

Inf. for S.D.S.U. records.

May 28, 1993

Dear Pat Fritzenkotter:

The day after I received your request for information, I addressed this envelope and started a note requesting correction of my name on the alumni records. A telephone call interrupted, and only today I found the envelope (and what I had written) in the desk drawer. My apology! If I am too late, it is my fault.

The name correction is probably all the information you need, as your records are correct, showing my graduation in 1929, a B.A. degree, followed by 19 years of teaching. I believe you have my telephone number: (619) 561-1038.

You have my name listed as Mary. I have never gone by that name, alone. Mary-Powell is a double name, but at S.D.S.C., I went by Powell, only. (I was Powell Porter.) Confusing? Now almost everyone calls me "Polly", which offers no problems.

I live with my husband, Ralph L. Straw, in an old rock castle on five acres, overlooking lakeside valley. Both of us are 87. We had one daughter, who died at age 43, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter. My favorite hobby is playing the piano by ear and composing children's sacred songs (a number of them have been published). At our church in El Cajon, I teach "Bible Through Music" in Children's Church.

(No charge for this extra information! If you should need anything from it, however, you are welcome to use it.)

Very sincerely,

Mary-Powell Straw

"Polly"