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808 Southern Railway Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
November 11th, 1932

Mrs. J. L. Beeson,

Milledgeville, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Beeson:

Mrs. Winifred L. Moore suggests that I write you - and if any further apology for my lack of ceremony is necessary, possibly the fact that I am a Tarpley will fill the bill.

My Tarpleys came to Oglethorpe County, Georgia, from some point (to me unknown) in Virginia about 1805. They apparently were:

Joel - married with two young sons and perhaps a daughter - Joel later in 1825 married a second time, this time Rachel Bradshaw in Oglethorpe County,
John - who married Polly Johnson in Oglethorpe in 1810,
Joseph - who married Emeline Stewart in 1817,
Nancy - who married Jesse Bell in 1812,
Polly - who married Thomas Howard in 1806, she is elsewhere called Mary.

And perhaps:

Coleman -) Who with Joel in 1827 participated in the
Augustine-) Cherokee Land Lottery in Oglethorpe County.

It is my assumption that all these Tarpleys (since all of them seemed to have been near the same age, judging from their marriages) were brothers and sisters.

Joel - my great-great-grandfather had the following children: John Coleman (My great grandfather), Robert W., William H. and George C., Minerva Tarpley Landrum, Louisa Tarpley Farris, and Martha Tarpley Jenkins. George C. died while a child in Oglethorpe as did a sister Catherine whom I note I failed to list. John Coleman, Robert W. and Louisa died in Henry County, Georgia, where their descendants for the most part still live. William H. died in Fayette County where his descendants now are. I do not know the final fate of Minerva and Martha, or their descendants.

John also moved to Henry County: His children were: John Wesley, James (the eldest), David, Joel or Joseph, Matthew Coleman, Elizabeth and Joanna. John Wesley and Matthew Coleman died in Carroll County, leaving descendants there. Descendants of either James, David or Joel are now living in Hampton (Henry Co.) Georgia, I am not certain which of the three they descended from. Elizabeth married a Harper and died in Henry County. Joanna married a Johnson and moved to Louisiana where presumably she died.

In 1786 Mark and Joel Tarpley owned adjoining land on Rocky Comfort Creek in what is now Jefferson County, Georgia, but if either of these was the father of my Joel, they must have subsequently returned to Virginia - for my Joel's two oldest sons state in the 1850 census that they were born in Virginia.

I have the Richmond County, Virginia, birth records showing the birthdate, among others, of your ancestress Mary Tarpley (daughter of James and Mary Tarpley) Oct. 30, 1740. My g-g-f, Joel's, probable birthdate is between 1770 and 1780 - his oldest child was born in 1802. So you see I have one missing link between my Joel and the Richmond County Tarpleys.

Mrs. Moore tells me that you collected the data which showed the marriage of Mary Tarpley to John Camp of Halifax County, Virginia. Do you mind writing me from what course you had this information?

I am practically certain that your Mary Tarpley was closely related to my Joel Tarpley, most likely an Aunt - or at the worst a cousin, and if you can locate for me in Virginia Mary at the time of her marriage to John Camp, it would give me a new jumping off place to hunt for my Joel's point of taking-off in Virginia for Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Will you please give me the benefit of your Tarpley data?

I feel that there is a Coleman line mixed up with my Tarpleys, and that the possible Mother of the Oglethorpe County Tarpleys was Anne (Coleman) Tarpley, a widow living near Joel in 1820, and of about the right age to be his mother. Her name may have been Joanna.

I will appreciate your writing me.

I rather think I have the Tarpleys in Virginia back to about 1650, although while then in York County they were known as Tapleys, which I am inclined to believe is the original name.

Very sincerely,

R.E. Tarpley
Robert E. Tarpley.

M-R/RK signed

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Mrs. Joseph A. Van Orsdel

My dear Mrs Van Orsdel

In replying to your letter of the 4 inst, signed
M-R/RK, in regard to my Revolutionary
ancestors Thomas Camp and Henry Hoquest,
to gladly give you the information to hand.

