

8 April 1985

Dear Robert,

Evelyn McGowan checked the courthouse records at Hampton for data concerning Jacob S. and Elizabeth Ann Tolk. She found nothing but the recording of the following listed items.

(1) A deed given on 25 February 1878 by Jacob S. Tolk to Henry N. Tolk for 636 acres of land on the north side of Whippy Swamp.

(2) A deed given on 9 April 1878 by Henry N. Tolk to E. A. Tolk (wife of Jacob S. Tolk) for 636 acres of land on the north side of Whippy Swamp.

(3) Deeds given during 1900 - 1901 - 1902 by Mrs. E. A. Tolk to her five children for a total of 475 acres of land on the north side of Whippy Swamp. — This was all of the "upland" included in the tract. A later judgment given to my mother indicates that the "swamp land" consisting of 230 acres was divided so as to give each child an equal share (141 acres) of the entire tract of 705 acres. My mother told me that the

tract originally contained 1000 acres. Harold David Williams, great-grandson of Jacob Weiringer Folk, told me that he has papers which show that soon after the War Between the States part of the land "on the Hill" was lost (sold), and the remainder of the tract was surveyed for approximately 700 acres. This probably was a sale made to obtain funds needed for building a new house to replace the one destroyed by Sherman's army. The deed for the sale would have been recorded in the Beaufort District courthouse. — (The deeds given to Jacob W. Folk and to Ellison C. Folk specified that at their deaths the land would go to their children.) — The 656 acres mentioned in items (a) and (4) above included an estimate of "swamp land" acreage, which was not surveyed until after 1894. Henry N. Folk was a first cousin of Jacob S. Folk, and through him Jacob S. transferred all of his real estate to his wife Elizabeth Ann Folk.

Questions (Perhaps your mother gives you the answers.).

1. In the division of land among the children of Jacob S. and Elizabeth A. Folk it appears that John Gustava received the portion on which the family home

and other buildings were located. Do you know if this is true? If so, what did he do with the property?

2. Since no wills, administration papers, or inventories of personal property were recorded or filed for them, Jacob L. and Elizabeth G. Volk must have disposed of their personal property (without formal deed) prior to their deaths. Do you know who received the household furnishings and other things of worth?

3. Where was Elizabeth G. Volk living at the time of her death?

I assume that you received my letters of 8 March and 21 March. Your comment would be appreciated.

As ever,
Carle

21 March 1985

Dear Robert,

I have just reread my letter addressed to you on 8 March 1985 and find an error which should be corrected. On the back of page 2, in the first paragraph (lines 6 and 10), change the word "compensation" to "consideration." — I had intended to word the last sentence as follows: — "The consideration received by Michael evidently was a compensation for his services in acting as trustee...."

Sincerely,

Earle