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Dear Laura Gilpin:

My name is Bernard, and with a group of cousins I am working a compilation of Bernard Family Descendants. One of my "lost" Bernards is a Bruce Bernard, the son of Edmund (Ned) Price Bernard, grandson of Noah W. Bernard (a prominent pioneer of Tucson, Arizona about one hundred years ago.)

In my search for family, Bruce Bernard is as illusive as a smile and all I have ever heard of him is that he "worked among the Indians, and that he is dead!!" That isn't a whole lot to go on for this amateur family genealogist, but being a "die hard" I try not to pass up any clues in my search. That brings me to my reason for writing.

Recently I had occasion to glance at a beautiful book entitled The Enduring Navajo and in looking at the acknowledgements in that book, I read the name Bruce Bernard! Quickly I jotted down its author and the publishing firm.

I then wrote the University of Texas Press, explaining myself, and requesting your address so I could get in touch with you. Today their response came back with your address. And here I am!

Another bit of happenstance which occurred has made it "mandatory" that I write to you. The day after I wrote to the University of Texas Press, I was going through some old issues of "Arizona Highways" and in the August 1954(!) issue -the centerfold pictures- there is a photo in lovely color by Laura Gilpin with the caption..pawn in Bruce Bernard Trading Post, Shiprock, N.M..I haven't looked through some of my old issues for literally years, and finding that picture was like some unforeseen force since I had just written the U of Texas the day before.

I feel as if I am imposing upon you by writing, but at the same time, I am excited that you may have some information on Bruce Bernard, and that he may be my "lost" descendant.

I would greatly appreciate any information you have on Bruce Bernard, his life activities, death date, etc. so that I may ascertain if he is of my family. Can you help me?

Sincerely,

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