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MY DEAR MRS. ACHNING:



THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR RECENT LETTER OF THE 19TH., AND THE ENCLOSED DATA WITH REGARD TO ROGERS, ALLDAY, AND ALL. I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO NOTE A STOKES CONNECTION WITH YOUR ROGERS FAMILY, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT TABITHA MIGHT HAVE BEEN BORN "TABITHA STOKES". YOU KNOW YOU REALLY MAY HAVE THE ANSWER FOR THE STOKES FAMILY OF BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA WAS CLOSELY ALLIED WITH MY BURRELL HARGROVE AND MARY HARGROVE CALHOUN. I WILL GET OUT MY BARNWELL NOTES THIS AFTERNOON, AND WILL SEND YOU SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH PROVE THIS FACT. MANY TIMES IN MY EARLY RESEARCH IN BARNWELL COUNTY MY FRIEND, LEONARDO ANDREA, WHO IS THE BEST GENEALOGIST IN SOUTH CAROLINA, HAS SAID TO ME MANY TIMES---"JACK YOUR CALHOUNS MAY HAVE BEEN CLOSER RELATED TO THE DIXON CALHOUN SET THROUGHT THE HARGROVES AND STOKES FAMILIES THAN THROUGH THE CALHOUNS ALTHOUGH I AM SURE ALL THE BARNWELL CALHOUNS STEM FROM THE SAME PROGENITOR AND ALL WERE RELATED". THERE WAS A DIXON CALHOUN IN BARNWELL, SON OF MICAJAH CALHOUN AND JEMIMA DIXON, AND ALSO I HAVE FOUND A DIXON STOKES IN BARNWELL COUNTY. THESE CALHOUNS (MICAJAH'S CHILDREN AND ALSO MICAJAH) CAME DOWN TO BARNWELL COUNTY FROM EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N.C. HAVING COME INTO EDGECOMBE COUNTY FROM OLD BLADEN, AND BEFORE THAT TIME THEY WERE ALL IN NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA. IT SEEMS THAT JOHN (FATHER OF MICAJAH) SETTLED IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY, AND JAMES CALHOUN, FROM WHOM I COME DOWN, SETTLED IN GUILFORD COUNTY. MICAJAH AND HIS FAMILY LATER CAME TO BARNWELL COUNTY AS DID THE CHILDREN OF JAMES AND JANETTA JOHNSTON CALHOUN OF GUILFORD COUNTY. WE FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT MICAJAH CALHOUN, AND SAMUEL CALHOUN WHO MARRIED MARY HARGROVES, WERE FIRST COUSINS AND SONS OF BROTHERS, JOHN AND JAMES CALHOUN. SEE MR. BODDIES VOLUME V ON THE COHOON-DIXON- YOUNG FAMILIES OF OLD NANSEMOND COUNTY THAT LEFT NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND WENT INTO THE COASTAL COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA LATER INTO BLADEN, AND FROM BLADEN INTO EDGECOMBE COUNTY. HERE IS WHERE MY JAMES OF GUILFORD COUNTY PARTED COMPANY WITH HIS BROTHER, JOHN COHOON, WHO SETTLED IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY. MR. BODDIE SAYS IN HIS ARTICLE, AFTER SHOWING JAMES AS A SON OF OLD SAMUEL COHOON, SR. OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, "THIS JAMES COHOON LINE UNTRACED". HE THEN GOES ON WITH THE CHILDREN OF JOHN COHOON AND TAKES THEM ON DOWN TO BARNWELL COUNTY.

I HAD QUITE A WONDERFUL TIME IN ATLANTA THESE LAST TWO DAYS. MOST OF MY TIME AT THE ARCHIVES WAS SPENT WORKING ON "ALLDAY" AND "TRIGGS". MY ONLY TROUBLE WHEN I GET UP THERE IS GETTING TO DO MY WORK FOR WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER, AND WHEN YOU START TO WORK SOMEONE IS CONSTANTLY COMING BY AND STARTING A CONVERSATION THAT IS ALWAYS VERY INTERESTING, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A SHORT TIME YOU DO NOT HAVE TIME TO DABBLE AROUND IN IDLE CONVERSATION.

YOU MEET MANY VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE WHEN YOU ARE THERE, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC JOB TO DO, AND SO LITTLE TIME, YOU NEED TO SPEND YOUR TIME IN RESEARCH.

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KNOWING THAT SO MANY BURKE AND SCRIVEN PEOPLE WENT TO DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA I DECIDED TO SEE IF ANY OF THE ALLDAYS WENT ALONG, AND ALSO THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND WHERE THE REV. TRIGGS LIVED THERE FOR A TIME. LO AND BEHOLD WHEN I LOOKED IN THE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS I SAW MANY ALLDAY ITEMS, BUT MOST OF THEM AFTER 1840. HERE IS ONE THAT I FOUND WHICH I THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST:

DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA

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DATED: 12 FEBRUARY, 1830

PETER ALLDAY, OF BURKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, A DEED TO WILLIAM WEST ALSO OF BURKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR \$60.00, LOT #391, 19TH. LAND DISTRICT OF DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SIGNED: PETER ALLDAY

WITNESSES: JACOB T. ROWELL  
WILLIAM LASITER

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DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA

13 DECEMBER, 1866

MATHEW ALLDAY OF DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA A DEED TO SAMUEL J. DONALDSON FOR 50 ACRES ~~www.georgiapioneers.com~~ OUT OFF THE S.W. CORNER OF LOT #348 IN THE 27TH. LAND DISTRICT OF DECATUR COUNTY.

