

327 Bon Air Drive
Sidney, OH 45365

March 25, 1984

Jay P. Roller, M. D.
14 Green Wing Teal Road
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Dear Jay and Olive:

It was good hearing from you again -- it seems a long time since we visited at the reunion. We don't go south so often any more since Ray lost two of his sisters. When we do go it's just as you suggested, we keep moving along. That's no reason for you two to pass by our doorstep, though, so do stop by!

My Roller research is down to a minimum these days and has been for several years due to lack of time. A friend and I published three books, one in 1977, another in 1981 and the last in 1983. In addition, for the past five years we have prepared our local genealogical society's quarterly publication. Everything we've done concerns Shelby Co OH where I have no ancestors. Nevertheless I keep collecting Roller information whenever I run into it.

Yes, indeed, Michael Roller served in the Militia during the Revolutionary War, and there are at least two memberships in DAR based on his service. One of these is a lady in California and the other is mine, which is a supplemental membership as I was already a member based on Jacob Sr.'s patriot service. I have a supplemental on John's service also because I descend from both Michael and John.

Enclosed is a copy of my supplemental in Michael which shows his service and the source of the information. At the time this application was prepared we did not know Michael's birthdate but Bob Roller of Media PA found it later. I asked him to write you of his discovery and trust that he did so. If not, let me know. I'd look it up right now but I'm not at home and won't be for a while yet. My daughter had surgery on the 16th so Ray and I are staying with her. He goes home (40 miles away) twice a week to check mail, see my mother, etc. That's how I'll get the DAR application to copy for Joan. He'll be going to Sidney again tomorrow.

You once indicated an interest in the MD's in the Roller family. Did I ever mention that my brother's daughter Linda will soon be one? She graduates this spring from the Univ. of Cincinnati's Medical School. And her fiance, a fellow student, also graduates this spring. They will be married in June. Both just returned from six weeks in a Presbyterian sponsored hospital in Cameroon, Africa. That must have been a very interesting experience for them.

Mother is still doing all right. She is getting slower all the time and more forgetful but I guess we must expect this.

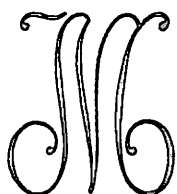
All the information that Joan needs is in the copy but if there are any questions let me know and I'll do my best to answer them.

Ray sends his best regards to you both along with mine.

Sincerely,

Gene

J.P.



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Sept. 10, 1974

Dear Dr. Roller:

Recently I have mailed out some family history forms to some Rollers whose names were taken from telephone directories and to "Roller Family"'s in the Dunbridge, Arcadia and Scotch Ridge communities in Ohio. The latter three were sent to the Postmasters with a request that they deliver for me. Thus far I have had two responses, one from your brother Howard Michael, Hialeah, and the other from your brother J. Hampton, Pemberville. Yours must be the cooperative branch of the Rollers.

J. Hampton said he was sending my form to you. I received his very nice letter just today, so by now you have probably heard from him-- that is, by the time you receive this. My probes to the three Ohio communities were sent in an endeavor to reach some descendents of Henry Roller (Rollersville). The booklet which you gave me at Dayton mentions these places.

Obviously, we are continuing our work on the family. Have visited Hollidaysburg (however, spent most of our time in the Hoenstine Library working on my Brown line on which we are stymied), Washingtonville, Lisbon and Youngstown. At Washingtonville we copied inscriptions at the cemetery, set a stone which we think may be Michael's (just dug a hole and set it in the ground), and copied information from the Lutheran Church records. Also visited Pat Mangus briefly. At the time we were there she had the old records of the Roller Reunion and also a copy of the Virginia Roller Family records. I would sure like to have copies of both. We may go back up there before long and perhaps can arrange to make copies then.

We have, of course, picked up bits and pieces of information but nothing earth shattering. I am enclosing a few things which may be of interest. The old letters were in an accumulation of papers which my mother brought back from the Ft. Wayne Roller Reunion last month. This group is made up of descendents of John R. & Susanna Fox Roller, who went to Van Wert Co. in 1861. Unfortunately, the most interesting to you of the old letters, written by Simon Roller, is pretty faded and would not copy, so I typed a copy. You have no doubt seen the article in (I think) Virkus' Compendium, First Families of America, on Robert Douglas Roller, Jr. Enclosed letter was written by his father. His remark about Jacob and his ancestor being brothers is interesting.

