

Notes on the Taft Genealogy Document

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This is the text I posted on WikiTree regarding this document.

I have tried to determine who wrote this document. This person would have been alive in 1860 (stating in this document "...I knew him in Cincinnati in 1860..." 'Him' is judge Alphonso Taft (Taft-20))

The only candidates for the author so far are:

1. Silas Wheelock Plimpton (Plimpton-213), 1804-1883 - father of Plimpton-211.
2. Silas Wheelock Plimpton (Plimpton-211) , 1838-1927 - son of Plimpton-213
3. Hannah Rebecca (Cope) Plimpton (Cope-1031), 1841-? wife of Plimpton-211

There are a couple of other clues in the document, as well:

A. The author mentions "...aunts Maria and Helen..."

B. The author included a description of the Cope family coat of arms - perhaps pointing to Hannah Rebecca as the author?

C. Lois (Seagrave) Taft is Maria's grandmother. FamilySearch shows that the elder Silas Wheelock Plimpton (Plimpton-213) had a sister Maria.

D. Lois (Seagrave) Taft is "grandpa's" grandmother - probably Silas Wheelock Plimpton (Plimpton-213) - eliminating him as the author.

These clues lead me to believe that Hannah Rebecca (Cope) Plimpton (Cope-1031) is the author of this document.