interested in trying to develop the family history as it began in Holland and then here, I would be glad to hear from you. Apparently the most important information needed, beyond given names, would be that of the names of the town or village in which our ancestors lived.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wm. F. Baggerman

Mrs. John A. Baggerman
ROUTE A
GROOM, TEXAS 79039

May 26, 1970

Dear Mr Baggerman

I received your letter of April 27, 1970

I am Odell Baggerman
my husband John A. Baggerman
Passed away Dec. 29, 1969.

I am sure it was in Nov-
ember 1961. John my self, our
son Rubin and his wife Lora
visited in your Parents
home and enjoyed it very
much. Later we received a letter
from your father.

and I thought maybe his
health was poor could be the
reason we did not hear any
more from him.

I was very glad to get your
letter. That I never learned

Mrs. John A. Baggerman
ROUTE A
GROOM, TEXAS 79039

Very much about the Baggerman family. John's father was Cornelius Nace Baggerman.

Dad had three brothers. They were with Peat and John.

I think they have all passed away.

I have five sons and five daughters. They are living in this Panhandle part of Texas.

We would be glad to have you or any of your family visit us. Any time it is convenient for you.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you again.

sincerely

Odell Baggerman

P.S. It was the kind help

of Mildred Marselle in St. Louis that we got to visit your parents. Three of our daughters Irene Roselle, Margaret Whalley and husband Curtis also visited the lake several years ago.