

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOME ADDRESS:
MOSCOW, IDAHO

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1922.

Mr. J. C. Odell,
Carroll County Historian,
Delphi, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Odell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo on behalf of the Carroll County Historical Society asking that I give you a little data connected with myself, in view of Carroll County having been my birth-place.

I was born near Delphi, Indiana, August 1, 1875, my father being David Charles A. French, and my people living about four miles south of Delphi. My father owned a small tract of land.

As I recall, from hearing my people speak of the neighbors, the old home place must have been in the neighborhood of the Widners, Arnots and Heffners. One of the Arnots, I believe, had a blacksmith shop at that time.

My father and mother lived near Delphi for eleven years and the family moved away in the spring of 1880.

My father was a member of the lodge of Odd Fellows, I believe, in Delphi and I think I recall him telling me that he had carved out of wood certain emblems that at the time he left were hanging in the lodge room, such as the three links, a hand with possibly a heart in it, etc.

My people had no relatives in Indiana after their removal and as a result we gradually grew away from close association with our earlier friends.

In your letter you make mention of former Senator Clapp, and I remember him as Senator Clapp from Minnesota at the time I was first elected to Congress.

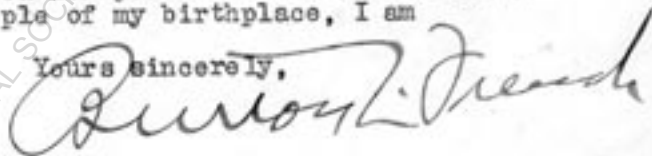
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You also mention the late Senator David Turpie and I recall that my father has told me that at one time he built a barn on the Turpie farm. I do not know whether it was for Senator Turpie, or for the Turpie family of which Senator Turpie was one of the sons. My father was a carpenter and worked at his trade chiefly in Delphi.

Thanking you for your letter and with every good wish to the people of my birthplace, I am

Yours sincerely,



BURTON L. FRENCH
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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HOME ADDRESS:
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WASHINGTON

February 18, 1922.

Mr. John C. O'Dell,
Delphi, Indiana.

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and the very heavy work of the Congress during the last ten days has delayed me in acknowledging it.

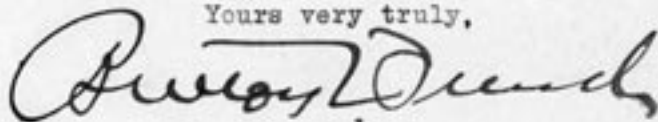
I am very much interested in the mention you made of neighbors to our family and that you were acquainted with all of them.

I am sending you under separate cover a late edition of the Congressional Directory which may be of interest to you.

Sometime I hope I may have the opportunity of dropping off at Delphi and visiting the place of my birth and meeting the old time friends of the family.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Yours very truly,



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