

Liberty, Missouri  
Clay Co  
June 30, 1932.

Mr. Edward C. Tallant  
911 Chapala St.,  
Santa Barbara Cal.,

My Dear Mr. Tallant,

I'm writing you at the request of our Recorder of Deeds, Mr. Mosby. He called me by phone, giving me your name and address, and saying you are interested in tracing your lineage thru the White family. I am a descendent from two branches of White ancestors and have just lately been working on family history thru White and other lines as well. Have been searching old records in Mr. Mosby's office (He is a relative of mine), hence his reference of you to me. I would like so much to help you and believe I can if you want information contained in any records of this County. Clay Co. records start about 1820, but there are histories of pioneers living here at that time who came from Kentucky and other states. The Whites came here from Madison Co. Kentucky (or at least one branch) all from Kentucky I believe.

I have only heard of one White (Nick)  
of whom I haven't been able to line up  
with our family and I can trace him  
up thru some folks related to him in  
this Co. I understood Mr. Mosby to  
say you wished to know of Elizabeth  
White who married a Mr. Cooley. I haven't  
your letter so I may be mistaken in this.  
Have you a copy of the letter of "Early  
Days in the West" by Thorpe? If not I can  
send you a copy. In this history of early  
pioneers Mr. Thorpe describes a wedding  
as one of the first to be celebrated in this  
Co. The parties were <sup>a</sup> daughters of Joseph  
Cooley and a Mr. White <sup>about (1815)</sup>. He doesn't give  
the given name. Now did Elizabeth  
White marry a Cooley? If so, what was  
his given name? ~~John~~ I've intended tracing  
this White who married the Cooley girl  
but just haven't gotten to it yet. Are  
you a descendant of Joseph Cooley?  
He is mentioned in all records of Clay Co.  
pioneers. I have lately received a  
D.A.R. paper tracing one line of Clay  
Co. Whites to Nathan White, patriot of the  
American Rev. and am trying now  
to trace the line of Jeremiah White,  
my great grand father who also was

a Kentucky resident before coming to  
Clay Co. in 1820. He was born in 1810. Now  
I feel sure Elizabeth White was a relative of  
one of these lines. We (myself and two or  
three other White descendants) have a genealogist  
in Kentucky now working on this very  
work. She traced the Nathan White  
line and is very familiar with all  
the White history and names in the  
records of that State. So if you will  
write me all the details you know  
of this Elizabeth White, I may be able  
to get her to connect up with the  
records there. I believe it would be  
easy for her to do this as all this  
is still fresh in her memory. I did  
not see your letter so am not sure  
just what information you wish.  
So if you will write me, I'll do my  
very best to get the information you  
desire as it will be helping my  
history as well. Also any thing you  
know of any White descendant will be  
appreciated. If the records of this  
County don't help us I can send you the  
address of our Ken. genealogist and I feel  
sure she can  
Hoping to hear from you soon  
(over)

Sarah Cooley sister of Wm Jefferson  
I am the daughter of Aaron of Abshur Mo. Mar.  
Sincerely yours, a White

Ethel White Earls.

My address:  
Mrs. John D. Earls  
Liberty  
Missouri  
Route 2.

\* Anthony W. White an officer in Continental army of Va.

Daniel White soldier in Col Nath's Lists Reg 1777.

Geo. White in Col David Morgans 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Va Reg.

Joe W Col Alex Spotswoods 2<sup>nd</sup> Va Reg - 1777.

John " " " " officer to whom

Land Warrants were issued prior to Dec 31 - 1784.

Nicholas " in Col. dau Morgans 11<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup> Va Reg.

Robt " officer given Land Warrant before Dec 31 - 1784.

Tarpley - an officer " " " " " " " " " "

Thost. " " " " " " " " " "

Wm " in col John Gibsons detachment Jan 1780

to Dec 6 - 1781.

Jeremiah - Rev Soldier from Orange Co Va  
in J. T. McAllister's list of  
Rev Soldiers called Va. Militia in  
the Rev. War.