

from B. Wier (7/12/89)

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Dear Don,

Thank you for your letter and the info enclosed. I apologize for being so slow in answering...

We just returned from a trip to Virginia/West Virginia/Pennsylvania and since I was behind BEFORE I left...I'm STILL behind. I had an issue of a family newsletter I do to get out before we left and ran into printing problems (it had to be printed twice) which took precious time I really didn't have. Enuf said...

I'm glad to know that you enjoyed your trip east and more happy that you were able to find some of the GOOD STUFF. Oh yes...John gave me your message and am elated you went east instead of coming here. It is not that I'm not looking forward to meeting you, but feel your energy could be better "put" elsewhere. You will eventually get here (which will probably be a let-down from the east) and I will personally show you Quigley stomping ground.

Regarding me...I'm seventh generation Jackson Co. and my Quigley line originates from my birth father. I was adopted out of that family, which probably gave me the interest to dig it out, and was able to answer my questions regarding my deafness. I became the first adopted person to join DAR in this county. I used Isaac Quigley (Samuel's father) and Jill (daughter) is also a member through him. I was born deaf in one ear (left) and the nerves finally dying in the right ear after I got out of college...children etc. I wore a hearing-aid for a good number of years so I fall into the category of "I'm deaf but not dumb (mute)". John (husband) is a computer consultant working in Lansing at the moment (which may or may not help us later with the computer problems we experience-however, he knows little about genealogy) but has traveled at different points in time. I normally work a full-time job outside the home but have been on work comp for a bit lately. I write (books, articles, newspaper columns etc.) in my spare time. I have taught genealogy, colonial history and "fun" classes for elementary children (in genealogy). We moved here to Springport last year into a turn-of-the-century house which we have "great plans" to restore to original!! We also deal in antiques. Enough of that boring stuff...

Some days, I wished I had never become interested in family history (John, too). I have over-run the house with it. I have a 4000 book library PLUS all the genealogical junk and one dare not open the door to the library in fear of being smothered to death with the contents pouring out. I had never planned on putting my genealogy on computer as John had told me many years ago I would need a "main-frame" to hold it. Fortunately, Roots II/III will give me a "breather", but entering the data is a full-time job. Since my genealogy has been destroyed TWICE by flooding, we thought a computer would be our best bet. It (computer) is a Leading Edge and compatible to IBM models. We have a hard disk and one floppy drive.

didn't begin with any family history as few were willing to share, especially anyone from my birth family (one I found them). But since I'm a Deputy County Clerk, the format for me was easy-working with all those records. From there is really mushroomed.

I do my genealogy a little differently than most, as I make the largest portion of an individual/family file documents. Then I put in the fat (family history). I'm glad you work at the Archives versus taking from books what has been "written"...too many errors. I do want to warn you about the Jackson County Genealogical Society...please don't feel that you won't get good "hints" from them, but I was an officer of that Society for many years and am familiar with the members and their modes of researching. NORMALLY you will get only what an inexperienced searcher will deem pertinent. So please tread with caution.

You are going to find some very interesting things regarding the Pearsons and collateral lines. You might want to read THE WINTHROP WOMAN by Louis Auchincloss when you reach the Tindall/Tyndal line.

About reimbursements—let's not worry about that <sup>at Mary Pearson's mother</sup> at this point. It will all even out in the end.

About importing/exporting files—yes, I have the capability BUT not the experience. Roots III is so sophisticated that I'm still badgering John/reading manuals/experimenting and becoming frazzled by it. However, in time I'm sure we will be able to "cross-breed" computer files.

NOW...since you have information to sort and enter and all that good stuff, how about if we make a decision on where YOU would like to BEGIN. From experience, I know if we take one person or family and work on that, we will save us a great deal of grief in the long run. My recommendation is...why not Samuel as we both sprout from him. By the way, I really appreciate your tafel chart as I have little on the Quigley's that "went west". I'm also spotty on some lines that were washed away with the flood. But if we were to start with Samuel and get him 'nailed down' to our satisfaction, it will be much easier to proceed backwards. My big hole on Samuel is his life events in Pennsylvania. I have some hints, but no solid documentation. But before I get carried away with that, I think I will wait to see whom you want to work on. However, I'm enclosing a photograph (which you may keep) that is THOUGHT to be Samuel. If you already have one of these you can return it, otherwise it's yours. You can see that it has been printed from an old photograph. If you know this to be someone else, let me know and I will put my copy in the correct file.

In short, my line goes...Samuel (1); Fannie Elizabeth (2) m. John H. Hubbard; ✓  
Fannie May (3) m. William C. Thomas; Marion Elizabeth (4) m. Raynor E. Fogell; ✓  
John C. (5) m. Mildred M. Gordon; Betty Jean —me—(6). ✓

OK...I'll wait to hear from you as to what we do next. Again thanks for the information.

Sincerely,

*Betty*