Another letter, the one from Henry B. was of special interest to us inasmuch as we have copies of a couple of letters written by his

J.P.

widow, Mary S. Katterhenry Roller, in 1944. At that time my brother-in-law, Fred Katterheinrich of New Knoxville, Ohio originally, was in the Blue Jacket Choir at Great Lakes and was a soloist on their Sunday radio broadcasts. Mary, in Berkeley, Calif., heard his name and home town, so wrote to the Choir. Coincidentally, Mary's mother, as a young girl, had lived in New Knoxville, later going to Kentucky where she met Adolph Katterhenry (he had changed from -heinrich). They were married and lived in Huntingburg, Ind. She said her husband (Henry B.) was a minister "now with the Lord." She remembered a Mr. Katterheinrich from New Knoxville visiting them in Huntingburg and thought perhaps it was Fred's grandfather. And she had a brother named Fred, too. Our Fred ran across these letters several months ago and gave me copies, but we had no idea whether she was connected with the family. Now we do but don't know just how. I don't have a record of a Henry B., but the Reunion Book notes that James, son of Michael's Henry went to Indiana. Do you have any further data on him?

I believe you also read what records there are at the Lutheran Church at Washingtonville. Do you recall the brief handwritten history of the church, wherein it is mentioned that the Wittenberg Synod was organized and Wittenberg College named and founded in that church? I have not found anything elsewhere yet to back this up but did find a write-up on Wittenberg College which says that the College was chartered on the 11th day of March, A.D. 1845 by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio and names the first Board of Directors. Jacob Roller is listed, and in another paragraph he is referred to as Judge Roller. I believe this must be Michael's son Jacob, right? I have also an article in a local history about William E. Roller (Baltzer-Joseph-Joseph-William E.) which states that he was on the Board of Dir. of Wittenberg for 4 years, 1896-1900. Now I have to wonder how close the Roller family was to the College and who else might have served on the Board. How instrumental in the founding?

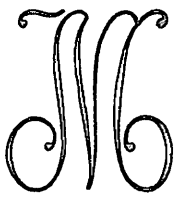
Just sent a letter to the LDS at Salt Lake City asking if they have on microfilm the early records of the Washingtonville Luth. Church. I don't expect a reply for quite a while--they're slow--but if there is anything available, will let you know. I sure would like to see them. The present members of the church would like to reset those stones in the cemetery that are lying about but don't know where they should be. Maybe the old records would contain some information.

Ray and I had hoped to return from Florida to Ohio by way of S. C. but it didn't work out. Will you be visiting your folks in Ohio one of these days? If so, maybe we can arrange to get together and compare notes. Ray is in Mexico this week and next, than plans to vacation until after the first of the year. We'll no doubt spend some time researching and will return to Florida the latter part of November for several weeks. Please let us know anytime you are up here and can come by Sidney. Plan to stay over--we'll need time to work as well as visit. And please convey my greetings to Olive.

Sincerely,

Gene Mozley

Hamper



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September 4, 1974

Roller Family
Scotch Ridge, Ohio

Dear Cousins:

For several months I have been working on a record of the Roller Family, specifically the descendants of Jacob and Mary Hammer Roller, who immigrated to America from Wurttemberg, Germany in the middle of the 18th Century. I believe there are descendants of Henry Roller (grandson of Jacob) living in the Scotch Ridge community, but do not know their names. Therefore, I am asking the Postmaster to direct this letter for me. If you can assist in any way with my research, I will be very grateful. Should you not be in a position to do so, perhaps you would be good enough to forward my inquiry to someone who can.

You may be acquainted with the early history of the Roller Family. Very briefly, it is this: Jacob Roller came to America in 1750. He and his wife, Mary Hammer, had seven sons and two daughters. They lived in the Sinking Valley (now part of Blair County), Penna. during the Revolution and were active against the British and Indian forces. Five of Jacob's sons migrated to Ohio in the early 1800's and were among the earliest settlers of the State. Four of them located in Columbiana (now Mahoning) County; the fifth settled in Fairfield County.

