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B. 03 Washington St

How R. L. Richardson

Adams St.

Dear Cousin

Glad to make your
acquaintance through the method
of correspondence. ^{and} hope
we may pose many questions of
interest to me ^{with} through this
medium, yet, I am the niece
of your Grand father, William Hill
Ryan of Balto. who always and
only makes an uncle out of his first
making his house his home.

while in Cal. and visiting other relatives near
Especially Uncle Phillip Ryan whose first
was our Aunt Harriet Hill of Adams County.
(his name Curran.) Uncle Phillip lived in Cal. all of
his life. ^{married} his second marriage was to Miss Brown
from Illinois. ^{born} by this marriage he has two
living daughters Ida & Carrie & one son Walter
Ryan. Ida married @ Miss Smart, Carrie
died at thirteen years of age, Ida left one
daughter married now living in South Carolina
I believe (I never met this girl), all are
dead (but Walter) of Uncle Phillip's family, his
last wife Aunt Lou, was @ beautiful
woman in features & form, but one
limited in intellect she was @ good

moment. after her death. My mother's³
marriage to Aggie Winfree. (I had
to be in school for a living) and
I quit all associations. Unless
see Walter occasionally, I think in
no time to remember of the Ryan
family. I have often heard Mother
say. Remember Sallie Ryan Walter
came to see her on her Bridal
trip several days she heard from
Mother say she L. also Jessie Ryan
who married Mr. Bunch, but (never
of L.). Mother was fond of these
two nieces & often spoke of them,
coming to see her before going South
to which I know of the Bunchs also
and @ Miss Carrie Goodwin
who's father married Grandmother
she did not like the people.

and often visited at Mother's with
@ Mrs Richardson (old lady) who
must have been Aunt Maria
Ryan mother (Aunt William Ryan
first wife) and I suspect in this.
I am telling you from memory of
what mother said. Miss Sojourner
Truitt at the Lyceum Female
Seminary. She was @ lovely young woman.
Spent some of her time at home.
The Episcopal church, ^{now} standing on
corner of 7th and Bay St. Was at
one time the Residence of home
of your grand father (Aunt William)
Ryan before he left for Balto. He sold
this handsome home to George W.
Rucker, who I believe was connected
by marriage to your grand father's
family. I don't say exactly how this
comes in.

I have three brothers all Three College
 boys killed in the Civil War, the
 eldest one only 18 years old nothing but
 children, brother William & Charles
 died of T. B. (now Emma W.) you
 know Carrie Gattie Photo @ Uncle
 the Ryan family home. Our Uncle's
 John of Mrs. Phillips, Charles & George
 mother, her three sisters, Mrs. Andrews,
 Mrs. Fitzgerald & Mrs. Dr. Savage
 all had that trouble. Their children
 and even grandchildren have
 it, and die of it, all of these families
 are dead but one granddaughter of
 our Aunt Rosetta Andrews, who
 live in Roanoke, my three sisters
 Ella, Bessie & Annie died of it.

my sister Bessie (Capt. Bea & Wife)
had one little girl who died of this
trouble the year she graduated,
you will never know how sad & ^{and}
lonely I feel, at times. I married
twenty seven years @ go, one of the
most brilliant Largers of Virginia
Mr. A. J. D. Mitty who only lived
three years and twelve days, my
marriage life was beautiful & happy.
but now since he was taken
@ away from me, I had no children
and I have been @ Principal of some
of the largest schools in Virginia
for thirty years. Don't tell I now
I taught one term in Baltimore
Public schools. Dr. Dogson of the
1st best school told me

That spring, also, our Uncle Phillip
and all of his children, ^{my} Nephew, ^{my}
Lizzie Minnie and Walter babies
were put in this spring lastly old
man John Bowman Aunt Louie's
Reynolds brother, one put there, I had
our Aunt Rosetta Ryan Andrews
buried in this spring. She was
your grandmother's favorite
sister who was away and married
Mr Andrews @ poor man, ^{much} ^{well} he
spoke to her afterwards our Aunt
Rosetta was a high toned lady
only married @ lazy poor man
but she brought it out ^{again}
Respected and beloved, and Uncle
Phillip Ryan never paid one
penny for this spring, simply

took possession of it. Sister, again
your Uncle Charlie Ryan (who
married Pattie Crable;) came here
one year before he died and
wanted Uncle Phillips estate
responsible for this sum, but
his wife, Annie Mrs. Hudson
lobbied against him & drop
the proceedings which he did, all
of my family are buried in
this Cemetery, my Father has
a space now filled I have one
of my brooms and two of my Sisters
all beautiful spaces. Bought
long @ 90 and paid for your
Uncle Robert Ryan after he went
back to Balto and his Father
(Uncle Will) owned 15 mother

(4) ^{articles in Balt} ⁹
that Robert Ryan had a daughter
Miss Annie Ryan who was teaching
in a Baptist College in Balto, but
I never met her. I would like to
have done so, tell me if this is true.
I would like to know something
of them, I mean his children. I'm
sure if she had known or that I had
she would have looked me up.
You must write me all about
Robert's children, where they live.
Is Bessie's husband @. Son of old
J. Gansel, so they live in Balto
yet? While teaching in Balto, I spent
(outside of class room work) most of
my time at the Hotel where I dined
and with the Dr. Rogers family old
friends from Virginia.

