

~~File Day 198~~  
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Dear Dr. Peeples,

I appreciate your letter of August 8 and have been trying to gather up additional information. One error in my last letter that I want to correct, Lena Durr being a sister to Margaret & Elizabeth Durr. Evidently she was a half-sister as she was born Nov. 1, 1862, this being after death of John L. Durr's first wife. Also, her name was Laura Madelyn Durr, Lena probably being a nickname. I found in cemetery at Indian Field United Meth. Church near St. George a tomb with the following, "Jacob Durr who died Sept. 1819, aged about 39 years. on the right lie his two sons, Christian aged 3 years and William aged 1 year." Their are also two Durr women who married Collier's buried in this cemetery, Leatha A. Durr, wife of J. W. M. Collier born Nov. 23, 1843 died Oct. 5, 1906 and Annie B. Durr, wife of R. F. Collier, born Jan. 9, 1854 died June 6, 1927. These cemetery records of Durr listed in "Cemetery Inscriptions of Dorchester County, S C Vol I" by Lillian H. Harley, Pattie W. Heaton and Lillian D. Kizer. I don't know if these will fit in with any of your Durr records.

Jacob  
b.c. 1780  
d. Sep 1819

Durr  
Collon

I am sending under separate cover, copy of my personal ancestral chart giving the ancestors of my parents, though there are probable errors. Also a booklet, "Folks in America 1740 - 1961" that might be of interest to you, especially Part I. Part II is record of George Michael Folk family. Mother and Aunt Florrie were very much instrumental in compiling this booklet and I would appreciate getting it back after you have gotten the information that you might be interested in.

Answering another question, my mother is Mrs. Joe C. (Alma Bishop) Thomas, sister to Aunt Florrie Murdaugh, daughters of Joe E. & Margaret Urbanna (EAnna) Folk Bishop. Mrs. H. M. Thomas (Florrie Richardson) of Lodge is a close friend of our family and she descends from the same Folk family from which you and I descend. Mother talked with her on the phone since I received your last letter and she said she would be happy to see you and talk of the Folk family.

I don't know how much you know of Aunt Florrie's family but I will give you some of her record. Her first husband was Bellinger C. Folk, son of Jesse Cornelius & Susan Rizer Folk (see sheet #3 page 1 & 2 that I sent earlier) Aunt Florrie had one son by him. After Bellinger's death, she married J. C. Richardson, brother of Florrie Richardson, (Mrs. H. M. Thomas) and one daughter by him. George Franklin Hiers was third husband and they were parents of three boys. After Mr. Hiers' death, she married Josiah G. Murdaugh. Aunt Florrie worked and got a good bit of family history of all these.

Asking about George Folk McMillan, he was a son of Mary Susannah Folk (daughter of George Michael & Mary Elizabeth Platts Folk) and James Christian McMillan. (see page 7 & 8 of booklet) They were parents of 6 children, all dead now.

I asked Mother about initials in Margaret R. L. Folk's name, but she does not know what they stand for. She had thought, and had understood since childhood that Lena Durr McMillan was a sister to Josiah Copeland's wife, Elizabeth.

This is all for this time, but if you think I can be of help in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray".

Ray Thomas,