

it will give to all who are of that family. In our world to day it is not so much "who are you?" as "what have you done?" Now some have the idea that the people of family rarely if ever make people of attainment. No greater popular error has ever been indulged at the expense of truth. Take up any authorised history or biography of great men and women, and with scarcely an exception they are all of the old and well bred families of Europe and America. This goes to show that the members of our family have only to exert their own ambition for the high places for the rest they already possess.

This family, as our book will show, has ever been honourable and well bred. The professions are all represented and the call of patriotism has ever found Delano's ready.

As to this family in Europe, the history and royal marriages speak more eloquently than the few words allowable in a preface can.

The compiler will indeed miss the words of kinship and goodwill that have come to him all these years of preparation, and consequently trusts that all his kinsfolk (for has he not toiled over their lives, has he not felt with them the loss of dear ones, or read of their joys and successes of this life. Many who started with him have passed beyond and left him to record their part in life. He will not forget him then; and from time to time send in the events of their branches that he may thus keep on file up to date items to be passed on to some other genealogist of the family, when the compiler shall no longer record for others.

Yours then cordially

my dear kinsfolk

Joel Andrew Delano

late Major of 51st Reg Indiana Volunteer

At Grove Michigan — 1898