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Dear Sir,

I appreciate the letter and information you sent. I have been working on the Jacob Levi Folk line for about 6 months. I didn't know anyone on that branch so it has been difficult. Have you researched Jacob Levi's branch? I would appreciate any information you could share with me.

I have the names of 5 children, but very little info that. We have 10 pages on Deese Cornelius Folks, but nothing on Eliza Zenobia Folks.

The Isaac and Christian Copeland you mentioned are very interesting. Where did you find out about them? The only Isaac I can locate other than Jacob's Brother is an Isaac who was granted 150 acres in Granville Co on Jan 10 1771. I don't know if this could be the Isaac you mention or a possible Brother to Jacob SR (1757-1836). Have you ever located anything that stated Jacob SR (1757-1836) was different than the Father of John Jacob (1776-1853)? I have a Dower record from Jacob (SR) to 5 children who may have been his Grand Children. Date (1836)

I would appreciate any light you may be able to shine on the early Copelands. I have a copy of the 1985 Bishop Book. Most of the information we have is from it and other books. We are working to complete the other branches that are ~~not~~ included in the Bishop Book. ie (^{William F} Fender line / Eve Copeland line / John George Copeland line / Mary Copeland Pulaski Line / etc.

Do you know anything about the Pulaski Family?

I know they are from around Beaufort,
but that's about all I know. I have
been working on the Copeland / Patacki line
for about a year. I have had very
little luck with it, but now we do have
about 600 names to add to that branch.

In your research of just families
in South Carolina, have you ever
run across the Bassett Family? I
have seen a record of a John &
Lydia Bassett who came over in
1672. I have also seen a Rev Wathan
Bassett of Charleston who married a
Smith. I have always believed that
the Barnwell s.c. Bassett Family
was related to these people. I
have seen a Francis Bassett (R.S.)
who lived in Barnwell area in the 1780's
and 90's. Do you know about this family?

My G-G. Grandmother was a Bassett
who married Jacob C. (Peg Leg Jake) Copeland.

The only person I have working with me
on the Copelands is Henry William
de Saussure Copeland of Columbia. We
have been working together for about
a year now. I do most of the
"leg" work and he puts it in a
Book form for me. Well, I'll
close for now. I look forward
to hearing from you again soon.

David Piquette

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Respectfully
David Piquette

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Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for the Folk information. I will send a copy of it to Henry Copeland in Columbia. I haven't heard from Henry in about a month. I have been sending him a large amount of up-dates lately. I just hope he hasn't decided to stop working on the books. I would be very displeased after all this work. The pages I sent you are from some booklets Henry gave me about 4 or 5 months ago, so they are out-dated. I'll send you copies of the updated pages when Henry sends them to me.

X I have been asking about the Counts family. I have been told that John Counts came from Rotterdam in 1749 with his wife and several children. They were granted 350 acres in the Newberry area.

I looked at the Copeland file of the Andrea collection a few years ago. I believe it only listed information on the Aaron Copeland line. I am also sure that the Lauren Co library works are along these lines also. The handful of other Copeland families located around South Carolina are mostly covered in "Many years after". I didn't know about the Counts family connection when I was looking into the Andrea works.

The Bassett Family has been very difficult to research. The few Bassetts I have talked to did not know anything about the family. My G. G. Grandmother Ann Mary Bassett Copeland

died in 1926. My Grandmother can just remember her. The 1790-1860 censuses of Barnwell area does list a few Borsetts, but I can't tell for sure with whom my early connections are with. My G-G-G Grandfather Richard W Borsett was born (c.1815). I believe his Father was named Francis Borsett son of William. I haven't located any paperwork to prove this yet. Richard W Borsette's wife was Harriett Gimer (b.c.1813) who was the Daughter of George Tess Gimer and Mary Brabham. I believe George was the son of Nathan Gimer SR. Mary Brabham was the Daughter of Joseph Brabham and Flora McPhail.

Have you ever seen the old Copeland house in Ehrhardt S.C.? It was the home of Jacob Copeland (1776-1853) and Mary Rizer Copeland. The house was willed to Eve F. Copeland in 1859. In 1873 Eve sold the house and land to her son Jacob who rented it on to his son George. George Copeland was my G-Grandfather. A few months ago the house was approved for the National Register. The official ceremonies are supposed to take place later this year. I don't know the date yet. I believe all the children were born there including your Sarah Copeland.

I have asked about Eve Copeland and Jacob Kease for years. I wish I had gotten interested in Family research earlier. My G-Grandfather died in 1985

at the age of 98. He could have told me a great deal about Eve. My Grandmother has told me that Jacob Copeland (Eve's son) wouldn't talk about his mother. I have been told that the Daughters of the Confederacy would come by to ask him about the Family but he wouldn't talk to them. Eve died May 6 1884 and was buried in the back yard without a marker. Eve's Mother and Father are also buried behind the house without markers.

I have never understood why the early Copelands didn't have markers, they were large land and slave owners, so they did have the money.

In my research I have come across other "Eves" in the area. The Bishop Book lists Ann Mary Bishop and her 3 children.

I also have a record of the Conady / George children along these same lines.

Do you have a copy of Mary (Piper) Copeland's will? If you would like one, let me know.

Henry Copeland is the son of John Ross Copeland and Mary de Saussure McQueen.

Mary de Saussure McQueen is the Daughter of Mary Sinkler de Saussure and John Lynch McQueen.

Henry Copeland's G-G-Grandparents were John George Copeland + Anna Rebecca Sumner.

I'll keep you posted on our discoveries.

I was laid off from Cummins Engine Company in Charleston. The only reason I have the time for all this research is because of this. When I get recalled or find a new job I'll just go back to researching on weekends like before.

Well, I'll close for now. I hope to hear from you again soon.

Respectfully
David

P.S My name is pronounced P-Ket.

I have been told that my family were wine makers in France. We are supposed to be related to Napoleon, but I have never seen any proof. I know Napoleon had a number of sisters, I just can't find out who they all married.

My G-Grandfather Emile Napoleon Piquette had a 1st cousin named Lewis Cyr, who was a well known "strongman" in the 1890's. He was called the strongest man in the world at that time.

My G-Grandmother Rose Ann Gagnon Piquette was supposed to have had a sister who married John Fredrick Fisher. Mr Fisher was the founder of Fisher car bodies in Detroit, Mich. They also started a Hospital in Detroit. They had a great deal to do with the "little sisters of the Poor". Their daughter Blanche Fisher was a nun with that organization. I have been told that Blanche and my Grandfather Elmer Napoleon Piquette used to write to each other in French. My G-Grandmother Rose Ann Gagnon Piquette died a nun at the "little sisters of the Poor" in Mobile, Alabama. That's about all I know on the Piquettes.

P.P.S I would appreciate an account of your mother's family. I'll also write to Mrs Moore about Jacob Weisinger folks.

David