1104 Vermont Avenue, N. W. Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hairston,

I am attempting to learn something of the grandchildren and further descendants of Lucinda Frances Dade and Mary Foote, who were the first and second wives of Judge Hezekiah William Foote of Macon, Mississippi. My object is to include a list of this family in my records of the Washington family, which I am compiling for eventual publication. These first two wives of Judge Foote were great-granddaughters of Betty Washington Lewis, sister of General Washington.

Could you give me a list of your part of the family, with as many exact names and dates of birth, marriage, and death as possible? I would very much appreciate this help. I understand that you descend from one of the daughters of Judge Foote who married a Patty.

I am hopeful of finding somewhere among these descendants an old family Bible, perhaps even going back so far as to include a list of the children of Fielding Lewis, Jr., who married Ann Alexander in 1769 and was the grandfather of the two Mrs. Footes.

It also seems likely to me that some of the family must have Judge Foote's correspondence with Lawrence Lewis and other members of the family in Virginia in the 1830's and 1840's, when the last details of setting General Washington's estate were finally cleared up, and Judge Foote represented the Fielding Lewis, Jr., descendants in this business. If so, any such letters might contain information of great value to me in tracing some of the lost members of this part of the family whom I have thus far been unable to find.

I would be most grateful indeed for any help you can give me. I have a good deal of information about some of the ancestors of the two Mrs. Footes, and would be glad to try to answer any questions you might have about their ancestry. It is their descendants whom I am trying to find now, and I hope you will be able to give me the names, dates, and other information about some of them.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Washington

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