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3 Letters, sent from Yukon Oklahoma,  
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In 1963 and 1965, a grandson of Enoch H. Stone, Enoch Garnet Stone (1880-1967), and son of Cicero Constantine Stone, wrote three letters to a relative (cousin) named Alene (probably a daughter of Daisy, by process of elimination - *update by Sherry: Alene was daughter of Elihu and Hattie Clay Sanders*) and provided a fair amount of information on the Stone and Maxwell families. The first letter was written from Yukon, Oklahoma, as were the next two, and it was dated January 3, 1963.

*Annotations including initials "FWW" were made by Floyd Weatherbee.]  
Annotations of full names in [square] brackets and underscored, as well as font distinctions, were added by Sherry, this researcher, to indicate who in this file has been linked to these letters.*

1963, Jan 3

*Dear Alene & Family:*

*I was so glad to get your letter yesterday. It seems outrageous that I should have first Cousins whom I never met. However, it seems such is life with some unfortunate mortals. Well, I am glad that I am able to give you definite information on [the] date of our Grandma, Eliza [Maxwell] Stone's death. Now, I am going to quote quite a bit from my father's [Cicero Stone] letter to me dated April 26, 1931 from Dexter, New Mexico.*

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*Quote: "Your letter of 8th. Instant, together with an old letter I wrote to Aunt Margaret Stone [Margaret*

Marinda Lindsey], now over 54 [1877] years ago, were received in due course of mail. The old letter made me think of old times, when Ridley [Ridley Stone] was a little baby, and Mama [Isabelle Christine Draper] and I lived at the Ann Dowell [Dowell Corder relative?] place near your Uncle Stone's [?] place. The Ann Dowell place then belonged to your Grand Ma Draper [Rebecca Ann Kuykendall] I was glad to see the old letter once more. Glad that the Good Lord had let me live over 54 years after writing it, and I sure thank Him for my long life, as I will be 81 years old next June 15th, if I live to see that day come as I have butted up against a number of sad things since February the 28th, 1877.

My Poor father, [Enoch Herschel Stone] Sister Vick [Lenora Vick Stone], Aunt Margaret [Margaret Marinda Lindsey] & Uncle Elihue [Elihu Patton Stone], Aunt Phama [Phama Louina Stone], Aunt Elizabeth [Elizabeth C. Stone], all my poor Mother's [Eliza Maxwell] Sisters [implied: Zerilda Jane, Amanda Elizabeth, Maranda, Permelia, Milda Jane], and all her brothers [Pickney C. Wilson Perkins, Granville Cecil, William Wade, Alvin C. Bird Cantrell, Sean P.] except two [? all dead by 1931] my Grand Pa [Amos Maxwell], Grand Ma Maxwell [Mary "Polly" Patton], Poor Little Ruby [Edith Ruby Stone] (Arthur's daughter), some of my Cousins, Cate [Cate Moyer] (Moyer's daughter), some of my good friends and School Mates, have all crossed that

"Old River Jordan" since 1877. My Poor Mother [Eliza Maxwell] died on October 2nd, 1871, and is buried on a high hill overlooking Steelville, Crawford County, Missouri. My brother G.D. [Granville D] Stone died in 1873 in July, think 10th, and is buried in Grand Pa Maxwell's old family grave yard about 3 miles south and a little east of Baxter, Tenn. My Father [Enoch Herschel], and Sister Vick [Lenora Vick], poor souls, died at Zuebeck" (White Co, TN-FWW).

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That was a long quotation and rather sad. Now, as to Grand Ma Eliza Stone [Eliza Maxwell], I cannot be sure she had a sister Harriett (she did not--FWW). I knew personally three of Grand Ma Eliza (Maxwell) Stone's brothers Grandfield [Granville Cecil. Maxwell] (Granville--FWW), Byrd [Bird Maxwell] (Bird--FWW), and Woodfork [William Wade Woodfork] (all sons of Amos Maxwell and Mary "Polly" Patton--FWW). Uncle Woodfork and his family lived about three miles from Bloomington where we resided, and, therefore, we visited often.

