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P.S. Please visit  
me, the parents  
and grand parents  
of your wife Cora?

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Dear Rev. Peoples

I was very glad to hear from you as a new-found relative. I was on your beautiful island a few days ago and since I received your letter I was traveling by bus with a tour group, so I had little chance to contact you when there.

The obituary of Frances Marion McFungie (1820-1900) appeared in the old "Meigs County Sun". This is the county that I live in. There was a nice article about his death.

I copied records from Aunt Laura McFungie ~~McFungie~~ Coffey's old Bible. It stated that Frances Marion McFungie (which was known by the family here as "Uncle Mac") was born Dec. 21, 1852. But it also stated that the first Frances Marion who was born in 1820 died Sept. 12, 1890, which I know to be definitely wrong, since I had the original newspaper clipping of 1900 telling of his recent death. Then too my Daddy Henry Morrison McFungie was not born until Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1890. He related to me that when Frances Marion became sick to die that he was visiting with my Daddy and parents. He said that he was a young boy at the time and he went in the wagon with Granddaddy Frank McFungie to take him to the

Aunt Mary Shells where he died after 2 wks. my Daddy held the umbrella over him to keep the sun off, since he was so sick. Their Bible records also stated that Frances Marion (Uncle Mac) died May 8, 1930. The Bible states that Uncle Mac and Nannie Shell (who was his first wife) were married Oct. 16, 1870. Aunt Nannie's death date was not in the Bible records. Some of these records might have been recorded by memory many years after they took place, which accounts for some of them being incorrect. Recorded in the Bible were 3 births of relatives that I never knew anything about, so I am wondering if these were Uncle Mac's children who died as infants. They are as follows. Nannie Bell McKenzie born June 6, 1883, Florence Elizabeth born June 5, 1887 and Bart Emerson McKenzie born Nov. 24, 1889.

Mr. George W. Duffey lived to be about 100 yrs. old. I went to see him when he was about 90. He evidently got things mixed up in his later years, because Frances Marion (Uncle Mac) was not known as "Crock" McKenzie. "Crock's" real name was David Alexander and he was the son of Alexander McKenzie who was born 1819.

They lived in adjoining County to me, which is Mc Minn  
Co. Tenn. I have been to Crook's grave there, also  
his father's Alexander who was known as Red<sup>11</sup> Mc<sup>11</sup>.  
Uncle Mac was a huge man.

Uncle George Mc<sup>11</sup> Fergie married Sara Jane Carrell  
Jan. 14, 1880, (Not a Waller)

Uncle John Mc<sup>11</sup> Fergie married Nancy Waller Oct. 24 1881.

W. Alexander Mc<sup>11</sup> Fergie (Uncle Alec) married Roseann Waller  
Aug. 28, 1880. I got these marriage records here  
in the County where I live. They were all married  
here in Meigs Co. Tenn. The name is Waller (not  
Walter). Some of the younger generations of  
Waller are still living in Meigs County.

As far as I know Amanda Mc<sup>11</sup> Fergie was not  
related to the Kayl family. That is another error  
that was in the Bible records that I copied.  
I have my Great-Grandfather Henry Morrison  
Mc<sup>11</sup> Fergie's Civil War Questionaire. He was  
her son. He states that her maiden name was  
Amanda Wells, she was the daughter of David  
and Ariat Wells of Lumpkin Co. Georgia. She  
was not related to Cates either, as far as I can  
find. That was also misrepresented to me.

You mentioned Uncle Mac's son James O'Leary (he was  
the headed in accident) I was told by relatives.

I have been to Frances Marion and Amanda's  
graves many times. I remember their daughters (one)

Aunt Mary and Aunt Laura (also my Great-Grandfather Henry Morrison for whom my Daddy was named). They used to visit in our home.

I am sorry you have received the wrong information about things relating to our family. I hope I have made the corrections clear to you. I don't rely on 'hearsay'. I try to get the facts through records.

My husband died March 13, 1987. I live alone. I have one son who is the State Forester for the state of Tennessee, he was also appointed Assistant Commissioner of Natural Resources for Tennessee. He lives in the Nashville area. His office is in one of the government buildings (down town Nashville).

He is married to a banker. They have a girl and boy. The girl is married and has one child. She and her husband own a Chic-Fi-La Store in Clarksville, Tenn Shopping Mall. The boy is still single and works in Nashville. My son is Roy Cowan Ashley III. He and wife were here for a visit over the week end. I am looking forward to hearing from you again. Sincerely,  
Willie McFensie Ashley