

May 1, 2001

Dear Rev. Peeples and Miss Cora:

Bill and I were delighted to meet you both and attend the 48th Annual John Francis Folk Reunion near Ehrhardt at Broxton Bridge Plantation on April 22. We enjoyed meeting everyone plus the good cooking.

We had a lovely, informative trip overall. After we left the reunion on the 22nd, we went to Ehrhardt to visit my Hiers cousins, children of Landis Wendell Hiers, s/o Mikellah Folk Hiers, d/o William Nicholas Hemeter Folk (and sister of my grandfather William Obed Folk), s/o Henry William Capers Folk, s/o Henry Folk, b. 1804, s/o Jacob Folk, s/o the immigrant Jacob Folk. I had never met the Hiers cousins so it was a thrill to me. One of them lives on William Nicholas Hemeter and Mahala Clementine Lightsey Folk's homeplace where my father was born (delivered by his grandfather, William Nicholas Hemeter Folk). The old home is no longer standing, but the cousins knew a good deal of the history surrounding the site. I was given a piece of Christmas cactus which William Nicholas Hemeter and wife (his second wife, my great grandmother died in 1911) had in 1914 when my father and Aunt Wylly visited there at Christmas. I was very excited about the cactus (it filled a whole washtub in 1914), and we babied it all the way home until we could get it and piece of another plant they had given me in some dirt. A piece of each one seems to be thriving.

We visited a distant Lightsey relative in Brunson, a Miss Julia Youmans. She spent the day with us telling us local history concerning a great-great uncle and other of my kin. We visited the Brunson Town Cemetery where my great great grandfather Henry William Capers Folk and his family are buried. Henry William Capers Folk, M.D.'s family picture is the one I sent you recently. The son on the extreme right in the photo is William Nicholas Hemeter Folk, my great grandfather. In addition to their father, all three sons were doctors.

We visited Pomaria and Newberry as well, searching for gravesites. I had understood the immigrant Jacob was buried in Pomaria; however the site we were referred to held the remains of John Adam Folk and his wife, I believe, on whose ground the town of Pomaria was constructed. Have you any knowledge of where the immigrant Jacob *is* buried?

If you come upon anything new regarding the Folks or anything you think I would be interested in, please pass it along.

I am enclosing some photos I took at the reunion. Also, am enclosing the copy you gave me as I have copied it. Thank you for inviting us to the reunion.

Blessings to you and Miss Cora,



Your Cousin, Judy Folk Schrader

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