I never knew any of her sisters, nor do I know their names. I have had a faint idea that there was a Harriett. However, Bonnie [Bonnie Z. Harris] (Daisy's daughter) wrote me about it, and I answered I thought there was. Later she wrote me that she had investigated and found out that she was not Grand Ma's sister. Should you find out definitely, when you write again please tell me if she is the same. The names of the three brothers mentioned may help you decide.

Now, as to Grand Pa Stone [Enoch Herschel Stone], he was in the Union Army and fought in the Civil War, and my father said he was a captain (2nd Lieutenant--FWW). I have an old picture of him and Grand Ma [Eliza Maxwell], taken when they were young, and he is dressed in a Captain's Uniform (?--FWW). His brother Uncle Elihu [Elihu Patton Stone] was with Sherman on his march to the sea. Well, like all soldiers, I guess he had to do what he was told.

(Two unimportant paragraphs were omitted--FWW).

I have wondered if Grand Pa Stone [Enoch Herschel Stone] had a brother named Alfred [Alfred F. Stone]. Quoting from an old letter to his brother Elihue [Elihu Patton Stone] dated April 9, 1882 Grand Pa wrote,

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Quote: "I have recently learned that John Stone [John H. Stone] (Brother Alfred's son) [Alfred F. Stone] was dead."

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I thought he might have meant Brother in the Church or something of the kind. Now, that, you know only as well as I. My record which is very meager did not have an Alfred in it.

It as I have it is that Grand Pa's [Enoch Herschel Stone] father was "Tom" Stone [Thomas Stone] and that he married a Williams (Elizabeth Williams--FWW). I just cannot remember the name of Tom's father and mother, which I think I used to know.

*Tradition has it that they descended from W.M. Stone [Gov William Stone] 1603-1660 Proprietary Governor of Maryland appointed by Lord Baltimore. As to its being a fact you will know just as well as I.*

(The remainder of Garnet's letter did not pertain to my direct or collateral line ancestry and was omitted--FWW).

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**The second letter was dated March 11, 1963.**

*Dear Alene & Family:*

*Have neglected writing much longer than I had intended. However, I had an old picture of our grandfather Stone, and his first wife, Eliza Maxwell Stone [Eliza Maxwell], our grandmother, and she is the one that died out West and was buried at Steelville, Crawford County, Missouri, while on their way from Kansas back to Tennessee. She certainly did marry a Union sympathizer, as the writing on the back of the enclosed picture will show.*

*To allay all doubt as to Enoch Herschel Stone [Enoch Herschel Stone] being your grandfather, I will quote from an old letter I have here from him written to Elihue Stone [Elihue Patton Stone] his brother, while he Elihue lived in Kansas.*

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*(dated Apr 9, 1882 from White Co. Tenn)*

*Quote: "Cicero [Cicero Constantine Stone] still lives at Bloomington and Vick [Lenora Vick Stone] lives with him. Newton [Isaac Newton Stone] is there going to school. Herschel [Elihu Herschel Stone] is still living at his Uncle*

*Geo. Anderson's [George W. Anderson, husb of Phama]. Aut [Austin L. Stone] is now at home. Moyers [Oliver Hopkins Moyers, husb of Elizabeth C. Stone (d bef 1880)] lives close to me and farming. Cleopatrae [Cleopatrae Stone] & Omega [[Euclid A. Stone]]. Euclid [Euclid A. Stone] & Mary [Mary E. Stone] are all at home growing finely. Minerva [Manerwia Jane Patton, his 2nd wife] has only had two children. Mary [Mary E. Stone] is the youngest will be 7 years old the last day of July." This old letter was headed White Co. Tenn. and dated April 9, 1882.*

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Now quoting a little further from the same old letter,

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*Quote: "I suppose Phama [Phama Lovina Stone], wrote you about the death of Nelly Moyers. [Nelly Moyers] she died last January at her Uncle Geo. Anderson's [George W. Anderson] with consumption. John [John Moyers] her brother came to see her while she was sick, and I think she died the next day after he left."*

