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*Mr Jefferson
Cooley father son
of Aaron (or rather Mr Aaron).*

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Mrs M. C. Tallant
Santa Barbara, California.

My dear Mrs Tallant:

Several weeks ago I talked to Mr Heaty (?) the former County Clerk, here. He and Mr Ballard are both quite well informed concerning this County. They say you have obtained the best available information here thru Mrs Ballard and Mr Cooley.

I went out to see Mr Cooley about two weeks ago. He is a very genial sensible kind and I am sure he sent you all that they know of his line. I'll repeat what he told me. His father was Wm Jeff Cooley b. 1834, Son of ^{Mr} Aaron Cooley & wife (each died 1845) Aaron

was son of the first Cooley who
settled in Kentucky from Virginia -
I asked Mr Cooley if he knew whether
his great grand father ever lived near
Richmond, ^{Ky.} but he did not know.

His father lived with his Aunt
Nancy Fisher whose husband was
Stephen Fisher of Taylor Co. His father
had one brother, Henry ^{Aaron} Cooley, who
lived in Carrollton, Mo. Mr Cooley
said he had visited his Uncle Henry
in Carrollton, Mo. Uncle Henry had
no children. He had an Aunt
Adeline Thomas of Iowa; An Aunt
Mary who was first a Robertson
then a Brochman; also he had
an Aunt, Nancy Anderson. These
~~two~~ Aunts lived in Kentucky.

Mr Cooley has the following
Sisters & Brothers: James, R. W., Henry,
Philip; Mary S. Grider, (Kansas City)
Nannie Cooley, Rose Willingham, Bettie
Thomas, Fannie Walling (Lexington, Mo.),
Sallie Cove, (Holmes, Ky.)

Note: Henry Aaron did have brothers: One from
and James (my ancestor, M.C.T.)

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Mr Cooley said he had no cousins named White but that his father may have had cousins by that name. He does not know whether his father had an Uncle James who moved to Mo. He does not know whether he had ancestors named Hart but he thinks it likely that he had some named Miller.

Since Mr Cooley had an Uncle Henry in Carrollton, Mo. I'd venture a guess that his father was a first cousin of your grand father, too had we can't prove this easily - So near yet so far -

I met Mr Ballard in town this afternoon & I asked him if there were

Any grave yards at Ripley etc that
he had not investigated and he said
that there were none. He says many
old grave stones have decayed in
numerous old grave yards in the
County so that some records are
lost most certainly. If they find
any lots that should be investigated
I'll take them ^(w. the Ballards) to the spot so you
may hear again ~~ear~~ long.

I had a letter from Mrs
Brewer not long ago. She has sent
me a Hill address that may help
me. An old lady whose father
was Addison Hill may prove to be
the child of my grand father's
first cousin Stroup how
quickly records can disappear.

I sent Mrs Brewer a Virginia
Hill line that I am not sure was
sent to you so I'll put the outline in



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This letter for you. You may not have this line & it may prove interesting. In the Richmond Times Dispatch: Jan 28, 1912; Feb. 4, 1912; June 9, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 25, 1907; Aug 9, 1903; Feb 1, 1914; Jan 31, 1915; - are records of a Hill line. Wm Hill m. Frances Nuddles and they had 4 sons: Wm. b 1712, Richard b 1714, Russell b 1716, Thomas b. 1725. ^{Nuddles b. 1725} The lines of Russell & Nuddles are printed but I did not see those of Thomas & William. ^{+ Richard} Gen Ambrose Powell Hill was a descendant of Russell. Nuddles Hill m. Letitia Morgan 1758 and I am still thinking that he could be the grand father of my gr gr mother, Letitia Hill Shaver.

I guess he is not however since he had only one son by his first wife, Jane Morgan, and no sons by his second wife, Letitia Morgan. This line is given in the Sept. no 1920 p. 5-39 of DAR magazine back to 1630. Some of the data is not settled however, I have been told by librarians in Richmond, Va.

There is another Hill line in King & Queen Co., Va. that looks interesting, ^(to me) since one of them who married a Lewis had a son, Addison Hill, b. about 1820, I judge.

I am beginning to think that the Hill families are almost as numerous as the Miller families. I guess I wrote you that I saw a statement that there are 630,000 Millers in U.S.A. now. There must be 300,000 Hills!

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I'll certainly be on the watch for Cooleys & Millers and if I get any data of interest I'll send it to you. There is a Mr Henry Miller ~~here~~ whose wife was also a Miller (a sister to Mrs Ballard) These Miller families are not connected, they say. This Mr Henry Miller is related to prominent Millers in Kentucky. He did not tell me much about his line. He doesn't know a great deal but some one in that line should have the records. I think he would write you about his line as far as he knows it & he might suggest some one who knows more than he does.

Cordially yours,

Elva Goodhue

My great grandfather James Cooley
near Frances Miller, daughter
of Henry Miller & Eliza
Wisdom
P.S. I was in Nashville last Sunday but didn't get any records

Note: There were numerous Henry Miller's
about 1775 - to 1800 and several in Ky.

One Henry Miller lived in Jessamine Co
and I have wondered if it was Lui's
daughter who married James Cooley,
my gr. grandfather.

As you know, a Wm Cooley came
into Ky. with Daniel Boone. I wonder
if he could have been the father of
Wm Aaron Cooley, (father of Wm Jeffer-
son Cooley) and brother of James,
my gr. grandfather?