John, of Columbiana Co., had a son Henry who moved to Sandusky Co. in about 1832 and was one of the founders of Rollersville. The town was named for him. My information on Henry and his immediate family is sketchy and on succeeding generations is totally lacking. I would appreciate your filling out the enclosed form as completely as you can. Our form does not include space for dates of death for the children in each generation but this is important so please include this information if you have it. You may have data on hand, such as a family Bible with records inscribed or copies of obituaries. These are valuable sources.

When Jacob Roller wrote his will he bequeathed his large German Bible to his son John and when John died his widow kept this Bible. I believe she then lived with her son Henry, of Sandusky Co., and possibly some descendant of his may still have it. Do you happen to know whether this Bible still exists and

where it might be? I would dearly love to be able to photograph any records it might contain.

To explain my interest in the family, my mother was a Roller, born in Van Wert Co., Ohio, the daughter of Joseph M. Roller. We descend from Jacob through two of his sons, John and Michael (both Columbiana Co. settlers). John's son Jacob J. (brother to Henry mentioned above) married Michael's daughter Susan and their son John R. was Joseph M.'s father.

The Roller Family is a very interesting one and we can take much pride in the name. I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Mozley".

(Mrs.) Gene Mozley

P. S. I would appreciate the names and addresses of other Roller descendants that you know of so that I may contact them. We would like to make our record as complete as possible.

Generation No.

ROLLER FAMILY NO. 9-10

SHEET NO. 1 of 1

1	Grandfather # 1 Roller, Jacob, Sr. B-Wurttemberg, Germany D-Sinking Valley, Pa. B- about 1724 M- 1748 (?) D- Prob. Jan. 1804	Grandmother # 2 Hammer, Mary B- Wurttemberg, Germany D- Sinking Valley, Pa. B- D- 1803 (?)	Grandfather # Weston, B- M- D-	Grandmother # B- D-
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2	Father Roller, Michael # 9 Revolutionary War - Ranger on the frontier Moved to Columbiana Co., Ohio about 1803. B- D- Prob. June 1827	Mother Weston, Nancy (Ann) # 10 Michael & Nancy had 7 sons and 2 daus. B- D-	Marriage His 1 Her 1 Place Date
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CHILDREN	SPOUSE
John (Apparently died young. Not mentioned in father's will.) B- M- D- # 38	--- B- D- #
Henry B- M- Sept. 23, 1823 D- Prob May 1848 # 39	McCarty, Mary (Not mentioned in Henry's will-prob. d. bef. Jan. 1848) B- D- # 40
James (apparently no children- none named in will) B- Nov. 11, 1804 M- Nov. 22, 1824 D- July 23, 1869 # 41	Weikart, Elizabeth B- May 8, 1797 D- Nov. 20, 1879 # 42
William Assoc. Judge-Hancock Co. Ohio B- about 1785 M-(1)12-20-1810 D-Dec. 29, 1849 # 43	(st)Teeters, Nancy (Agness?) B- about 1791 #44A D- 2nd)Pugh, Margaret (no children) B- D- Apr. 2, 1842 # 44B
Thomas B- M- Oct. 30, 1823 D- # 45	Betz, Catherine B- D- # 46
Jacob B- Huntingdon Co., Pa. B- Apr. 1, 1785 M- Nov. 24, 1808 D- Mar. 10, 1866 # 47	Betz, Dorothy (Joredia) B- Franklin Co., Pa. B- Oct. 8, 1787 D- Aug. 2, 1869 # 48
Susan(na) B- Huntingdon Co., Pa. B- about 1790 M- Mar. 30, 1809 D- # 49	Roller, Jacob J. B- D- Bef. 1850 # 50
Elizabeth B- Huntingdon Co., Pa. B- M- D- # 51	Adair, John B- Huntingdon Co., Pa. Bought Land Guernsey Co Ohio 1807 B- D- # 52

Prepared 6-22-1974 by Gene Mozley
Verified by

Greenford O. 7/14, 1907

A. J. Roller

Dear Sir

I was pleased to hear from and believe that that Robert Douglas Roller is right in regard to the place in Germany that our ancestor Jacob Roller came from but I will try and see Simon Roller soon and will let you know Simon Roller is still living and has a remarkably ^{clear} mind for a person of his age I hope that you can be at the Reunion this year.

