

Dothan, Alabama
April 30th, 1968

Mr. William Alexander
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Re: James Earl Ray (one of most
wanted)

I am sending you some information which I
would ask that you will keep strictly confidential
from the public, as to name and source.

I [REDACTED]
Houston County, Alabama, and have been in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] business about [REDACTED] years. The inform-
ation I am giving you is from the public records here,
and I would not want it advertised in any way publicly,
on account of probably hurting my business and my person.

The Ray family having so many relatives in,
and not too far distant from Springfield, Missouri, as
shown by the evidence sent you, it seems logical it
could be of benefit in your search, as the crime for
which he was serving occurred in Missouri.

It might not be of any value at all to you
and if not please return to me.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

Telephone after 5:00
o'clock P. M. [REDACTED]

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Mrs. Edith Ray Thompson was one of ten children who were natives of Springfield, Missouri. She resides in Dothan, Alabama for some thirty odd years. Mrs. Thompson was also known as Mrs. John (Jno) A. Thompson.

She was one of ten (Ray) children.

Listed below are the names of all ten:

1. Edith Ray Thompson
2. Norman (Normand) Ray
3. William J. Ray
4. Earl Ray
5. Eva Utley (Uttley)
6. Bessie Ray Bowser
7. Florence Ray Martin
8. Marie Butry (Buttrey)
9. Oscar N. Ray
10. Lester Ray

Oscar N. Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Stanley Ray, and his widow, Stella Ray.

Lester Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Charles Ray, and his widow.

These two brothers died before the death of Mrs. Thompson, and their remains returned to Springfield, Missouri.

Kathleen Jeck was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on June 18th, 1958 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Pat N. Lackey was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on May 11th, 1960 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Norman Edward Bartling was anephew of Mrs. Thompson and resided at 155 Nebraska, Casper, Wyoming on March 30th, 1956.

It is understood that:

One of three brothers listed, namely: Norman (Normand) Ray, William J. Ray and Earl Ray, had a son, James Earl Ray.