

(34/57?)

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My dear Mr. Shugart,-

I have been doing a little research work this winter and have been fortunate to find some of the records we want.

I have just received your last letter, and shall answer that before going into the new-found records.

First of all, I am quite sure Mr. White is hopelessly mixed up, and I would hesitate to take

anything she says as authentic without verifying it.

I am sure I can give you the correct Bryan connection.

Wm. J. Bryan is the son of Miss Lillard Bryan, son of Geo. Bryan and Nancy (Lillard) Bryan. Nancy (Lillard) Bryan was the daughter of Geo. Lillard the son of Thos. Lillard who was the brother of Benjamin Lillard, our ancestor.

Nancy (Lillard) Bryan had a sister who married a Gates. She is the ancestor of the Burdett of N. Va.

Lillard may be Welsh, I have

not-gone into that, but Lallord was
the name of a religious sect in
England and Scotland in the
14th and 15th centuries. The Sil-
lards may have been Lallards. I do
not give much credence to the
story of having the name changed.

I have not been able to find
Lallord in any of the old records.

I have found a record of one
Martha Lillard who died 1734
in Prince William Co. The name
of her husband is not mentioned,
but he was very evidently the 2nd,
as she names a son and daughter
named Lilljohn, and a daughter
Sarah Lillard. This seems to me
a clue as to where to look for
the Lillards. Many families came
from Prince William into Culpeper,
in foot-faiguier, which is between,
was cut off from Prince William.

I have from Mrs. Loie a record
compiled by Benj. F. Lillard of Tenn.
He claims to have gotten his data
^{notes taken by his father from}
from Rhoda (Lillard) Pullison

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ie her 87th year, ^{when he (his father) was E} on a
visit to Va. This record gives
Jno. Sillord as the progenitor.
He left - 5 sons, 2 daughters

Jhr. Jrs. Wm. Moses & Benj, ^{Jallie & Nancy}
Benj, the youngest, left - Dennis,
Mordecai, Benjamin, Lucy, Frances
children of the 1st wife
Absoalom, ^{m. Mary} Nancy, ^{William - d. Commonwealth} Rhoda, ^{Elizabeth} Leffridge,
children of the 2nd wife.

So you see Benj also had a
daughter Nancy. And this agrees
with the ~~word~~ my father gave me
in saying she married a Willis.

The name of Benj's wife is not mentioned. So strange that Rhoda (Lillard) Pulliam should leave out her own mother.

I have gone over Father's notes again, and found the missing page which makes plain the fact that Reason Pulliam was 1st cousin of Frances (Lillard) Carter.

Her (Frances Lillard Carter's) mother is also mentioned as the dau. of Thos. Pulliam, so it ^{must} have been Thos. Sr., making Frances (Hisle) (Pulliam), Lillard the sister of Thos. Pulliam Jr. According to Father, the mother of Frances P. H.

Lillard was a Miss Boswell. I have not been able to find any marriage record of Thos. Pulliam Sr., but there was a family of Boswells living in the same parish, and contemporaries of Thos. Pulliam Sr. Strange enough there is a complete repetition of the ^{Boswell} names in the Pulliam family. They were James, Frances, Hanson.

According to the records Thos. Pulliam Sr. was one of 10 children. He and his brother Benjamin went to Culpeper from Spotsylvania (Culpeper was originally a part of Spotsylvania, Orange was first cut off, then Culpeper cut from Orange) between the years 1764-1770. Benjamin was a minor in 1764 when his brother James, who was his guardian, died, and Thos. was made guardian. The father of Thos. & Benj (and the other 8) was also Thos. He died 1758. Thos. and James were made executors of his estate. Several of the girls were minors, two married. This Thos. acquired land in Spotsylvania in 1735. He

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is mentioned a number of times in the records.

There was a Pattison Pulliam living in Spotsylvania at the same time, but as yet I have not been able to find out from the records what relation he was to Thomas, although they married sisters.

There was also a Jas. Pulliam who died in Honover Co., 1734, but I cannot tell from the records I have seen

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what-relation he was to
Thos. and Pattison. Strange-
ly enough the names Agnes,
Elizabeth and James ap-
pear in all the families.
There seems to have been
an Agnes in every gen-
eration.

Now to go back, or rather
forward, to Revolutionary times,
both Benj. Sillord and
Thos. Pullison ^{were} in the Rev-
olution. The record of
Benj. Sillord's services has

