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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mrs. N. H. Hairston  
1101 Roanoke Street  
Roanoke, Virginia.

In re: Pedigree of Jane Hairston,

Dear Mrs. Hairston:

Responsive to your letter of December 14, 1940, requesting my authority for the statement that Jane Hairston was the daughter of Robert and Ruth Stoval Hairston, it is from the Bible of Jane Hairston recording her birth, marriage and death, with complete details of the birth of her children, as they were born, named married and died. She was born Oct. 16, 1767; married Captain Joshua Rentfro (b. July 1, 1757 ; d. Sept. 5, 1815) ; Jane died Oct. 1839. They had 14 children, duly recorded in the proper record. She named her first child "Ruth" for her mother; her 4th child was named "Robert Hairston " for her father; her 5th child was named "Agnes"; for her grandmother Hairston; her 7th child was Sallie Hairston for her sister ( who married Mr. Rowland, died young leaving two baby girls reared by their grandfather, Robert Hairston)

Sarah (Sallie) Hairston Rentfro was born Feb. 22, 1798, probably in Meade Co., Kentucky. In 1814 she was in Henry Co., Virginia on a visit, where she wrote a letter to her friend ( Frances (Fannie) Boone. This letter I have. While there she married her cousin , Major John Staples, son of her ..... by whom she had a child named Martha, living in Kentucky (Meade Co. on the Ohio River. Her father and her husband took a boat-load of produce to New Orleans, 1815, and were killed and robbed Sept. 5, 1815. She married 2nd Col. Hiram Cassel Boone (b. July 3, 1789, at Well's Station, Ky.) whose first wife was Frances (Fannie) Boone. This marriage was August 2, 1821. He had an estate "Sandy Farm," adjoining the Rentfro estate ( See THE BOONE FAMILY ; p. 139 as to Fanny Boone and p. 160 as to Col. Boone and Mrs. Sarah Hairston Staples This book of 700 pages, published 1923, sells for \$15.00, supplemented by BOONE BULLETINS, 1 to 11 inc, published annually, may be purchased for \$10.00 .These publications give authorities in full. See also Cyclopedia of LAW AND PROCEDURE, Vol. 16 p.1223 "Evidence, Declarations as to Pedigree

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In a former letter I quoted from a written statement Col. H. C. Boone, giving the pedigree of his second wife Mrs. Sarah Hairston Rentfro Staples (widow). He knew her mother, Jane Hairston Rentfro, for 18 years, and that she was the sister of George and Samuel Hairston. You are acquainted with Hill's History of Henry Co. Virginia. Some thrity years ago, I corresponded with the widow of a Major Hairston who was given as an authority on the Hairston Family, and lived Beaver Creek. It was she who told me that they had lost Janie Hairston, and she so delighted to find her.

In March of 1932 I became acquainted with Mr. W. H. Dumont. He was writing a book on BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, Gentleman, who came to Virginia, in 1684. He gave me his Stoval data for my Hairston data, some of which was:

" Polly Cooper, sister of Major Thomas Cooper, m. George Stoval. Their daughter Ruth m. Captain Robert Hairston. Polly and Thomas Cooper descend from Sir Ashley, first earl of Shaftsbury, England, (See ~~Ex~~ Debratt's Peerage p.250.

Of course you know that a Peter Hairston first came to Philadelphia before a Peter Hairston came to Virginia. I have never been able to connect Peter with Hairston's of Scotland, although I have put in years of work connecting American Families with with England, Scotland and Walls. Last year I published my final paper as COUNTESS MABEL OF THE MAGNA CHART, as Bulletin 10-11.

I am a founding member of the Council of THE INSTITUTION OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, and I am glad to note your membership. The details of my pedigree is given on page 124 of Vol. 2, COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY. In the 1937 Vol. of HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, I am 1 of 4 members interested in Hairston History of which my mother Victoria, daughter of Col. Higan Cassel Boone and Sarah (Sallie) Hairston Rentfro. The third child of the 2nd marriage was named Samuel Hairston; My mother, 9th child, Victoria assumed the middle name of "Agnes" for Agnes Hairston. I was named "William" because for time immemorial, ever generation of our branch of the Scotch Douglass family had a William Bouglass. I assumed the name "Boone" for mother after I was grown, and passed the name of William Boone Douglass to my son, American Vice Consul in Charge, Horta, The Azores, as a part of the U. S. A. defence work. Before this he was at Gibraltar. My daughter Marguerite is the wife of Dr. George S. Lockett, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. They have daughters Margaret and Jane. My daughter Dorothy m. Joseph C. Zirkle. They have Alvira and Joseph C. Zirkle, Jr. and Alvira Douglass. The first ~~xxxxxxx~~ a Midshipman in the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., graduates on Feb. 7, 1941, and becomes Ensign of the Navy, and enters at once as an officer of the Navy; My third daughter Maude Alvira Victoria, m 1st Wilmer Herbert, World War veteran; married 2nd Jesse Barfield of Charleston, S. C., wher she is a teacher in the public schools. He lately died, nd she is again a widow. This if the full history of my branch of the Hairston Family. My Wife, Alvira (Allie) Lockett is a Boone cousin of mine. With good wishes for your success, and for the New Year,

Cordially, your kinsman, *Wm Boone Douglass*

of the American Order of the Pioneer and of Boone Family Association, tells he has given the Hairston Lands, where the Fairy ones are found, to the United States as a National Park. Mrs. Hairston of Beaver Creek, sent me a gold-mounted stone which I still have. She said, The Pope, in Rome Italy, had one of the stones, and other notables.