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Mr. J. Vander  
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Dear Sir!

Paso Robles Calif  
Dec 9 1940

Your card of Nov 29 received and will  
say in reply that I cannot find a record  
of Grand father McCready's birth and death.

I think he must have died close to the  
year 1846 and some where near the age 56.

His wife was seven years older and lived a  
year or more after he died. Both were buried on  
the farm on Rapid Creek near Iowa City but when  
I saw the graves some fifty four years ago  
there were no markers of any kind there.

All of their children, including my mother  
were born twelve or fifteen miles from New-  
Castle Penn. where they attended a country  
Presbyterian church, in a stone building, where  
my mother's uncle Abner McCready was  
pastor for thirty years.

If this church is still in existence, which you  
can likely find out from the church in New  
Castle Penn. you might get the date of his  
birth.

They moved to Iowa, I think, in 1844.



My mother's brother Patterson McCreedy and wife very likely belonged to the La Crosse church for they came to Iowa as newly weds on the same boat as the rest of the family did.

He settled on a farm in Cedar county near Gowers, Perry, and died there a few years after his parents, leaving a widow and four small children.

I cannot say who were elders but as the membership was small at that time quite likely Grandfather McCreedy was one.

\* James<sup>m</sup> McCreedy was born in Penn. Jan 23, 1825.

He lived to be over 80 I think but you can obtain the correct date of his death from his son in El Paso Texas, Sherman McCreedy. He might also have a copy of Grandfather's family record.

Great Grandfather, also James McCreedy was born in the Shire of Galway Scotland. and educated in Glasgow for school master and surveyor which he followed after coming to America.

He tutored Mr. Guffy, the author of Mr. Guffy's reader.

Grandfather's bible, with family record, was destroyed nearly forty years ago when my brother's



house burned in the state of Wash.

If we should run across any of these records I will send them to you

\* Sarah Ann McCready was born in Penn Jan 9, 1828 and died Dec 24 1903 in the state of Idaho.

My father Almon Barnes was born in Athens county Ohio April 10, 1821 and died in Sonoma Co, California April 8 1908.

He was an elder for forty years but in different churches where he lived.

yours truly  
Guy L. Barnes

\* Charter members of First Presb. Ch  
of Iowa City - 1840. ~~aged 12~~

Sarah Ann McCready, aged 12

James M. McCready, aged 15

Their father James McCready