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Dear Miss Patty:

I am collecting a genealogy of descendants of the Washington family, with particular emphasis on the various families descended from General Washington's brothers and sister. I have had a good deal of difficulty learning about some of the families descended from Fielding Lewis, Jr., who is your ancestor, and am writing to ask your assistance.

It has been proved to my satisfaction through records relating to the division of the estate of General Washington that Fielding Lewis Jr and Ann Alexander his wife were survived by only seven children, though we know the names of the two others who must have died before their father. But a couple of these children have thus far eluded me, and disappear into the mist.

Judge Mesekiah William Foote, your ancestor, seems to have handled the correspondence and transactions for the heirs of Fielding Lewis, Jr., with the executors of General Washington's will, after he married Lucinda Frances Dade about 1838, and he seems to have owned various Washington relics. I am wondering if his papers and correspondence survive in the possession of any descendants of the family. It has even seemed probable to me that there might somewhere in your family be an old Family Bible showing the dates of birth of the children of Fielding Lewis, Jr., or perhaps at least the births of the children of Henry Chew Dade and Catherine D. Lewis. Certainly there seems a chance that his papers might include letters from the various relatives among whom any final payments from General Washington's estate would have been divided, showing where and when the various descendants were living in the 1840's.

Ultimately I should like to collect a complete list of the descendants of this part of the family. I already have some fairly extensive notes and enough to show that the family must be very numerous. Any information you could give me to show the grandchildren and further descendants of Judge Foote by his first two wives ~~him~~ (Lucinda Frances Dade and Mary Foote) would be most welcome indeed. I am hoping that you will turn out to be descended from Mary Foote, the daughter of Lucinda Lewis and Gilson Foote, and be able to tell me more about her and her brothers and sisters.

I shall enclose a list of the children of Fielding Lewis, Jr., as I now suppose them to be, indicating some of the problems I still have. I shall be most grateful for any help you or any member of the family can give me.

I have a fair amount of information about the ancestors of Fielding Lewis, Jr., and Ann Alexander, and would be happy to try to answer any questions you might have in this area.

Sincerely yours,

s/ John A. Washington

November 17, 1956.

Fielding Lewis (Jr) born 14 Feb 1750/51 (Bible record)
died 5 July 1803 (authority for this date unknown)
Married (before 15 Sep 1769) (General Washington's correspondence)
Ann Alexander born about 1751
died 1812 (authority for this date unknown)

Children:


- 1 George Warner Lewis born about 1770
died without issue before 1805
Married 1 Dec 1791 in Jefferson Co Ky
Susannah Johnston
 - 2 Elizabeth Alexander Lewis born about 1772
died before 1823
married about 1789 (as his first wife)
Alexander Elliott Spotswood born 1 Dec 1769
died between 1841-1850
lived at Glasgow, Barren Co, Ky; had five or more children
 - 3 Fielding Augustine Lewis born about 1774
living 1790
dead without issue before 1805
 - 4 Charles A Lewis 15 Nov 1775-9 Aug 1829
Married 22 May 1816 (as her first husband)
Jane Davidson born about 1789
died about 1850
lived in Wilson County, Tennessee; had four children
 - 5 Robert Lewis born after 1784
living 1816, apparently died before 1833
Married and had a family, apparently lived in Virginia, but completely lost
 - 6 Nancy Lewis born after 1783
still living 1816
married 29 Jan 1808
Thomas Davidson
Lived in Barren Co, Ky; unknown whether they had children
 - 7 John Lewis born after 1783
died 24 Aug 1814 without issue & probably unmarried
killed in British assault on Washington, DC, in War of 1812.
 - 8 Catherine D. Lewis born about 1790
died April 1852
Married 15 Nov 1809
Henry Chew Dade born about 1778
died 20 Sep 1841
Lived King George Co Va 1810, Fauquier Co Va 1830, perhaps in Prince William Co Va 1833, moved to Noxubee Co Missis about 1835, where both died; six children
 - 9 Lucinda E Lewis born about 1792
died after 1827, perhaps before 1830
Married 15 Sep 1814
Gilson Foote born 3 May 1791
living in 1850
Lived Prince William Co Va 1814, in Fauquier Co Va 1830, perhaps in Prince William Co 1833, moved to Noxubee Co, Missis before 1850; said to have had five children, but little known of them.
- x Any other children of Fielding Lewis, Jr., must have died without issue before 1805.

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