Yours Truly

C. D. Roller

Huntingburg, Ind. Aug. 23-11.

Mr. A. J. Roller,

Venedocia, Ohio,

My Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your invitation of 14th inst. to attend the Roller family reunion Wed. 30. is received. I thank you for the invitation, but regret that it will be impossible for me to be with you. I closed a revival at Coanville, Ind. last night. Will preach there again Sunday, and on Mon. 28th, I leave for Alleghany City, Pa. when the Conference opens on Wed. 30th inst, the very day on which I want to be with you.

I will send you a copy of my first book as a greeting to all who have the name "Roller." Have written two other books since. I hope I may be with you some other year.

With best wishes to all the "Rollers"
I am your friend. Henry D. Roller

SUMMIT RIDGE FARM

ELMER E. ROLLER, PROPRIETOR

R. F. D. 2
FLETCHER, OHIO. Sept 21 1913

Mr A. J. Roller Dear Sir & Friend

While attending the Miami Co Fair at Troy O I met a traveling man did not learn his name asked if I had Relatives at Elgin and gave me your address. I rite you for information regarding the name perhaps there mite be some distant relation between us. My Fathers name was John Roller was born in York Co Pa in 1803 remained there till a young man when a young man came to Center Co Pa where he lived untill his detth which was in 1872 was a farmer by occupation I remember of my Father telling of his brothers coming west when young men and lossing trace of each other I remember when I was a small boy Father told me his fathers name was Philip Roller they lived in York Co Pa were dutch decent I am fifty One years old I live in Miami Co any information you can give will be of much interest to me will be glad to give any other information I can hoping to here from you
Yours with much Resp. Elmer E. Roller

Washingtonville, April 9th 1902.

Mr. A. J. Roller, Elgin O.

Dear Sir

I will try to answer your welcome letter of March 10th inst. I am Prest and Ada Roller is Sect P.O. Washingtonville. 2nd I will send you a paper containing the history of the family. At the last meeting, we had a committee appointed to give a history at the next meeting. We have made some progress. Dr. Huitt of Sharon, Penn. some years ago made a quit a lengthy report of the Philip Roller family and we have been wanting to get information of the Henry Roller family of Fairfield County, O. My Father Gen. Jacob B. Roller was at your uncles Judge Wm. Roller's 40 years past and he lernd from the Judge that Joseph and Caleb Roller lived in that neigherhood, they being sons of Henry Roller and I think the Roller's you mention are of that family. I would be pleasd if you could get me the history of them through your son, Dr Roller or give me the Dr P.O address, for I would like to write to him. We have been in correspondance with some of Judge Roller's people and also of your uncle Henrys of Rollersville. Some of both family's are in Findly (one Moore in bank).

Mr. Vanhorn was to have been here last year to adress the Reunion but could not come on being quarentind by small-pox. The next reunion will be on Agust 21st at Greenford O. It will be the Centennel of the Roller's in Ohio. We want to make a good reunion of it. Our first Reunion - we had the first cousans 8 or 10 of them, they are all dead. The last one was my Father aged ninety seven years. Yours Fathers Uncle Isaac Roller was with us good many years. He was the first white child born in the township. You will find in the paper about it. Today two weeks I will 86 years (I am the oldest living now of the Rollers).

I was in Van Wert on the day Wm Mckinly was in Van Wert and I meet a Mr. Allen and he said you was in town. But I could not find you. I came or stopped to see my old friend Jacob Fox. I did not go to see him. I meet a Lutheran minister and he said I would wish I had not seen him for he would cry so much. I was sorrow that I took his advise for he died in 10 or 12 days after that. We had been schollmates and officers in a rifle company for many years he being 1st Lieut and I Captain. Your Mother and he were 1st cousins. I knew her Father Peter Fox also her mother. She was a dughter of M. Walter, her mother and my Mother were first cousins. My Grandmother was a Walter, a sister of Matihias Walter. I hope Mother is enjoying good heath. I am in good health for one of my years - you may see I am a little nerveus, not as much as manny at my age. For which I am thankfull to God. Your cousin Samuel W. Roller died on April 1st, aged 75 years and 11 months (kidney troubl).