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I am regretting that I did not see you while
in Rhy. it would have been @ great pleasure
to me to know you. Listen! the old home
pointed out to you must have been where
Uncle Phillip lived. on Cobble Street - for
our lunch on other old home, has been
pulled down for many years. & The Baptist
Riverview Church is built in the front
yard of her old home, not @ trace
of anything of her home is left. for many
years, passed. Listen! again your Grandfather
bought @ spruce in the Presbytery ^{Cornwall} ~~years~~
ago. to buy his little Maggie Ryan, then
our Grand mother Ryan one buried there, and
Phillip's last little Sammie she was put in

And Fred (5) her to buy her bags
in this space. he said I want
you to have this. for your kindness
to Robert, but my Father said
No no, Mr Ryan I am fully able
to buy any thing, then Uncle Phil
took it, I have written you such
a long letter but did not intend
to go into details, hope you may
excuse me, for saying so much
to you, but I feel we will render
- stand each other in a kind
Confidential way. I am very
true to like my mother in dispo-
sition give the names of all of our
family tree in my next letter
before I close I am

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Till you I am the only Relative in Va
who has been honored with a visit
from Orr Hyman Bage of Dallas Texas,
Carrin Hyman made a Especial visit
to see me, his mother always wrote me
after her death, he wrote sent me his
picture also his mother, & her Obelisk
(I saw him a letter many) he is a grand
man, one to be proud of. I am
very fond of him, I gave Carrin Hyman
notes of the Hill & Regan family he
told me he was going to write
the genealogy of our family, I began to write

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This ~~own~~ ^{my} sister ~~year~~ ago, but I
have finished it, I have never known
of any Revolutionary Heroes on The Hill
or Ryan family sides, I don't believe
there is any, (I don't know if any.)
Will say The Hill & Ryans are
@ peculiar type of people. Their likes
and dislikes are strong. They are @
brave determined high strong class of
people. Especially The Ryans, who des-
cend from the northern part of Ireland.
The Hills come to this country from
Scotland, (we are descendants of John
Hill of Scotland,) on my Hart or
family side I am @ descendant of
English, & Scotland Royalist,
Hartley and all of his side were
noted chieftains & Sailors, The
last red member of his family was

United States Senator Thomas Staples
 Martin of near Charlottesville, Va.
 who served as a Senator from Virginia
 twenty five years ago. When he
 was first put ago. left for Chicago,
 but enough of this, as I wrote
 to answer Cassius Heissner Berg's
 last letter. Remains just before the
 month of conference. He always begged
 me to pay him a visit, sure he
 will have to go so far away now,
 he told me he has a lovely wife and
 family and one married daughter.
all hard workers and happy and
 well satisfied. When saying "good bye"
 he said Cassius I am sure you make
 one feel so happy in meeting of you.
 I am so much of my gentle mother in
 your character, I always love you,
 I too felt good to know him

personally (6) and its a pleasure for
 me to receive his letters, again
 Cassin & allie & were on for
 writing you such @ long plain letters
 and I hope you may answer me
 real soon telling me all about
 your self and family. (You see I
 have no family myself, don't @ home.)
 I had @ letter from Cassin & allie
 Ryman Beedridge, over so you @
 know her, you don't know what @
 pleasure it me to receive your good
 letter now write me soon. Tell me
 any thing that pertains to our Relations
 it will be of interest to me.

Kindest regards to all of the
 Remondant Cousins

With many thanks

to you for writing me
I am very truly your
Cousin

Mrs) Annie Ryan Stewart, D^e Witts
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Va

P. S. Walter Ryan has his brain
and Education than any of the
Ryans I ever knowed. I pity his
ignorance, & since he married by
W. who only has money, & nothing else
(but stinginess attached to his family)
he has forgotten that his Father was

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are known to any fair free colored
lives, you see I know, he come to me
once for some information, and always
ask when he want have it, I have
Rackas better to sleep hundreds of
times, I like the boy but I do pity he
if not once he always invites me to see
him, I said to, no, better I wont go
to any nigger house, It has father
once so appeared to your marriage in
the family. Carrie Sallie They there
so bitterly opposed to Walter's marriage
they have gotten over ^{it} now, but I still
remember, yes; I like you think to
a disgrace to the family not to notice
each other if they are honorable and
Respectable. He have a cousin ^{and} one
your uncle Dr John Rogers) Grandson of
a fine gentleman, not only in money

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matters, but @ high toned cultured gentleman
@ Librarian of the Community of Virginia. Walter
(and Charlie Rogers) will pore each other on the St.
and dont know each other. One day at Douglass.
Mr. Lumsden said to me, Miss Nannie Aint
The old Coln Son (Charlie F. and Walter Ryan are
Canadian. I said yes, what is the matter with W.
now he. It is one of the finest gentlemen that
I met in this City. He is worth two hundred
thousand dollars, besides his farm, he is @
fine gentleman, I am glad to say for
one cousin has more brains @ the other
one has no brains at all. he said he must
be so for their cant be any distinction
or you can plainly see how some of
the Ryans are descended of him, A.R.B.T

Write me soon do hope you may
be able to read and understand this
long uninteresting letter.

Truly

Cousin Fannie

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