

Mom copied this info about grandpa from some of his notes  
(grandpa J B Thornton was born August 6, 1875  
at the 5th St M. E. parsonage, St. Joseph, Mo.)

Dear Sam,

1894 age 19 graduated hi-school  
1895 20 taught school  
1896 21 college @ Bloomington  
1897 22 college @ Jacksonville  
1898 & 1899 23 & 24 to Greenfield, preached at M. E. churches. Circuit of Rubicon, Asbury  
& Wrights  
1900 25 married, lived in Havana  
1901 26 Ruth born, Havana  
1902 27 no comment  
1903 28 SW born, Havana  
1904 29 Missionary to Madras, India  
1905 30 left M. E. Church, moved  
1906 31 to Bangalore  
1907 32 Bombay, Poona - Helen born  
1908 33 went to Japan  
1909 34 Elizabeth born, Kobe

David born, America

Lydia born, Kobe

Ruth died in the flu epidemic of 1918 (Kobe) at 16 years of age.

Grandpa & Grandma were married in her mothers, Lydia H. Thorpe, Carlinville home, SW (his father) officiating. Aunt Effe was bridesmaid, Mr CP Gillet of Jacksonville was best man.

My father died in 1930 - Chas Herbert Gash

My mother died in 1952, Mattie Elvinia (Bennett) Gash.

This may seem like strange stuff to be writing you, but I wish I had learned more of my family prior to their passing away.

Dad is preparing to -----

Don & Martha ---- to Okla. City.

Cathy to leave for India, some sort of -----

Ruth & Paul to be in Jumla, a mountain town -----

Yours, Dad & Mom

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You note that Mom wished she had learned more family history and I urge you to do the same.