

Brandenburg, Ky.
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Ans. May 9th '36

My dear Mrs. Fallant,

My very good friend, Mrs. Howard, forwarded your letter to me last week. I had previously received one from you, however. I am sorry I did not answer it sooner but during the winter I hardly find time to write to my mother once a week much less delve into a family history which holds slight if any interest for me. I must claim some "intelligence" but hardly the necessary "genealogical slant" you mentioned to Mrs. Howard in your letter. My husband is a physician and I am office girl, assistant, ^{and} better writer besides caring for two children and keeping my own home. Nevertheless, I apologize for not answering your letter — it was pigeonholed in my mind for future answering but I just hadn't gotten to it yet.

I can tell you little about what you

wish to know. All I know is what I have heard mother say: —

Her grandfather and grandmother died at a place called "Coak's Ford" — (I am not sure whether this is in Taylor or Adair) within a few days of each other, leaving several small children. Her father, William Jefferson Cooley, was taken by Aunt Nancy Fisher and was reared by her in Adair County. The other children were sent to other relatives to rear. After many years, ^{great} Uncle Henry Cooley, grandfather's brother, got in touch with him. Uncle Henry had been reared by kindfolk in Missouri. He died in Carrollton Mo. since I can remember. Now grandfather Cooley also had a sister in Adair — she was Aunt Mary Robinson and later married a Brockman (or ~~was~~ the other way around I'm not sure). I knew her and visited her as a child. She left several children and grand children who might help you. One granddaughter Cleo Sapp lives at Merrimac ^{Taylor Co.} Ky. One daughter married Mr. Gabbert. She is dead but has several children living (Frank Gabbert at Campbellsville is the only address I know). She had a son Herschell Robinson who lived at

Absher in Adair County. I believe he is dead now but his wife and daughter Clara are alive. They might have some of the old Cooley records. I don't know how you missed Aunt Mary in your records.

I believe there was a family Bible — I seem to remember seeing it at Grandmothers. But I do not know who has it now. As grand father was an orphan and knew little of his people I do not believe it would date back before his own family. I am sure that Mrs. Ethel Russell ^{wrote eye} at Absher could tell you if such a volume exists and who has it.

I was at Columbia about Thanksgiving and saw Pete Harvis, ^{wrote him} the County Court clerk, and asked him if he had any records of land transactions, marriages, etc of the Cooleys. He said he did have them back for a good many years. I feel like he could do you more good than anyone I know.

I can't give you information about the names of great grandfather or great, great grandfather. Mother, might do that but when she talked to Mrs. Howard that day she didn't seem at all sure herself.

My mother is quite elderly and she is hardly able ^{physically} to help you much in your search. I am tied down to the extent that I can do little.

I suggest you write to Pete Harris at Columbus Kentucky about old Cooley records. Also write to Mrs. Ethel Russell ^{wrote her} at Asher about the whereabouts of the Bible. And one more suggestion: I know of an Ina Haviors ^{wrote her.} at Knifley, Ky. who might be interested enough to look up something of the Haviors family for you. Knifley is full of Haviors people.

I am very sorry I can give you so little information — mother might do much better.

I wish you every success in your undertaking.

Very sincerely,
Hell W. Blair