I have Cousin living in Van Wert County. I never lerned in waht part, one Famully by name of Lindsay and the other Alex Hileman deid some years ago. His wife name before marriage was Firestone. They came from Wayne Co. If you know of them let me know. In June 1851 I located 80 acres southwest qr Sec 25 and 160 in Southwest qr Sec. 35, Blue Creek Tp, Paulding Co. Let me here what the population of Scott. I staid over night with Esqr Hogland 4 miles north of Van Wert. He told me at time was quit a large order IOOF in Canfield our County Seat. I have written in great length and would like to much moore but as spelling and composition poor pleas to excuse me and as we expect to have a good time at our Centenel we will look for you here. The Eastern Rollers have been quit frequently and we had one down there some 13 years ago. 35 of us were there. We sent Dr Hewitt, A L Jones to Harrisonburgh via the name of the Rollers. There they had verry fine time. We expect them here next August. Please to answer.

Yours trully

/s/ Simon Roller

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY,
1105 QUARRIER STREET,
CHARLESTON, WEST VA.

Mar 22 1907

A. J. Roller Esq
Wincovia Ohio

My dear Sir

I thank you for your letter of the 18th. Your ancestor Jacob Roller landed in Phila. Aug 28th 1750. Instead of coming from Wittenburg, I think he came from Wurtemberg. Thence he went down the Rhine to Rotterdam and from Rotterdam touching at Cowes England, he came to America.

The Kingdom of Wurtemberg seems to have been the ancestral home of all the Rollers I can trace. I wish you could settle the question between Wurtemberg & Wittenburg.

My ancestor came to Phila. in 1752 Sept. 26th. Yours went west to the Juniata Valley, Pa. mine went south to the Shenandoan Valley. I believe they are brothers.

I have a complete record of my families ever since they came, and have tried to get the record of yours, but replies to my letters to members of the family in Mahoning & Columbiana Cos have not been satisfactory.

I would much appreciate any further information you may be able to give me.

Very truly yours,

Robt. Douglas Roller

History of the Roller family is related to me by Aunt Sarah Kistler in the year 1883.

Jacob Roller came from Wittenburg Germany to America about the year 1740 or 1745 and married Mary Hammer she being also of Wittenburg.

He had seven sons and two daughters named as follows: Jacob, Michael, John, James, William, Henry and Caleb, daughters Margaret and Mary. At the same time Jacob Roller came from Pennsylvania to Green Mountain Colonization towards Newburgh County Ohio in 1803 Michael came in 1810 and Jacob in 1815.

The sons of John Roller were Henry, Jacob, Michael and James. The daughters were Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Esther and Elizabeth.

The sons of Michael Roller were Jacob, William, Henry, John, James and James, daughters Elizabeth, Maria and Susan Roller.

The sons of James Roller were Jacob, William, Henry, John, James and James.

Jacob B and John R, and daughters
Mary Walters, Rachel Finstau, Elizabeth
James, Margaret Jones, Hannah Buckman
Nancy Calvin, Susan Cook and Lydia Lewis
The son and daughter of each of them
were Emanuel Roller, Emily Patten, Eliza
Painman, Amanda Calvin and Ellen Sumner

Albert J Roller

to the
Walter Finstau

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Scotch Ridge, Ohio
May #, 1973.

A Letter To My Sisters And Brothers:

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Children of Jay C. and Maude A. Hampton Roller:

My sister Joan (Roller) Enright asked me about two or three years ago to set down in writing a few of my memories of happenings that took place over the years since ~~I~~^I was a small child until the present year 1973. This ^{was} quite a task, but I will make an attempt to put in writing some of the things that I think will be of interest to all of you.

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Mama and Papa were married July 18, ^{space} 1901 at the Methodist Parsonage at Waterville, Oh. At that time Papa was working at the Ohio Oil Company. Mama had taught school for three years, but she resigned at the end of school in the spring of 1901.

