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Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peoples, President
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Dear Dr. Peoples:

Please pardon the delay in responding to your letter of August 26th.

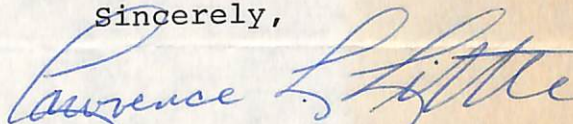
I am a great grandson of Samuel Roper, born June 6, 1806 in Burke County, NC and died November 22, 1869 in Cherokee County, NC. He removed to Macon County, NC in the 1830's and to Cherokee County in the 1840's. He married Rebecca Flowers, and they had 9 children.

From the census records we can deduce that Samuel was the son of James Roper, who was listed on the 1790 census of Burke County. As you probably know, the Union Army under General Sherman burned the Burke County Court House during the Civil War and virtually all of their records were destroyed. I have not been able to trace James Roper any further back than the 1790 census.

We have been able to determine the names of some of James' sons, but know nothing of his daughters. From the meager data I have regarding James Roper, your Agnes Roper could well have been his daughter, although I have no data at all to suggest that she was.

I am sorry I am not able to help, but as you can see, General Sherman pretty well closed off genealogical research in Burke County beyond 1865.

Sincerely,



Lawrence L. Little

James Roper, 1790 Burke Co., N.C. census.

Samuel Roper (6 June 1806 Burke Co., N.C. - 22 Nov. 1869 Cherokee Co., N.C.)
m. Rebecca Flowers
9 children