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*I quote the above to show you that Uncle Moyers [Oliver Myers Stone] was named for Nelly's [Nelly Moyer] father, who I am quite sure married Elizabeth [Elizabeth C. Stone], who was grandfather's [Enoch Herschel Stone] sister, i.e., I know he had a sister, Elizabeth, and am quite sure she married Mr. Moyers [Oliver Hopkins Moyers]. He (Uncle Moyers, i.e. [Oliver Myers/Moyers Stone] is the one who lived in Nashville, and Ridley Stone [Ridley Stone] was my brother who lived there for many years until he moved to California.*

(Five unimportant sentences were omitted--FWW).  
(One unimportant sentence was omitted--FWW).

*Grandfather's sisters were Phama, Elizabeth, and Elvira. I believe it is Elvira instead of Elvina. Any way it was so handed down to me.*

(There was a bit more and then Garnet signed off--FWW).

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**The third letter was dated September 18, 1965.**

Dear Alene & Folk:

(One unimportant paragraph was omitted--FWW).

*Have tried to read your letter and the enclosure carefully, and to put together some facts pertaining thereto in answer. Though, I must confess my knowledge on Stone family genealogy is very brief or limited.*

*Quoting from a letter from my father to me dated April 26, 1931. Quote:*

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"I will be 81 years old next June 15th, if I live that long."

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*So, you will see he was born June 15, 1850. My father was the oldest child of the family, and as you know, or I think I had told you, Grandmother Eliza (Maxwell) Stone died on October*

2, 1871, at Steelville, Crawford County, Mo. while on the way back to Tennessee. She should have been born close to or about the time that Mary E. (Mary Elizabeth Maxwell\* (see footnote) of Nashville--FWW) to whom you refer to was. However, I just cannot believe that they were one and the same person.

Of Grandma's three brothers that I knew, I think Granville [Granville Cecil Maxwell], (we called him Uncle Gran), I believe that was his name, however, it could have been Granfield, or Grandfield. I feel quite sure he was the oldest, then Uncle Byrd (Bird Gantrell Maxwell), and the youngest Uncle Woodfork [William Wade Woodfork], whom I think was youngest of the three.

Now, Pa [Cicero Stone] who was born in 1850 must have been 20 to 30 years younger than Uncle Woodfork [William Wade Woodfork Maxwell], who lived for years about 3 1/2 miles from us, and he and his family visited us often, and we them. I did not know Uncle Woodfork's age, but from his and Pa's looks I would guess there were no less, perhaps, than 30 years. However, it might not have been more than 20. Uncle Woodfork, perhaps was not well educated, but, he was a very, very brilliant and witty man, and was the center of attraction in any crowd. He must have been born between 1820 and 1830. And if there were any half brothers and second wife (?--FWW).

(Garnet, at this point, quotes again from one of Enoch's old letters, which was omitted--FWW).

Now, there were several Maxwell families living in and around Baxter, all related. And I have no doubt that they were related in various degrees to Harriette V. Maxwell of

*Maxwell House fame. Although my father, no doubt, has been at the Maxwell House many and various times, I have never heard him claim any relationship whatever to them.*

(One unimportant paragraph and the remainder of the letter was omitted but Garnet did go on to write one more important sentence--FWW).

*Again, I never heard my father mention a Jesse as brother or half brother.*

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\* (footnote) There was, in fact, some confusion over the relationship of Eliza Maxwell Stone. It was believed, based upon what must have been nothing more than wishful thinking, that she was the sister of Harriet Virginia Maxwell, of the Maxwell House Hotel fame in Nashville. But she was not. I (FWW) discovered several years ago that Harriet's sister, or Mary Elizabeth Maxwell, not only lived to a ripe old age but also died an old maid, and that both women were, in fact, the daughters of one Jesse Maxwell, Jr., and Martha Claiborne.

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