In my Camp time I have 8 ancestors
who actually fought and besides Thomas
the patriot of 1717. ^{D.A.P. Papers} They have been accepted
^{the elder} on Thomas and Benjamin, but as yet not
on John or his son Thomas. Though
there are many Daughters who have come
in on their records. May I begin with
John? He was born in 1743, is the 3rd son
of the elder Thomas and ^{the} brother of Benjamin.
He was born in Halifax Co. Va. 1743 and
married ¹⁷⁶⁰ Mary Topley ¹⁷⁴⁰ Williams.
He then moved to Rockport Co. N.C.

1736
1760

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then to Greenville S. C. + then to Laurens Co.
John Camp died 1813. His son at Lebanon Church, Greenville S.
He was a grandfather at 38 years of age.
~~John Camp~~ ^{is married by Gov. Wright}

His son Thomas was born in 1760 and he
also was a soldier in the Revolution. ~~He~~
~~was~~ he married ⁱⁿ 1780 his wife

was Susannah Wagner. ~~He~~ ^{plain} has
my possession letter from an old lady, describing
her. In The Camp Bulletin which began
its publication - at Moultrie + DeKalb Aves.
Atlanta Ga in 1924 is this ^{article} information

which I quote Vol. 1. No. 1, page 4 - "regarding
the identity of our own grandfather Tom. We
have to admit that he is the son of John
born 1743 although that makes John a
grandfather at 39." In Vol. 1, No. 4, page 4

"Thomas Camp also served in the Revolution.
He married Susannah Wagner ¹⁷⁸⁰ the following

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1. Children of 1753-4.
 2. Nancy in 1754-5.
 3. Violet in 1755-6.
 4. Rebecca in 1756-7.
 5. William in 1757-8.

As to Susannah request, to have record
 that she dated her birth, though in 1794, in
 Deed Book F. p. 410 is the record when in 1794
 she & Thomas her husband, sign their names to
 a bond deed and in Jackson Co. Ga. in
 1818 is the legal paper when Susannah request
 Camp appoints her son-in-law Joseph Camp
 her lawful attorney to secure her share as one
 of the legatees of the estate of George Wagnon
 of S. C. So Thomas Camp died some year
 between 1798 & 1818. Susannah in Jackson Co. Ga.

In old D. A. P. Smeage books, the persons
 joining give their lineage correctly, but
 confused the birth date of Thomas son

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of John, with that of a Rev. Thomas ^{soldier} Camp
V-(1747) whose record is on file in the Pension
Dept. + whose wife was not out
Successor Wagner "

In Snodgrass Book Vol 6-0, in Mrs. Virginia
Camp Bishop's record, Susie Wagner name
is given as Susie Wagner, a misprint, evidently.
In Vol 70, No 6975-7 the lineage is correct,
but the birthdate is given as 1747 - that
of another Rev. Thomas! It is the latest
investigation, which has cleared this up.

John Camp 1743 - living in Mary Torpley (Patriot)
mother (some claim)

mother

Polack Riley b 1740 d 1823

Letter Oct. 21, 1890 - Mrs. M. A. Riley's
James G. Riley song

in Anne G. Riley's
song

John married in Ireland about 1767

some claim she was mother of Abraham b 1782

(she was) + Abraham's father was ~~some name~~ Riley

John Camp by Mrs. Mary L. McEnigler
who lived in from Margaret Virginia, Va.

1st woman who writes
Camp Dugan's his father

John Camp 3rd song Thos. Camp Sr. was b about 1740
in Va + He was from Torpley Va.

John's brothers Nathaniel + Thomas in roles to his
wife + they were related to roles to Torpley the
former Methodist preacher of Va.

Mr. W. A. Camp of Doug. Va is giving the
list of these Camps Dugan gives the list of 11 sons
+ 1 daughter as follows.

Edmund	b. 1739	starting	1749	for	1761
Joseph	1741	Nehemiah	1751		
John	1743	William	1753		
Nathaniel	1745	Alfred	1755		
Thomas	1747	Benjamin	1757		
		Elisha	1759		

perhaps the confusion comes this way
~~There can be~~