

just discard after you look at these, B.J.J.

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Dear Mrs. Lacy:

Since I sent you a card on 25 January to say that I would not be able to answer more fully your good letter of 19 January, my time has been taken up with a number of things that required immediate attention. Not all have been taken care of, but I feel I must write to you without further delay.

I fully understand why you felt it desirable to dispose of nearly all your Yancey files when you left Fort Worth. You had already given away many papers, and I know you write to a countless number of people who appealed to you for Yancey information. You could not do that indefinitely. So moving time was a good opportunity to cut loose from files. I am sure they went to places where they will, in time, be put to good use.

Because Douglas Willis took an interest in the Bartlett Yancey Jr. homéplace, Perhaps he might be interested in the Caswell County, N.C. Yancey material I sent to you, as you suggested in your letter. Jim David has copies; though I have not had any word from him yet. I do not believe Mr. Clarence Yancey would have time to look into these notes; and so far as I know, he has had no reason to be interested in the Caswell County Yanceys.

Only after I have more information would it seem profitable to let Mrs. Watson run a query in the Journal. My last query in the Genealogical Helper has brought me several letters, two of them rather helpful. They were about my Howard line.

I had not noted until you told me that your great great grandmothers were the sisters Sarah and Abigail Hicks, daughters of Robert Hicks, who married Capt. John Medearis and William Yancey. I must mention this to Mrs. Hummel, who is a Hicks descendant, and is working on the publication of parts of the History of Granville County which her father and brother worked on for so long. She has published the first volume, which is the listing of the marriage bonds.

You also said that you did not remember why, but you once believed that your William was a son of Richard who was a brother of James and (Mrs. Wood's ancestor). They were, you said, sons of Charles, Jr., whose father Charles, Sr. married the daughter of Alexander Leighton. Well I am sure you are a descendant of Richard through his son William and the latter's son Thomas. Jim David Yancey and I traced that through land records and used a magnifying glass to examine

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copies of maps of the area where both James and Richard had left land in Granville County. Richard left some of his to his son William, and James left his home place, less some land for Philip, to his son Thomas. We were able to identify the land that Richard left to his son William; but we could not be sure of the land left to Thomas, son of James. I was eager to find out about the land James left to Thomas, for I then thought that Jackson M. Yancey probably was a child of Thomas, James' son. I have never found out yet what became of this Thomas after he inherited his father's home. There were so many younger Thomases and Jameses that I have not got them straightened out.

In the latest notes I made on the Caswell County Yanceys, the Thomas Yancey whom I placed as a son of Bartlett, Sr. because his children were mentioned in his mother's will and the children, including the youngest (by the second wife), were named in the division of this Thomas Yancey's lands in 1804. I think this is as good proof as one is likely to get in this case. But one or two descendants of others named in the will, as Thomas was not, seem to doubt my assumption. Yet they offer no other possible solution. Some others agree with mine.

I appreciate very much your reading the notes I sent, as well as your suggestion that you send them on to someone else. If you find it not too much trouble and think he might be interested, please send them to Douglas Willis. (I have the address of his home somewhere, but can not find it tonight. My filing system is not so bad: I just fail to return things to it promptly, and then they get lost among other papers until I happen to run across them again. I always admired the way you could go to your filing cabinet and pull out what you wanted so quickly.) I am sure your son has Douglas Willis' address, if you do not.

For several months until recently, I had not been seeing so well. But now some new glasses, much stronger than the old ones, enable me to see quite clearly and prevent my tiring so easily.

As you see, I am as interested as ever in finding out what I can about any Yancey group. I wish I could do better work and could finish more quickly the things I set out to do. But I shall continue doing the best I can; for, as I have said, it is all as endlessly interesting as it is endless.

Mrs. Oliver Yancey Vassar of South Hill, Va. continues to send me items now and then, the latest (before her comments on the Caswell Co. Yanceys) being papers showing Jackson M. Yancey's service in the War of 1812. I had not known that he had ever had any military service.

With thanks again for all your many kindnesses and with best wishes to you and all members of your family, I am

Gratefully,
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