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Dear Rev. Peoples,

I am working on family history about "my people" from South Carolina. We have just returned from a trip attending the Highschool Graduate activities of our daughter at Oakdale Christian Highschool, Jackson, Ky. We were camped at Mt. Vernon, Ill, and a camper from S.C. parked beside us. They were Mr. & Mrs. Byron Parnell from Charleston Heights, S.C. We talked with Mr. & Mrs. Parnell, wonderful people. I felt as if God planned for us to meet. Of course I asked questions about South Carolina history and they gave me your name and address.

The following is my story and I pray you will have the time to help me or tell me where I might get help. My greatgrandfather Jesse Powers, his family and others I will list came from Asheville, N.C. in 1878 to Nebraska City, Neb. I found out from Neb. Hist. Soc. 1850 census, Jesse Powers was born Tipton, S.C. in 1810. I have searched for the location of Tipton, S.C. and can not find it. Do you know where it is, could it be a town, county, plantation or township? I found in 1900 census Neb. Hist. Soc. his parents were also born in South Carolina, no names given or no location. If I could find the location of Tipton, S.C. I could write for census or other records, if I could just find the county.

Listed below is Jesse Powers family: (married more than once)

<u>Jesse Powers</u> (husband)	1810, Tipton, S.C.	Born	Died
Melinda Taylor Powers			Otoe Co. Neb.
(wife)	1850, Asheville, N.C.		Otoe Co. Neb.

Children:

Thomas A. Powers	1865, Asheville, N.C.	Chicago, Ill.
Laura Powers	1866, Asheville, N.C.	Neb.
Emma Powers	1868, Asheville, N.C.	?
Louisa Powers	1869, Asheville, N.C.	Bozeman, Mont.
Ella Powers	1872, Asheville, N.C.	Rock Port, Mo. (My Grandmother)
Mary & Martha Powers	1874, Asheville, N.C.	?
Matilda Powers	1877, Asheville, N.C.	?

John Powers (from another marriage) son of Jesse Powers born 1841, Greenville, S.C. died 1901, Neb. City, Neb.

Grandma told us very little about her family, we have lost contact with most all her people here in Neb, Iowa, N.C. and S.C. I have tried to locate our people in N.C. and S.C. and haven't had any luck. I visited Asheville, N.C. two years ago and checked some records, I found land records where Jesse Powers owned land 1854 thru 1877 around Asheville. I need a map showing townships to locate this land. I do not know the names of Jesse Powers parents or brothers or sisters. These land

family don't know Jesse Powers other wife or children from this marriage. Following is a list of John Powers family (Jesse Powers son).

John Powers (H)	1841, Greenville, S.C.	Died	Neb. City, Neb.
Drucy Arilla Taylor (W)	1846, Asheville, N.C.		Syracuse, Neb.

Children:

John Carter Powers	1869, Asheville, N.C.		Hamburg, Ia.
Hattie Powers	1873, Raleigh, N.C.		Hamburg, Ia.
Cora Powers	1880, Peru, Neb.		Sidney, Ia.
James Walter Powers	1874, Asheville, N.C.		Sidney, Ia.
Jesse Powers	1881	?	Sidney, Ia.
William Powers	?		?
Fred Powers	1889, Hamburg, Ia.		Shenandoah, Ia.
Olga Powers	1875, Greenville, N.C.		Syracuse, Neb.

Cleve Powers, Charles Powers, and Chester Powers born in Neb. and buried Neb.

Jesse Powers, and son John Powers married sisters, the John Taylor daughters.
I have very few records about John Taylor but he came to Neb. with them (he was married more than once) his wife Emily Carlin and daughter, Sarah (second marriage) all came to Neb. Of course his other daughters Melinda Taylor Powers and Arilla Taylor Powers. I have contacted some of the descendants of his here, can't tell me a thing, can't find out any thing about the John Taylor past. But I do know that Melinda and Arilla Taylor had a sister Emma Taylor and a brother Carter Taylor left in N.C. (did not come to Neb. but can't find any of their descendants.

I found in the Asheville, N.C. Lib., a roster of Civil War soldiers where Jesse Powers, John Powers and John Taylor, enlisted as privates...dated Sept. 20, 1864, in the 69th Regiment from Buncombe Co. Asheville, N.C. Where can I find out more about these records?

The past winter I put an article in the Asheville, N.C. newspaper, listing all these Powers and Taylors names asking for any descendants to write me, no answer. I would appreciate any help you could give me where to write and etc., local, state, fed., church records and historical soc. I hope someday to make another trip to North Carolina and South Carolina.

Thank You and God Bless You

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