SIGNED; MATHEW ALLDAY

WITNESS: J.W.H. COLBERT

AFTER 1860 THERE ARE MANY DEEDS TO AND FROM MATHEW, ISAAC, AND GREEN ALLDAY, AND ALL OF THEM LIVED IN DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA. THEY WERE PEOPLE OF EDUCATION AND ALL SIGNED WITH BEAUTIFUL SIGNATURES. THERE WAS ONE "LITTLEBERRY ALLDAY" IN THE INDEX, BUT I DID NOT TRY TO COPY ALL OF THESE DEEDS, BUT I DID READ THE OLDEST ONES TO SEE IF, ANY INFORMATION WAS SHOWN IN THE BODIES OF ANY OF THESE DEEDS WHICH MIGHT HELP IN OUR RESEARCH. THE NAME "GREEN" WAS VERY POPULAR IN THE ALLDAY FAMILY.

VIRGINIA BAILEY WHO WORKS AT THE ARCHIVES HEARD MY CONVERSATION WITH REGARD TO ALLDAY WORK AND SHE SAID, "JACK, I HAVE A VERY CLOSE FRIEND HERE IN ATLANTA WHO MARRIED AN ALLDAY, AND HE WAS FROM DECATUR COUNTY." I ASKED HER TO CALL HER FRIEND, AND LATE THAT AFTERNOON SHE WAS ABLE TO CONTACT HER. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT HAVE ANY ALLDAY RECORDS, BUT THAT SHE WAS INTERESTED SINCE SHE HAD THREE LITTLE ALLDAYS, AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP FIND DATA WHICH MRS. DIXON COULD USE IN HER BOOK. SHE WENT TO DECATUR COUNTY THIS WEEKEND AND PROMISED TO CALL VIRGINIA ON HER RETURN TO SEE WHAT SHE COULD FIND FROM MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN DECATUR COUNTY. I FEEL THAT THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD DO, FOR THERE IS NOTHING IN BURKE COUNTY RECORDS THAT WILL HELP, AND APPARENTLY MOST OF THE ALLDAYS REMAINED THERE UNTIL CA 1850. SOMEWHERE DOWN THAT WAY SHOULD BE AN OLD ALLDAY FAMILY BIBLE, AND SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS

LIVING IN DECATUR COUNTY TODAY SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE LINEAGE. JUDGING FROM THE INDEX TO DEEDS YOU SHOULD HAVE A "SLEW" OF KINFOLKS IN DECATUR COUNTY AND VICINITY. I HOPE THAT MRS. R.E. WHEELER OF DONACOSVILLE FOLDER COLLECTION LOCATE SOME DATA, AND NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN THE DECATUR RECORDS I AM SURE THAT MRS. WHEELER COMES FROM THE DECATUR COUNTY ALLDAYS. WHY DON'T YOU DROP MRS. WHEELER A LINE AND ENCOURAGE HER TO GET INTERESTED. I AM GOING TO LOOK IN THE BAINBRIDGE PHONE DIRECTORY AND SEE IF ANY ALLDAYS HAVE PHONES LISTED, AND I AM GOING TO SEND OUT AN INQUIRY TO ALL THAT I CAN FIND. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THEM WENT DOWN TO QUINCY, FLORIDA. I WONDER IF THE "P" IN JOHN P. ALLDAY'S NAME STOOD FOR "PETER"????

I TALKED TO LEON HOLLINGSWORTH WHILE IN ATLANTA, AND HE TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO DO SOME RESEARCH FOR YOU ON "ROGERS" AS SOON AS HE RETURNED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA. LEON IS A VERY FINE GENEALOGIST AND IS VERY CAPABLE. THERE WAS A CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ROGERS AND HOLMAN FAMILIES IN WILKES COUNTY FOR DRURY WAS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID HOLMAN, AND I NOTICED WHERE BURRELL ROGERS WAS ONE OF THE APPRAISERS. MRS. DAVIDSON'S BOOKS ARE ALL GONE, IN FACT I BOUGHT THE LAST SET SHE HAD FOR A FRIEND OF MINE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA. AT THAT TIME HER DAUGHTER HAD SEVERAL COPIES OF VOLUME 2 LEFT, BUT ALL OF VOLUME 1 WERE SOLD. I WILL KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR YOU, AND IF I RUN INTO A SET I WILL BUY THEM FOR YOU. YOU NEVER SEE ANY OF THEM IN THE OLD BOOK SHOPS ANYMORE. (2)

I HAVE STARTED MY WORK ON THE COLONIAL RECORDS OF GEORGIA, AND I AM SURE IT WILL TAKE ME AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE I WILL HAVE ALL OF THEM ABSTRACTED. MY FRIEND MARY BRYAN, OUR STATE ARCHIVIST, HAS FINISHED ABSTRACTING THE COLONIAL WILLS, AND I AM TO DO THE CONVEYANCES, BILLS OF SALE, DEEDS, MORTGAGES, CLAIMS ETC. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE THREE AND MAYBE FOUR VOLUMES WHEN I AM FINISHED FOR I AM TO ABSTRACT THIRTY SEVEN VOLUMES OF RECORDS. I AM SURE I WILL COME UP WITH SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR YOU BEFORE I AM FINISHED. I WANT TO DO A GOOD JOB WITH AS FEW MISTAKES AS POSSIBLE, FOR THESE RECORDS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND AND WILL BE SENT TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND I CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO PRODUCE A "JOURNALISTIC MISCARRIAGE". I HAVE ALREADY NOTED JOSIAH ALLDAY AS A WITNESS ON MANY OF THESE RECORDS.

I MUST CLOSE FOR THIS TIME, AND I WILL LET YOU HEAR FROM ME AS SOON AS I HEAR FROM VIRGINIA BAILEY WITH REGARD TO THE ALLDAYS IN DECATUR COUNTY.

WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS TO YOU, I AM,

SINCERELY,

*Wade Jackson*