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7617 N. Decatur
Portland 3, Oregon
December 3, 1955

Library Dept.
George Fox College
Newberg, College

Dear Madam,

In searching for information concerning the wife of Herbert Hoover, Lou Henry Hoover, I learned that Herbert Hoover was connected with the Geoge Fox College through an uncle.

As I am particularly interested in the parents and grandparents of Lou Henry Hoover, I thought possibly you might have some of the information there at your college.

I would like birth places, dates, and names of Lou Henry's grandparents, children. Also these childrens ^{names} dates and places of birth. I realize this a large request, and very doubtful that you have the information, but if you have even a part of it, it would be a grat help to me.

If you will let me know by return mail the charges for searching for this information, I will be very glad to remitt you by check.

Sincerely yours,

Post. enc. Jan. 8, 1944 -

dan. of Charles D. Henry of Waterloo, Ia. *Betty J. Jordan*
Betty J. Jordan

January 4, 1956

Mrs. G. L. Jordan
7617 N. Decatur
Portland 3, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Jordan,

My reply to your letter of December 3rd has been delayed, and as you suggested, the information that you requested is limited in our library.

Herbert Hoover was a student in Pacific Academy at the time his uncle, Dr. H. J. Minthorne, was superintendent. (1885-88)

Lou (Henry) Hoover was the daughter of Charles Delano Henry and Florence (Weed). An Oregonian obituary of Jan. 8, 1944 says O. D. Henry of Waterloo, Iowa.

A "Saturday Evening Post" article of Mar. 2, 1929, by Charlotte Kellogg, states that Mr. Henry moved his family and his bank from Iowa to California. This article also mentions a "North Dakota grandmother".

Another article by Charlotte Kellogg, in the "Ladies Home Journal" of September, 1930, states the Henrys were in Ohio in 1859. Brothers of Charles Henry are mentioned, the older one being Addis, and the one younger than Charles, Will. Lou Henry's younger sister was Jean (Henry) Large. She was eight years younger.

A story in I. H. Gerlinger, Mistresses of the White House. Samuel French, 1950, states Lou Henry met Herbert Hoover while they were both attending Stanford, and they were married in 1899 at her home in Monterey, California.

I hope this is not all duplication of information you already have. You are certainly welcome to it if it is any help at all.

If you are working on a family history of the Henrys or the Hoovers, we should be interested in knowing what progress you are able to make. We knew Henrys in Ohio, who were also Friends, but I have no knowledge as to whether they were part of this family or not.

I am sorry we could not locate more information for you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mary B. Dade, Librarian