



History.

Avrum Michel's first wife, Rachel, died in a fire leaving 4 small children named Joseph, Rivka, Hanna and Pesha.

He then married Rachel's half-sister, Toba, who bore him Sarah, Annie, Isaac, Shea, Rose, Max, Becky, ~~Eta~~ and Esther.

Toba mixed Rachel's children with her own and treated them all alike. All the 13 children grew up as brothers and sisters. Your grandmother Pesha and my mother Rose acted like real sisters to each other, even though they were half-sisters. Your father was my first half-cousin, although I grew up knowing him as a first cousin. I consider all the Cooks as first cousins to this day. You, Susan, are my first cousin once removed for all intents and purposes.

Addendum. The name Schleger was changed to Nelson by my uncle Max when he arrived in the U.S.A.

Letter from Irving Robinson, Montreal, to Susan Cook. Date unknown.