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Dear Dr. Peeples:

I was delighted to have your letter of March 28th and to know that Mrs. Peeples is a descendant of Robert and Elizabeth Mansell through their son Robert, Jr.

I am a descendant of their son Richard who married Elizabeth Mobley (Moberley) in Fairfield County, S. C. Their son Burrell Mansell married Martha Billingsley and their son John Billingsley Mansell was ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{great} grandfather. My grandmother Sarah Ann Mansell (Rutledge) was born in McMinn County, Tenn. in 1847. My grandmother died in 1940 in Dallas in her 93rd year. She was a beautiful and remarkable woman.

I am enclosing the following copies:

Will of Robert Mansell dated April 5, 1819, Stokes County, N. C.

Family sheet on Robert and Elizabeth Mansell

Family sheet on my Richard and Elizabeth Mobley Mansell

Document appointing Samuel Mansell (son of Richard) to act as attorney for heirs of Robert Mansell, Jr. dated August 8, 1839. (I cannot understand why Martha "Patsy" Mansell was not mentioned as an heir.)

Similar document dated October 19, 1839

Abstract of Deed Fairfield County, S.C. where Robert Mansell of Gulpeper County, Va. conveys land to Richard Mansell.

Letter from the Gulpeper County, Va. Circuit Court listing various land transactions of Robert and Elizabeth Mansell.

Copies of 4 family sheets sent to me by a Mr. Guffey (now deceased) of McMinn County, Tenn.

You may already have some or all of the above information. I only show the one marriage for Robert Mansell, Jr. and that was to Margaret Moore. Like you I have been puzzled about why he died at the home of his sister in N.C. Also why if he died in 1831 they were trying to settle his estate in 1839. Do you suppose they might have lost all contact with his daughter and family.

At one time I thought possibly Robert Mansell's wife's last name might have been Pratt. I have a copy of a land transaction in Culpeper County, Va. where Pratt conveys some land with the stipulation that Robert Mansell is to remain on the land where "he now resides". But nothing further has ever been developed.

I have never found any record of service in the Revolutionary War. Robert Mansell appears to me to have been a very well educated man. But why in making his Will did he appoint his son Richard to handle Robert, Jr.'s part of the estate? Do you think it possible that Robert, Jr. and his father had quarled or had a disagreement of some kind and he removed away to Kentucky and did not try to keep in touch with his family?

You mentioned the Walter Mansell, merchant, in Charleston. He and his partner Corbett loaned the American government during the Revolution 5,000 £ which was a great deal of money for that time. He also, at an earlier date, gave the Episcopal Church in Charleston a pipe organ which he had shipped in from England.

I have never been able to trace Robert Mansell beyond those early dates in Culpeper County, Va. There were a number of Mansells in early Maryland and a few in Virginia. My grandmother always said her great-grandfather was English and was born in England. Well, her great-grandfather would have been Richard Mansell but I have always thought he was born in this country.

Richard Mansell moved first to Jackson County, Tenn. where ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{John B.} Mansell/was born his grandson in 1815. John B. later moved to McMinn County, Tenn, *with his brother Robert.*

Incidentally, I think it is interesting that at one time Robert Mansell when in Stokes County, N. C. operated some sort of cloth mill with 9 operators.

Let's keep researching and any day the truth of Robert's origin and Elizabeth's last name might be discovered.

I do hope to hear from you all again and wish for you and yours a Most Joyful and Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

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