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Dear Mr. Shugert:

Thank you very much for your letter in regard to the Colemans.

Since you were here I have been some days at Essex Court and previous to that in Caroline &c: I am not only trying to get the Colemans lined up, but also to establish some of the maiden names of the various wives. I have a wealth of material and much of it has come very hard as it is from unindexed sources.

Elizabeth (Coleman) Triplett and her brothers and sisters are by no means strangers to me. I have worked this particular lineage before, and found an old vellum bound pocket note book of her grandfather in which his marriage of more than 250 years ago was recorded as well as the birth of his son, father to Mrs.Triplett. This coupled with extensive work among several county records enabled me to establish a firm and authentic pedigree. On one of the maternal lines back of Mrs.Triplett the lineage goes back to James Town and may be establish in County Kent, England, to remote times — a very distinguished family who furnished Virginia one of its early and most distinguished citizens.

My work is with the manuscript records and much of it with those not indexed, as here is often found that which is most needed to establish pedigrees on a firm foundation. Mrs.Fitzhugh may have a complete Coleman line written up to her satisfaction, but my clients are only interested in contemporary data, or that which can be authenticated from reliable early records. We have a pedigree written in 1839 by a 83 years old Coleman, but even then the earlier records prove he was a little mixed about some things — and who wouldn't be at 83!?

Thank you for your letter and with best wishes, I am

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