Please return to me.

Macon, Ga.
Sept 4, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Tallant:-

It has been a long time since I wrote to you but I hope you will pardon my delay, as I have been been looking for information that might answer your questions about our families. Since I last heard from you I have spent time in Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana. Just returned to Macon about one month ago. I have close relations North, South and West.

According to records I have examined the following is the divisions of Kentucky since the rule of the state by english governors of

Virginia. The state was originally a district of Fincastle county. Virginia The old records were nearly all destroyed by fire. Later the whole state became what was known as Kentucky county. Virginia. The people were were isolated from Virginia and did not have a voice or representation in the legislature of Virginia. Neither did they have protection from Virginia, as the state was furnishing troops to the colonial army. and was unable to furnish protection for its borders. Kentucky became a state June 1st or 2nd. 1792. It was the 2nd state ~~state~~ admitted to the union. The first division into counties was made in 1795. There were three counties. Lincoln. Fayette and Jefferson. There are 120 counties today all have been made from these three original counties. Madison was once a part of Lincoln county. Stanford is the county seat of Lincoln and was known as Ft Asaph at one time. It was built on the site of Logans fort. Most of the old records of Madison would be found in Lincoln County as Madison was originally a part of that county. My Great grand

Not my direct line, Daniel may have been a cousin to my father.

Daniel Cooley left Virginia to come to Kentucky on account of one of his boys shooting a man in an argument. He owned land in Virginia (Fincastle Co) but on account of this trouble he never went back to claim it. He had two sons William and James and a daughter named Polly. William was the one who got into trouble. Later he and his brother James served in the union army during the civil war. James was wounded by a shell on the drive to Vicksburg January 11, 1863. James was my grandfather I never saw him as he died from this wound a few years after the war, but I can remember William as an old man drawing a

soldier pensions. He died about 1899. The legend about which you speak is not a legend but a fact. The man who was scalped by indians and wore the black cap was my great grand father Daniel Cooley. It happened about three miles from Stanford in the edge of the knobs or foot hills. He was left for dead but was later picked up and revived. He served later in the war 1812, as a private in Francesco's Kentucky Militia, under the command of Captain William Caldwell, and was discharged at Urbana, Ohio on April 7th, 1815. He married Betsy Spurlock who was half irish and half Cherokee indian. My grandfather James

This story was known to my grandfather Daniel Sr. Must have been a relic of my family - written as usual

was one quarter, my father one eigth and I am one sixteenth, ha ha not much indian left. is there? They are buried in what is known as the sugar loaf cemetary about 1/2 mile from the place he was scalped. The scalping occured on Neals Creek in front of what was known as the John Raines place. I have been unable to find out if he had a brother who came with him from Virginia. It is my opinion that he had a brother named James, as he named his son James, and James named his son who was my father Daniel. It has been a custom of the Cooley family to name their children after each other and they are generally old names. If Daniel Cooley and your great grand father James were brothers my grandfather James and your grand father Miller Wisdom Cooley would have have been first cousins. Our fathers second cousins and you would be my third cousin. I would like to have a picture of you and your brother and I will try to return some of my sister and myself. My sister lives in Macon. My wife and

I separated in 1932, so that is the reason I have never ~~writ~~ been able to visit you and have a talk. I have lived in the east since January 1934.
It seems to be an old Spanish custom in California to be separated and divorced. This was no fault of mine as she chose to live with her own people in preference to me. So she took the trail home and I took the trail across the Great Divide to visit and live with my own whom I had not seen for twenty years. That was the end of the sweet little nest I built in the west, and the rest of the world is going by first the

same. I learned most of the information I have given you from my first cousin Lucy Cooley whom I visited in Indianapolis a short time ago. I spent a month up there. I have a summer home on a lake in Michigan. It is a four room cottage and is ~~&~~ 29 miles north west of Kalamazoo. My older sister is living in it while I am away. The other sister and I operate a rooming house in Macon. Their names are Mary and Susie. Both are married. I'll give you another list of all my family. Let me hear from you soon.

Your legendary cousin,
M. E. Cooley
821 Cherry St.

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Great grand father Daniel Cooley.
" " mother Betsy Spurlock.
Sons William and James
Daughter Polly

Grand father James Cooley.
Grand mother - Annie Martin
Sons — Daniel, Benjamin, William
Step grand mother was a Wells
Sons James Nathaniel
Daughters