

February 10, 1914.

Mr. E. P. Moore,  
Northwestern Elevator Company,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

I have been shown your letter concerning your father and the cane which he presented to Thaddeus Stevens more than a generation ago, and which cane came into my possession on Christmas day last. Your letter is one of many I have received explaining who your father was-- other letters, as I recall, including ones from Rev. C. H. Forney, of Harrisburg, and J. E. Rutherford, also of Harrisburg.

Mr. Rutherford says that your father taught public school in Swatara Township, Dauphin County prior to his going to the Mount Joy Academy, and that young Rutherford was a boy in the country school at that time. I imagine that if your father and Thaddeus Stevens were living today they would be very much amazed by the sight of the South again in the saddle.

I am obliged very much to both yourself and your cousin for the privilege of hearing a history of the cane from the son of the man who presented it to the Old Commoner.

Yours very truly,

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*Minneapolis, Minn. Jan 19, 1914*

*Dear Cousin*

*I have been greatly interested in reading  
an item in a Lancaster paper, regarding a  
lane lately given to Congressman Grist  
that formerly belonged to Thaddeus Stevens  
and in one named to Russ who E. R. Moore  
the original, donor, was. I can easily  
answer that. My father or your Russ*

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was the principal of the Mt Jay Academy from 1851 to 1862. The Civil War nearly broke up the school attendance & he was compelled to look for other business. He called upon Ben Thaddeus Stevens, both being Abolitionists, there was a bond of friendship: father frankly told Mr Stevens that he would like to be Quartermaster or Paymaster: and shortly after that he received his appointment as Paymaster U. S. Volunteers. I remember how pleased, father & mother were, for those were

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dark days in many a home. During a part of the years 1863 & 1864 father was stationed in Washington D.C. and was a frequent caller upon Mr. Stevens. It must have been in one of those friendly visits that he gave him the <sup>children</sup> Paul. I could not say as to that for we lived in Mt. Joy until after the close of the War.

Father's clerk, a Mr. John Morrison, is still living in Washington D.C.; I think he probably

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*would know all about the matter.*

*I am glad the case has fallen into good hands. I am also pleased to throw light upon the subject. The incident shows also how a new generation comes forward and the older one is almost forgotten and unknown.*

*Sincerely yours,  
E. R. Moore*

*St Paul address 1905 Lytleman Ave*