Our parents set up housekeeping in the old house down on the farm that belonged to Grandfather and Grandmother Roller. This was on the Carter Road in Webster Twp. Zelma, our oldest sister was born here. The next move was to Dowling, ^{Oh} where they rented the Hayes property. I, J. Hampton, was born in this home. Later on Papa and Mama purchased a house and lot, West of the Tracks, and East of the United Brethern Church for the sum of \$600.00 . The next three children were born in this home. They were Elizabeth, Paul and Irene. By this time I began to remember many things. For instance, Papa took Zelma and me up to Dunbridge, and we stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Ward's for a week. When we were brought back home, there was our little sister Irene. Zelma says She can remember when our sister Elizabeth passed away. She remembers seeing her in the little coffin with some flowers around it. I have no recollection of this event. However, I do remember a Minster coming to the home to baptize Zelma, Paul and myself. Paul and I stood on some Chairs and Zelma Stood beside us. I would assume that this was about the time of Elizabeth's' death. The next move was to Haskins, Oh. where the folks again rented a home. This put Papa closer to his work in the area ^{west} of Bowling Green. In those days the mode of travel was by horse and buggy. Papa had two Gray Western Ponies hitched to a Buckboard. (This was a light spring wagon with a wagon box

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and one seat). He worked ten (10) hours a day, six (6) days a week. He was a pumper for the Ohio Oil Company. Some of his work took him West of Bowling Green, around Haskins, Hull Prarie, and back to the Dowling area. As you can see, it meant getting up early in the morning, long drives to work and back home late at night. His wages at that time was \$90.00 per month. We children, many times would only see him on Saturday evening and over Sunday. Our sister Bernice was born at Haskins. Now there were five small children in the family. Our Mother had her hands full. We children like all other children, would get to raising Cain. Mama could only take so much of it. I can still see her occasionally break down and cry. Then we children would feel sorry for what we had done. Things would quiet down considerably. Our sister Zelma had by now grown up considerably to where she was quite a help to Mama in caring for and watching over the younger ones. She continued to be of greater help as she grew older and the little ones came along. If a family ever had a second Mother to help look after and care for us, we had it in our sister Zelma. May we always remember the many things she did for us. Zelma started her first year of school at Dowling. I started mine at Haskins.

Around the year 1911 the Oil Production was beginning to fall off in the Haskins and Bowling Green area fields. (Wood Co.). A new field was opening up at Robison, Ill. The Ohio Oil Co. wanted our father to move there and take a District Superintendent job. He was tired of moving from one field to another and the mode of travel hadn't changed yet. Interestingly enough, Henry Ford changed that for the working man within the next two or three years. For the sum of \$350.00, one could buy a Ford and boy you had it made. It was no longer necessary to get up at 4:30 am. in the morning, feeding a pair of horses, currying and harnessing them, going back to the house for breakfast, only to grab your lunch pail, return to the barn, hitch up the horses and take off for the job. This could be anywhere from 1 mile to 12 miles distance.

In the year 1912, in February, Papa quit the Ohio Oil Co. and the family moved to one of the George W. Main Farms, situated in Eastern ^{Loudoun} ~~Lee~~ County, Broadrun District, with the mailing point Sterling, Virginia. Papa was hired by the month along with

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receiving our meat, poultry, eggs, geese, turkeys, a large garden and a home, rent free. George W. Main was Papa's brother-in-law, the husband of his sister Florence (Roller) Main.

The folks sold the house and lot that was owned in Dowling, Oh. shortly before we moved to Virginia for the sum of \$600.00. The first four years in Virginia were spent in the old House on the North end of the place. Mary Vee (Virginia) and Howard were born in the old house. The school we attended was known as the Bear School. It was a one room structure where all the grades from the first to the seventh was taught.

This is where Irene, Bernice, and Paul started their schooling. Mary Vee may have started here also. I am not sure of this. (It was verified by a call to Ellen. She did go to the Bear School).

Any way the school was located a good mile and a half on the road to Sterling, Va.

The road was mud and it went through the woods. I well remember the first day Papa took Zelma and me in the buggy to school, but we had to walk home. At one point we weren't sure we were traveling in the right direction. We thought we were lost, but kept on walking. Eventually we came to a clearing and could see a house with a large chimney on the end of it. It looked like ours, but it was quite a ways south of where we were. I was for going to it, but Zelma said "no, let's keep on traveling the way we were headed for a while longer" and sure enough we passed through another portion of woods. The old house we were looking for, (home) loomed up in the distance.

