

March 6, 2001

Mr. Gene Pulliam

Culpeper, VA 22701

Dear Gene,

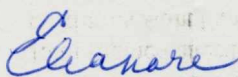
Since we are distant cousins and will probably be corresponding in the future, I have taken the liberty of addressing you as Gene instead of Mr. Pulliam and hope you will do the same with me.

First, I am the granddaughter of Thomas R. (Moss) Cannon - my father being the youngest of 10 children. Thomas was born in 1833 and my father Oswald Athey Cannon (known as O.A.) was born in 1883. I was born in November 1928 when my father was 45 years old. My grandfather had a son whose name was John (named after his brother John) who was born in 1861. He married a Frances Chewning (known by us kids as Aunt Fannie). They lived in Charlottesville and had four children, Mattie, Bessie, Lewis and Laurence. One of the girls married and moved out west - I think Idaho or Iowa. Mattie (Martha E. married Edward Hawkins, Bessie A. married William Betts, John Lewis married Maude Branham and Laurence Sinclair married Jennie Goodson. I think either John Lewis or Laurence Sinclair moved to Florida but I have no recollection of any of these four children of Uncle Johnnie since all 4 were born in the 1890's.

I have some information that I will send on to you as soon as I get it all put together -- which will probably take another 2 - 3 weeks. I'm preparing a like package to send to William Cannon, Jr. and to Donald Cannon. I'm currently translating Reuben Cannon's Last Will and Testament and Hannah (his wife) Cannon's Deed of Trust in which she names all their children. I also have several more grants and grantee documents I got from the Culpeper and Rappahannock County Clerk's offices and it will take some time to unravel these as they are handwritten - and sometimes in the old English style of writing.

Anyway, thanks so much for sending your findings on to me and be assured that as I find additional information I will pass it on to you.

Sincerely,



Eleanore E. Cannon

Mercerville, NJ 08619