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United States of Brazil
Rio de Janeiro
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My dear Mr. Marine,

When I say that your last letter was to me a downright surprise is to put it rather mildly. Our Minnesota clerical friends seem to be better informed about my family history than I ever was. We will leave our Minnesota affairs alone for the moment, though, & I will proceed to business.

This rumour about my father's existence is troubling you immensely, as our Naukan-na claims will have to be delayed for an indefinite period.

As I told you in an affidavit or

written letter dated May 30th/1889
 I had no definite or direct news
 from my father during the last
 seven years, though all efforts had
 been made to obtain them.

Not ^{being} discouraged I have continually
 made every effort to obtain news
 from my father; filial love is
 a very strong sentiment with me
 & I was ever passionately fond
 of my father who was ever kind
 and loving to me.

It seems as if Providence has
 been watching over my endeavours
 for about a month ago a friend
 of ours residing in Buenos Ay-
 res sent me a newspaper with
 at last! some definite news!
 As you may well imagine I
 hastened immediately to write
 back, enclosing a letter to my

father. I need not tell you with what joy I finally received a letter from my dear long lost father telling me he was well and happy.

For private reasons into which I have no desire of inquiring he returned to his former profession, & now thinking over matters, I believe it may have been with full knowledge of my mother. Prind you I was always kept in ignorance of my father's former ecclesiastical career and it was only after my mother died that I came to know about it.

Rumours had reached me subsequently that he had gone to Patagonia as a missionary, but as I could never obtain any definite answer to my inquiries

I disbelieved them. I have very good reasons now to believe that my letters intrusted to different priests were purposely mislaid as I my father tells me in his one letter that he never received a single line from Pio.

My father's letter, of a private nature contained a Post-scriptum most important to us. This I ^{had} copied & now inclose duly authenticated by the U. S. Consul here.

As I believe this finding of my father will be perhaps very fortunate to us. I will write by the very first mail to him on the subject; I have not mentioned it thus far. I know of no one with sufficient influence over him to make him deed his claims to me, except myself. He

is now doing Missionary work on the plains of Chubut, Patagonian Territory, Argentine Republic. It is far from all civilized world and the roads are dangerous and infested with outlaws, I do not know if any one would venture out there easily.

As you know I am not rich and a trip to Buenos - Ayres is quite out of my means, though the passage fares are not extraordinary. If I could personally go as far as one of the interior cities of the Argentine, to one of the cities nearer Chubut I feel confident my father would come half way out to meet me, & I feel sure he would sign the necessary deeds for us to claim the Span-
 skana & Minnesota lands.

Would you be willing to risk
 the expenses & advance me the money
 to go? Of course if we should win
 our case I would immediately meet
 your notes, in case of unsuccess
 I would be much slower in paying
 and I would not be able to do it
 but by installments.

Now Mr. Mariner I wish you to
 believe me on my word of honour
 that I had not definite knowledge
 of my father's existance until
 about a month ago. I did not
 mention the fact of having heard
 from him in my last letter
 to you because he himself showed
 his desire of continuing in his
 secluded life. Believing that
 his existance would be ^{have} of no direct
 influence in our Teaukauna claim
 inasmuch as you told me formerly such was the case
 as we claimed as my being heirs to

to my grandfather Judge Lewis through
my mother.

My mother left no will nor
no document whatever relating to
her land claims.

I have in my possession several letters
relating to my search of my father's
whereabouts. Will they be of any use
now.

I can prove that I had no
knowledge of his existence until
last month; will that be of any
use?

My husband does not know en-
glish. I was married when my fa-
ther left. My husband can prove
that my father told him once that I
had rights to large tracts of land
in the States.

I believe all these difficulties would
be overcome if we could obtain any

father's deed making over to me
all his claims to the Kankanna
lands is it not so?

I will write immediately as no
time must be lost, & our benevolent
friends of Minnesota, my circum-
vent us. It is a pity that I cannot
go myself immediately to Buenos-
Ayres. My father loved me dearly, &
would easily respond to my wishes.
Since the mislaying of my former
letters I have no confidence in the
postmen, tried to take correspondence
to his missions.

This is a lengthy letter, I only
hope I have been plain in my
statements. Make every effort to
keep our claim up for some
time longer. I feel confident to
arrange matters satisfactorily
in all that regards my share.

of "fighting" to do. I will leave no
stone unturned, the only difficulty
being the lack of ready money.

As I said try and keep matters
going until you next hear from

Yours very truly
Corinna de Tivaldi Caracy