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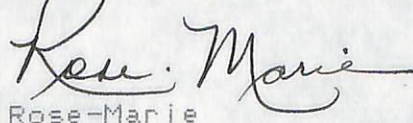
Dear Cousins Dr. Peebles and Miss Julia Youmans:

Tuesday, I checked a Barnwell County plat which someone had abstracted for me and found that 191 acres on Cowpen Branch, waters of Saltketcher, had been laid out for JOHN PLATTS, GEORGE PLATTS, FREDERICK MOAL, and JOHN LIGHTSEY on 4 August 1824 (Barnwell Plat Book 7, p. 212, recorded 2 August 1824 and Plat Book 4, p. 245, recorded 6 September 1824). Helon Day of Brunswick was with me, and we immediately decided it must surely have been an undivided portion of an estate. Since we know from their gravestones that JOHN PLATTS and SUSANNAH MOLE were married in 1811 and from Miss Julia as well as from the Harter Family History that JOHN LIGHTSEY and REBECCA MOLE were married in 1801, we left to the conclusion that FREDERICK MOAL/MOLE was a brother to SUSANNAH and REBECCA as well as to the wife of GEORGE PLATTS, and that the 191 acres was left them by their father or mother.

I hope to find time tomorrow to check census records on MOLES to find someone with at least three daughters and a son in 1800, at least one less daughter in 1810, and himself deceased in 1824. Since we know from the Miley Family History that on 4 January 1822, the heirs of JOHN G. VARN (including FREDERICK MOLE and his wife MARY M. VARN MOLE) sold to DAVID RIVERS 107 acres on the Great Saltketcher, we can assume that FREDERICK MOLE was at least 21 years old in 1822, and therefore possibly born before 1800. (In fact, the only MOLE census information I have in my files has someone of that name in Beaufort District in 1820 between 26 and 45 years old; JACOB MOLE was next door and his household included one male 16-26 and one male 45 and over.) I'll let you know my findings.

In the meantime, please send me any information you have that will either support or disprove our theory that by establishing FREDERICK MOLE'S father we will also establish for ourselves a MOLE line.

Best wishes to you all,

  
Rose-Marie

cc: Helon Day  
Virginia Hodge