In the years 1914-1915, the new ^{barn} house was built. All the framing timber was cut and sawed from the timber on the place. A portable Mill was set up in the woods. The stone that went into the foundation was gathered up and hauled from the back end of the place. Cement, siding, and galvanized roofing was shipped by rail from Alexandria, Va. to Herndon, Va. Then it was hauled by horse and wagon to the site, a distance of ten miles.

In the year 1915, they started to build the new house. Early in 1916, it was completed. This was just in time for our sister Ellen to be born March 3rd. 1916 in the new house. Joan, Maude and Hannah were born in this house also. There was a heap of good times that went on in the new home. Several of the older ones could help take care of the

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younger ones. This was a relief to our Father and Mother. We were a happy group. The good Lord surely blessed this home many times, just as he is still blessing the homes the children of these good parents have established.

Zelma and I spent the school term of 1917-18 back in Ohio with our Grand parents, William and Martha Roller. We attended the Dowling, Ohio Two room school. Zelma Was in the eighth grade and I was in the sixth grade. We went back home to Virginia in the spring of 1918. Zelma went on to Harrisburg, Va. Normal School to further her education. She taught in the one and two room school in Loudoun Co. Va. As for me, I fooled around in my schooling for two more years. Then I gave it up all together.

Around 1920-1921, the county built a new one room school south of the home place. It was known as the Carter school. At that time the old Bear school was closed. The seats, stove, and all the inside furnishings were removed and placed in the new Carter school. The reason for the change in location was that it would be more centrally located.

Bernice, Irene, Mary V., Howard, Ellen, Joan, Maude attended Carter School, But our Mother was a stickler for higher learning above the seventh grade. (This was as high as was being taught at that time in the one room schools). Another thing that bothered her was the access to church and Sunday school. It was three miles to Arcola and seven miles to Sterling over dirt roads. Travel was by horseback or by buggy. Mama and Papa could see the need for both school and church. In the year 1921, a new centralized grade and high school was built in Webster twp., Scotch Ridge Oh. Our brother Paul came north that fall with Uncle George Main. He stayed with them and started school in the first year of the school. He remained also in the year 1922. At this time a house, barn, and seven acres of land came up for sale in the Village of Scotch Ridge Ohio. It was known as the Billie and Ellen Fenton Property. Uncle George Main came to Virginia and Mama and Papa talked with him about purchasing the property.

Uncle George advised them to make the move to Scotch Ridge and he would sell the farm we lived on in Virginia. In February 1924 the family moved back to the state of Ohio and settled in Scotch Ridge. The folks were satisfied that there was a good church and a

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good school for their children. Joan and Maude started first grade in the fall of 1924. Joan started first grade with Maude because the folks took her out of Carter School in December 1923. It was too cold and snowy to send a little child so far to school. She re-entered first grade at Webster school in March 1924. It was thought best to have her repeat the first grade since she had missed so much in the preceding winter. That is how Joan and Maude went through school together to graduation in 1936. Hannah came after Maude and started first grade at Webster school and went all twelve years there. In the fall of 1924 Ferne E. Marshall of Arcola, Va. came north and he and Zelma were married Oct. 15 1924. They returned to Loudoun Co. Va. They went to housekeeping on a farm next to his fathers' farm. He had built a new home on the farm. They raised a fine family of three sons and two daughters. They were Jay, Maude, Richard, Phillip and Caroline.

