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My dear Mr. Shugart,

I did not mean to wait
so long before replying to
your letter. You have probably
received a notice from
Mr. Lillard in regard to
his book. He undoubtedly
thinks he has all the nec-
essary data about Capt.

Benj. Sillord and he does
seem to have a good deal
from what he has written
me, but I am not sure
that an organization like
D. A. R. would take what-
he gives as authentic. He
"concludes" from what he has
found that - his ^{Cont. B. 5} and wife
was "Elizabeth Hensley, undoubt-
ly a widow." That seems quite
reasonable and she still

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Could have been a Miss
Seal. I, for one, am not-
satisfied to let it go
just as Elizabeth Hensley,
so it seems to me that-
it would be wise to
look up Seal and Hens-
ley records, mills and deeds
in Culpeper and Madison.
Also I would mail some

record showing a wife,
Elizabeth - and when -
since we have the deed
giving the ^{wife's} name Franky
Birk in 1779 and 1797.

A very Thorough investigation
of that - low suit ought -
to reveal much, it seems
to me. There was a Tom. Henslee
who married Elizabeth Corbin 1792.
Supposing that - he died, she
would be Elizabeth Hensley.
Was it the mother or daughter?

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So much for Capt. Beuf.
The next important thing
we want to know is the
name of Mrs. Pullman's wife.
Working on the supposition
that - she was Mrs. Boswell's
daughter and that - her mother
Ann Boswell married a
Gatewood, I think the first-
thing to do is find if pos-

sible a deed signed by
Thomas Pullione and his
wife. That would give her
give some. ^{Guardian} ~~Orphan~~ bonds
might give some clue —
Benj. Davis was appointed
guardian of Frances Boswell,
John Boswell's orphan. If
she married before she came
of age then might be
some information as to
the transfer. Then as there
were brother's any deed

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signed by them or by
Ann Gatewood might
give some information.
John Boonell's mill would
tell where his daughters'
lands were. It would be
a tedious business to run
it down, but I suppose
it could be done.
It would be wonderful

if we could be in Culpes
at the same time. I am
not sure yet whether I
shall go down the middle
of July or first of August -
but will let you know.

Perhaps you could come
by Washington. Let me
know about your plans -

Cordially yours

Frances C. Smith