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Dear Dr. Bob and Miss Cora,

It was so nice receiving your letter of 5 Oct. last. Really enjoyed hearing from you and Miss Cora. So very sorry to hear of your mother's illness, sure hope that she is feeling much better now.

Gladys had to make a quick trip up north to visit her mother who is living day to day. She has Enfazema (don't know just how to spell it), and gall bladder trouble, but doctors cannot operate due to her condition. Any day we can expect to hear that she has gone.

We were especially grateful for the information that you sent on Dr. William Wesley Folk. Although the manuscript has been sent to Harold, perhaps we can send the information that you sent and have Harold put it in the book where it belongs. I don't remember just what I put in the book on Dr. William Wesley's Family, but I don't think that I had it as complete as that that you sent.

I have never made up a chart on the Kearsse Family, as I have not been able to quiet figure it out. William Kersh b, in S.C. c1746 and Jacob Kersh b. S.C. c. 1750. I donnot go along with Rev. M.M.Brabham's book as there are too many mistakes in it. As far as I can tell he missed one and perhaps two generations en both William and Jacob Kersh, and he has a brother and sister as man and wife, I figure that William Kersh b, c. 1746, married c. 1769/70, issue William Kersh,Jr. b. c. 1770, married c. 1795/96, issue William Kersh,III, b. c. 1796/97, married 1819,issue William McMillan Kersh b. 1819, married Susan Masse Brabham b.1821. The same goes for Jacob Kersh b. 1750, married c. 1774 issue Jacob Kersh,II b.c. 1776 married c. 1802 father of Olive Brabham "Ollie" Kersh wife of Jacob Folk. We did find a Jacob Kersh who faught with Daniel Boone at the Battle of Blue Lick in the Cherokee Indian War, 1759. Who his parents were I donnot know. We do know that George Kersh landed in Charleston in 1732 and had land in Berkerley County,S.C. as he deeded part of it over to his son in 1850. I donot know his full issue.

According to Rev. Brabham's book William Kersh,Sr. would have had to be 73 years old when he married and had a family of eight childøen. It is possible but not probable unless he had some good friends or lived near a firehouse and they had no fire houses in those days. Gladys and I are now consentrating on the above mentioned facts an d trying to prove them out. The State and National Archives have nothing on the above so we are going to have to go to Charleston and see what we can find out

According to the 1790 Census for Orangeburg District, Southern Part Nathan Grimes had 4 boys, 3 over 16 and 1 under 16, and 1 girl.

George Martin Grimes could have been one of these boys; ie a son of Nathan Grimes and could have been born between 1770 and 1790. Of course there was a George Tass Grimes that also married into the family (Kersh) Rebecca Kersh, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Brabham) Kersh could have been born between 1805 and 1810 and could have married in 1829 to Dr. William Wesley Folk, her first cousin. She was no doubt a younger sister of Olive Brabham Kersh who married Jacob Folk in 1822. Born 1803.

Dr. William Wesley Folk was born with a club foot. He was an excellent Doctor, in his time.

Due to the fact that Dr. William Wesley and Harriett Rebecca Grimes Folk named one of their children George Martin, I would lean to the fact that the grandfather of Harriett Rebecca Grimes was George Martin Grimes, but I could be wrong.

George Grimes according to my records was George Tass Grimes, first husband of Mary Brabham. She married twice, second to Leroy Wilson.

Archibald Brabham, brother of Mary Brabham married Mary Grimes.

Flörah Brabham sister of Mary Brabham married William Kersh.

Nancy Brabham sister of Mary Brabham married Jacob Kersh who was the father of Olive "Ollie" Brabham Kearse that married Jacob Folk in Jan. 1822.

Susan Masse Brabham was a daughter of Joseph Brabham, Jr. She married William McMillan Kearse c. 1846. William McMillan Kearse was a son of William and Elizabeth (McMillan) Kearse. Therefore Susan Masse Brabham was a niece of Mary Brabham.

I have written to Jasper Johns, I believe that he lives on Long Island, New York State but received no reply. I also wrote to another member of the Johns family who resides in Alaska and received no reply. I had quite a bit of information on the Johns Family at one time but can't seem to get it all together. Our material was so mixed up in moving that I can't seem to locate it at the present. Some day it will all straighten out, I hope.

The material that you sent on Dr. William Wesley Folk, from Mrs Mary Roberts McLean is very good and thanks for sending it.

I have sent the manuscript to Harold so that he can get started on it. I am having it copyrited and have already received the Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number for it so everything seems to be moving along ok.

But I miss having it around and available to look at, as it took so much time getting together that it now seems to be a part of the family.

Gladys has been ill with a bad cold for the past month but seems to be recuperating nicely now. I have been doing all the cooking and believe that I have house-maids knees. I don't mind, just something to gripe about.

Did you know that Joseph Herbert Jenny, husband of the late Edith Jenny left us shortly after the reunion this year? Winnie Pritcher was in Moncks Corner and gave me a call and told us. It sure was a shock, as he seemed in perfect health at the reunion.

Do you remember, at the reunion, Winnie stated that the addresses should be checked and brought up to date. Well they all got my address and I heard from one, Lamar. Personally I can't see the benefit, as six months after the book is published, there will be some addresses that are obsolete. If Winnie wants an address book she will just have to make one up for herself as I couldnot hold up the book that long to change some addresses.

Gladys and I both send you and Miss Cora our love and best wishes and if you are ever up this way stop in for a chat and spend the night with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lone".