The home in Scotch Ridge wasn't any to large for Mama and Papas size family. Mind you, ^{we} ~~you~~ ^{were} were all at home at that time, but the older ones started to move out shortly after our arrival in Ohio. Paul and Irene went into Bowling Green to stay with Mamas sister , our Aunt Bernice Cox. I spent the next two years with Grandpa and Grandmother Roller in Dowling. Papa, Paul and I worked the summer 1924 at a stone quarry on one of Grandfather Rollers farms. In the fall of 1924 Papa took a job as Custodian of the Webster Twp. school, a job he held for 23 years. He retired at the age of 70 years. (He really didn't retire until 9/1/1948 at the age of 72. His rate of pay was \$64.00 per month for better than 15 years. Finally it was increased to \$80.00 per mo. The folks raised their own meat, had a flock of chickens and kept a milk cow. No persons ever set a better table than our father and mother. Each fall before school started, Mama would take the children that were in school over to Claus's Shoe Store in Luckey and fit each Child with a new pair of shoes. During the summer new dresses and under garments had been made ,and now they were ready for the comming school term. Our father was pretty much worn out by now. He was a heavy set man for his age and carried considerable weight. He had 12 years of retirement before he passed away. Those years were spent in their own home together in Scotch Ridge. On the rd 3rd of January 1960 around 4:30 am. he awakened and told Mama he was having pains in his

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chest and arms. Mama wanted to call Dr. Smith, but he said no, to wait a while and maybe it would let up. Then she said let me call Hampton. But again he said no. (I think he was afraid he would be put in the hospital and he wanted none of that). Mama went to the kitchen to make him some tea. About 6:45 am she heard him fall. Just prior to that, he had ^{made} the statement that he couldn't stand much more of that pain. She went in to where he had fallen. She called to him, but he didn't answer. He was gone/ That is the way he would have wanted it to be. He had lived out a long and useful life. He never begrudged what the other fellow had in worldly goods, contented with life throughout his years. He was a man that was a firm believer in the Golden rule, and that was what he tried to teach the children along with Mama's teachings of a good honest life. They both loved each other very much as well as each and every child and they were justly proud of them and their accomplishments.

Our mother carried on for another 10 years. For the first few years, she would spend the summer months in the old family home alone. During the winter months she spent her time with our sister Ellen in Columbus, ~~Oh, Oh~~. She spent quite a bit of her time in Dayton, Oh. with our brother Paul, and sister Bernice. She spent part of her time with our sister Zelma in Virginia, Hannah, in Bryan, Joan in ⁱⁿ Sylvania, and Mary Vee in Toledo, Oh. She traveled and visited in all the children's homes and enjoyed it. It was truly remarkable her contentment and serenity ⁱⁿ during her visits to each of her children's homes. After Papa passed away, she took her first plane ride to Howard's in Hialeah, Florida and spent time in their home. She did this several times during the last 10 years of her life. During the last two years of her life she seemed to want to stay closer to home, to be either in her own home or in Columbus with Ellen. She seemed more at peace with Ellen, probably because Ellen was a nurse. She was old now and the years had taken its' toll. On the 21st. day of February 1970 at the age of 89 yrs, 7 mo. and 7 days she passed away in the University Hospital, Columbus, Oh. Ellen and her Doctor there had her admitted to the emergency room around 7:30 pm. and she was taken to her room. By 11:30 pm she had passed away. Our Mother was proud of her family each and every one. She was equally proud of all the sons and daughters-in-law that married into the family, ~~how~~ each new

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each new home was established as the children married, the grandchildren that came along. I know this to be true because I sat many a time with her in the old home and heard her make these very same statements.

Now in closing this letter, I want to say that it has been a pleasure to sit down and write in my own words the things I have told you. I am proud of all of you, sisters and brothers alike, thankful that I was one of the ^{twelve} ~~eleven~~ children of our mother and father Jay C. and Maude Adele (Hampton) Roller. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and your homes. I love you all.

A Brother, Hampton.

May 12th. 1973.

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Dear Hampton,

Many many thanks for this review of some of the things that happened during the life time of our father and mother. I know that ^{there} ~~there~~ are many things the other brothers and sisters could tell us, but we are so proud of a brother that did so much for every one of us. We realize that many of us could not have accomplished some of the things that we did without the help you gave and the encouragement you gave to us. We are equally proud of the open home you and Ethel have given us since the passing of our parents. It has always seemed to me that it has been a continuation of the old home each and every one of us loved to go to during the lifetime of our parents. We are still and probably always shall be a family of one always ready to get together to visit and enjoy the lives and happenings of each one of the brothers and sisters and their families Joan.

Typed by Joan (Roller) Enright

July 8th 1974.

Joan R. Enright