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Dear Mr. Buckle:

I certainly appreciate your October 18th letter, giving some information about the genealogical background of the Buckles and some specific information regarding my Grandmother, Catherine Buckle. I am also very appreciative of the effort you are making with regard to sending me the Pastor Wissman material.

I greatly regret that I did not re-initiate correspondence with you a year or so ago because my son, George R. Page, spent about nine months in London in a trainee program with the Nestle' Company in 1968. In addition, in August of 1968 my wife, Thelma, and my daughter, Carol, were in London on a trip into the Scandinavian countries and then came back and spent some time with George. I believe it was in the same summer that two of my cousin Arnold's children spent some time in England. Arnold is the son of Henry Page, another son of Catherine.

I personally have never become too familiar with the genealogical terminology and I'm wondering if you would mind giving me an explanation of your reference to "the senior branch" and the "junior branch". I'm also curious about the statement which you quoted:

"The aisle is the dormitory of the Buckles, and the walls as well as the floor....."

Do I correctly interpret this to mean that the aisle of the church is the burying ground for the Buckles or is there some other meaning to the phrase?

You may be interested in knowing a little bit about what we are doing here in this country..

William B. Page, my Grandfather, who married Catherine, was, of course with the Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Company. In 1880 or thereabouts he came back to the United States and supervised the construction and operation of a milk plant in his old home town of Dixon, Illinois. W. B. and Catherine had four sons. The oldest son was Carl; then my Father, Rowland Buckle Page; then, Henry A. Page; and the youngest, who is Walter Page. All four brothers worked in the plant at Dixon at various

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times and then when opportunity arose, and particularly when the Anglo Swiss sold the plant to the Borden Company, they went various ways.

Carl was an operator of dairy plants in Wisconsin for many years. My Father, Rowland, operated a plant in Indiana. Then was managing director of the Hires Condensed Milk Company in Pennsylvania. Then moved to the St. Lawrence Condensed Milk Company and then, in northern New York. He finally settled here in Wisconsin.

Henry Page deviated from the pattern by getting into the Fluid Milk business in Toledo, Ohio, founding a business known as the Page Dairy Company which is today operated by his two sons, Henry A. and Arnold.

Walter Page, after being with several smaller condensed milk organizations, became the manager of the Dairy Operations for Libby, McNeill, Libby. Then he went with the Carnation Company as manager of all production, and finally went with the Borden Company as manager of all manufacturing plants. Walter is still alive at age 90, but is definitely not in good health and there is a question as to whether he may not be slipping downhill rather rapidly.

Walter had three children, Catherine, Eleanor, and Henry, the oldest being Catherine and the youngest, Henry. No doubt Eleanor Page is the Eleanor you mention in your letter.

From your reference to Eleanor Page, I wonder if you have been in this country and visited Walter Page or whether your reference comes from a picture.

Our family consisted of four boys and one girl. I am the oldest. The others, Walter, William, Jim and Pauline are in that order in age. Walter died at age 16 as a result of an accident in a basketball game. William, Jim, and I are in the milk business operating an evaporated milk plant here at Merrill, Wisconsin; an evaporated milk and fluid milk business or bottled milk plant at Coffeyville, Kansas; and a fluid milk and ice cream plant at Tulsa, Oklahoma. My sister, Polly, is married and her husband operates a medical laboratory.

I hope the above information about our family may be of interest.

Sincerely,

GEO. B. PAGE

P.S. I just noticed that I didn't tell you anything about the Carl

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and Walter Page families. Carl had six boys. The oldest, Gordon, is a milk distributor for the Borden Company in Indiana. The other boys are teachers and in various occupations.

Walter's two girls, of course, are married with families of their own. Henry, Walter's youngest, I have rather lost track of but the last I heard, he was not in very good health and living on the West Coast.