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28 August 1967

Dear Mr. Fairey,

Mr. P. Ulmer Savage of Augusta, Ga. has referred me to you as President of The Fairey Family Association for information which he feels you can either provide or for reference to someone who may be able to help me. As nearly as I have been able to determine the following is a brief account of my Fairey ancestry which I should like to have confirmed by some historian in your family:

"MARIAH FAIREY, born 8 July 1801, daughter of John and Margaret Fairey (John Fairey appears in 1790 Census in Orangeburgh Dist., S. C. apparently recently married: "1 male 16/up, 1 female") married 15 Apr. 1819 NATHANIEL BYRD, born 6 Mar. 1792, died 30 Nov. 1850, son of Nathaniel and Flora Byrd (Nathaniel Byrd appears in 1790 Census in Orangeburgh Dist. "1 male 16/up, 1 male under 16, 2 females", apparently he was the son of Nathaniel Byrd who also appears in 1790 Census in Orangeburgh Dist. "3 males 16/up, 4 females, 7 slaves") The 2nd of the 13 children of Nathaniel and Mariah (Fairey) Byrd was:

MARY MARGARET BYRD, born 2 Oct. 1821, died c. 1848, married JOHN L. DURR, born 1820, of St. George's Parish, Colleton Co., S. C.; there two children were:

1. MARGARET R. L. DURR, born 29 Oct. 1844, died 26 May 1870 and buried on the Brazos River in Texas, who married 3 Oct. 1866 JOHN JACOB FOLK, born 20 June 1845, died 14 Mar. 1918 in Broxton Township, Colleton Co., S. C. where he was born; their daughter:

MARY OLIVE ELIZABETH ("Minnie") FOLK, born 23 Nov. 1868, died 15 Sept. 1895 in Orange, Texas where her epitaph remains in Evergreen Cemetery; she married her cousin, ELLISON CAPERS FOLK (1869-1933) and they were my mother's parents.

2. Elizabeth Durr, born 1846, married Joseph I. Copeland and left many known descendants."

After the early death of Mary Margaret Byrd, her husband married again and raised a family by his second wife; their daughter, Margaret R. L. Durr also died young and was buried in Texas, her daughter being brought back to S. C. where she married and later moved to Texas where she also died young leaving two tiny children. These three female deaths in successive generations have caused my mother and her sister to have lost all contact with their mother's maternal relatives. Therefore, we need someone in the Fairey or Byrd family to confirm this Fairey-Byrd-Durr connection and to tell us whatever more is known about these lines. If you can help us, it will be greatly appreciated.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Dear Rev. Peeples:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, a copy of which I am enclosing for your reference.


Enclosed also is a family record of Nathaniel Byrd and Maria Fairey, his wife. Please note that his wife's first name is listed as Maria and not Mariah. I do not know which is correct.

Also enclosed is a "Fairey Family Tree". You will note that Nathaniel and Maria Byrd are shown with only 10 children, however, their family history listed 13 children. Mary Margaret Byrd is one of the three children not shown. Please do not be alarmed by this because the purpose of the tree is to compile a complete history and to do so we must find all of those who are not included.

I have searched the Fairey History file and cannot find any more information. I will send you any information I come across in the future that may help you. Please let me know what you find so we can have a complete history.

These are three persons who may be able to help you: 1. Mrs. Emma Turner Rhoad, c/o D. L. Rhoad, Jr., 18 Edwards St., Branchville, S.C. 2. Mr. John H. Council, 2221 No. Crockett, Sherman, Texas. 3. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Fairey, 506 Wickes St., San Antonio, Texas.

Sincerely,



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President, Fairey Family Association