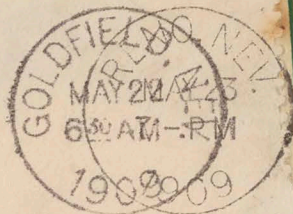


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Mr. Chas. Sparks,
~~Reas,~~
Nevada,
Carson City.

Mr. Chas. Sparks,
Reno, Nevada.

Goldfield, Nevada.
May 21st 1909.

Dear Sir:

I am endeavoring to trace the lineage of ^{some} ~~two~~ excellent Scotch Collie pups, which I presented to friends of mine in Illinois and California, two of their owners being women.

The pups' grandmother on their mother's side is one "Queen," raised and formerly owned by Mr. J. Williams, of the Goldfield Turry and Palace Hardware Co. He states that "Queen" was presented to him about 4 or 5 years ago, in the spring of the year, by Gov. Sparks, your father, along with two other pups — another Collie pup and a hound pup. This Collie pup was presented to Senator Stewart, as I understand matters.

Mr. Williams states that in his opinion "Queen" is a thoroughbred Collie of a certain particular strain, and that her parents were probably registered; if not, that they are known to you or others in Reno.

As a possible aid, I give a brief description of "Queen" from verbal reports.

A medium sized Collie, brown colored, with some black and dark brown markings. Very little white. No guide. White feet and narrow white streaks on breast, also on face.

In appearance she differs considerably from the eastern Collies in being somewhat smaller, with broader head, + having but little white on coat and ^{in being} somewhat shorter haired than the usual Collie. She developed into a splendid sheep dog.

Now then, Mr. Sparks, if you can
conveniently favor me, please send me the
names of "Queen's" parents and their
registry numbers, if registered; and also any
other data available regarding "Queen"
and her parents — what "strain" of Collie — etc —
— at your convenience.

I will be very grateful indeed for
this favor,

Yours very truly,

Paul E. Smith,

P.O. Box 209,

(Postage enclosed.)