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Dear Mr. Peeples:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of September 9th seeking information about the Fairey ancestry. First let me say that I am not the family historian, but will gladly give you all that I have, which consists of the family Bible of my grand-father Jesse Fairey and my grand-mother Mary Ann (Syphrett) Fairey. In this Bible my mother Meldred Rebecca (Fairey) Council left a short account of the Fairey ancestry, which I am enclosing with this letter. Also is recorded the births and deaths of all their children.

No doubt you know that Vireen (Varn) Tyree, whose address is P.O. Box 64 Port Royal S.C. was the historian for the Fairey Family Association and she knows more about it than any one else. Several years ago I gave her all the information that I had and at the time she told me that a book of the Fairey family was being prepared by Bob Fairey, who was the son of my uncle Frank.. If I figure correctly Vireen was the grand daughter of my Uncle William who was the oldest son of my grand-father Jesse Fairey. My grand-father Jesse W. Fairey was born November 11th 1799 and died June--- 1882. My grand-mother Mary Ann (Syphrett) Fairey was born January 8th 1823 and died Oct. 31st 1891.

I am sorry that I know so little about the Fairey ancestry, but having left South Carolina before I was grown I haven't had much contact with kin folks, other than my immediate family. I left South Carolina in 1903 and have made my home in Texas ever since. I was born July 31st 1883, which makes me 84 years old. All my working years was spent in railroad service and I have been retired since 1956. My wife died in 1958 and my family consisted of one son who makes his home in Houston. He has three daughters and has been with Westinghouse Electric since 1937.

I would suggest that you get in touch with Vireen Tyree, who I am sure can help you more than any one else. I will be glad to hear from you again, if I can be of service, and wishing you much success in your endeavor, I am.

Most Sincerely,

John H. Council

ANCESTRY OF THE FAIREY'S

John Fairey emigrated with his son Jesse from the line of Scotland and Ireland to South Carolina in about the year 1764. Settled on that piece of land near Sixty Six station (Now located on the Southern Railraod between Branchville and Orangeburg) This land is now owned by John Collier. He being a widower married again Mrs.Patrick. She by ner former marriage had sens David, Jesse, George and others. He by his present wife nad John Fairey, William, Katie and Betsy. This son Jesse that he brought over with nim married a Miss Patrick. Two children were born to them, Sallie who married David Maxcey and Jesse who married Mary Ann Sypnret January 8th 1823. These are my father and mother and your grand parents, their children being William, John, Elizabeth, Emanuel, Philip, Meldred, Abraham, Sarah, Frank and Anna.

(signed)

April 29th 1913

Meldred R.Council

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