

July 25, 1940.

Mrs. Fred Lunsford,
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Mrs. Lunsford:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter, photographs and copy of old guardian bond, which I found when I returned from an extended visit with my sons in New York and New Hampshire.

The first of the year I had a severe illness that left me very much prostrated for the rest of the winter and spring, then the first of June had a severe attack of Influenza. As soon as recovered sufficiently from that I went to visit my twin sons in New York and on from there to my son Dr. John Hampton Miller who is a member of a large Clinic at Laconia, New Hampshire, which is in the beautiful lake and mountain section of that state, which helped me to get back to a normal condition. Think I probably wrote you that his wife died while he was here in 1935. About two years ago he remarried and now has a very fine son three months old. His wife is the only daughter of a professor at Harvard Medical & Dental School for a good many years before his death. They have a lovely home on one of the lakes and I had a delightful visit with them and getting acquainted with my grandson.

As I recall the grave of Dr. Hampton when I saw it many years ago it was in a very dilapidated condition. Am surprised that the stone "roof" stands up so high above the surrounding wall, which makes me wonder if originally it was not a vault instead of a grave, and that time and storms finally filled it with earth. If it were not a vault it was a most unusual form of tomb stone, as all I have seen of those old box tombs that covered the grave had flat tops instead of vaulted. You failed to copy the inscription, which take it as being on what looks like a bronze plate in the center of the side shown. Please let me have this inscription and one more copy of the photograph. Also a picture of the Dr. Anthony Hampton headstone, and its inscription, if you have a photograph of it.

The pictures of the old Hollenback house are also most interesting, and I am glad to have them. I have wondered before if it was still standing. My father-in-law, Mr. John Hampton said he thought it was but he did not know just where to find it. He also told me that it was the family tradition that the house was built by Dr. Henry Hampton as a wedding present to his daughter.

I did not know about the guardian bond given for Dr. Henry's children. I wonder from whom they inherited property that made it necessary for them to have a guardian?

Yes I have a photograph of the original silhouette picture of Dr. and Mrs. Hampton and their home and a copy of the letter written on the back of it, but don't know just where I have put the copy of the letter, but it is among old letters and papers in some of the large boxes of such things I have stored away.

Speaking of papers I think you promised me last year that you would send me a copy of the abstracts from the old Cabell County records, mentioning Dr. Henry Hampton, that were published a few years ago in one of the Huntington papers. Will Hampton had a few of them, but not all of the papers so did not have all of the notes in regard to Dr. Hampton. I understand that after the abstracts were made by Mr. Douthat, at that time Clerk of the County, several truck loads of these old court records were hauled off to the city dump because they were in such bad condition and taking up so much room at the court house, evidently so ordered by the County Commissioners, who had no interest in the early history of their county and its records. Unfortunately this is the case with so many of our modern county courts temporarily in office, and not realizing or caring the irreparable damage they do to local historians and genealogists.

The home of Dr. Henry Hampton's brother William Hampton was called "Cedar Hill" and was located in Fauquier County near old Broadrun Baptist Church, and I think a village or post office by the name of Broadrun. It was a brick house and probably is still standing at least it was a few years ago I was told. It not far from the home of Chief Justice Marshall, and I have been told the Hamptons and Marshalls were close friends and visited back and forth when the Marshalls lived in the country. There is, or was, a place near The Plains, Va. called Rock Hill, which was associated in some way I do not recall with the William Hamptons. It may have been the home of one of his children, or it may possibly have been the old Marshall home.

The old home of the Hamptons (Henry Hampton, Sr. father of Wm. and Dr. Henry) was known as "Buckland" and was in Prince William County. The Prince William County records are so fragmentary it would no doubt be impossible to trace the ownership from the Hamptons down to the present owners, but a correspondent many years ago thought it was the same place as now known as "Cere Gordo" near Buckland P.O. in Pr. Wm. County. Right or wrong I don't know. Neither can I give you the names and addresses of Hamptons now living in Va. Most of my information regarding the William Hamptons was gotten 25 to 30 years ago from the clerk of Fauquier Co., who had been the clerk of the county for a great many years and whose wife was a descendant of the Hamptons. For the past two or three days I have been vainly trying to recall his name. It was a two or three syllable German name. No doubt he and his wife are dead by this time, but if in Warrenton, the County seat, it could quickly be found out as he was clerk there for many years.

Thanks for your invitation to come to see you and if I ever get down that way will surely do so. I rarely get away from anymore--in fact it has been nearly three years since I visited my sons.

Sincerely Yours,

J. L. Miller

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. J. L. Miller
Thomas, W. Va.



We are still frantically
searching for the wedding
date of John Hampton III
and Margaret Pierce,
(daughter of Captain
William Pierce of Westmoreland
Co. Va.) Do you have the
date of their marriage?
John Hampton III was born
May 28, 1727 died 1794
Margaret Pierce b -
Westmoreland Co. Va. died
Fairfax Co. Va. 1773. Do you
know the present post office
address of "Level Green" the
old Hampton ~~home~~ Pierce
home in Westmoreland Co.?
I am still hoping that you
will publish the Haller
genealogy, with related
families.

With kind regards and
Thanks. Maria Copeland
Pound Hill, Virginia

London Co.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



W. J. L. Miller
Lomas, W. Va.

Have you found
the-marriage date
of John Hampton
(b May 28. 1727 d 1794)
and ~~Elizabeth~~;
Margaret Pierce (b
in Westmoreland
County, Va. died 1773
probably in Fairfax Co.)

Should you have
these dates May I
trouble you to send
them along with the
description of the Hampton
coat-of-arms.

Thank you!
(Miss) Maria F. Copeland
Round Hill, Va.
28- August- 1950

MISS M. A. COPELAND
HILL CREST
ROUND HILL, VIRGINIA

28. August - 1950

My dear Mr. Miller,

I want to have a copy of the Hampton arms painted and will you be so kind as to give me some paints about them - So that I may be sure of getting the-right ones. If you have a copy on stationary, or otherwise, I would take very good care of it and return it promptly. Could you give me the mottoes above crest and below and a description of arms so it would be recognizable in Crested Families which most artists have who do heraldic work.

has always established a Mass & Tins & (Beverly) since then Hampton's.

I am still much interested
in the Halley and Hampton
genealogy - but have had but
little time to devote to it since
I have been seeing my aged parents
thru. My father, Dr. J. E. Copeland
passed away at 92 yrs. (The last
Confederate soldier in Loudoun Co. Va.)
and Sept. 19th my Mother will be
in her 92nd year. She was Frances Halley
daughter of Dr. Samuel Hampton Halley
of Warrenton, Fauquier Co. Va. Cousin
Henry Hutton, Warrenton, Va. is truly
remarkable for his 92 years - still
goes to his Insurance office daily
and is alert mentally and physically.
Should you ever publish genealogies
of Halley, Hampton and allied families
I hope you will notify me. # I still
hope for the pleasure of meeting you and
your family. Thank you for any help you
feel willing to give me. Cordially,
Maria A. Copeland

You can get this filled at
Hoffman's Drug Store,

THOMAS, W. VA.

Sunday Hours---10 to 12 a. m., 5 to 6 p. m.

Descendants of Luise & Andrew Fontaine

I. Ella - ^{born year ago.} mar. - Mr Chas. Sadler.

Librarian of City Library, Kansas City, Mo.
their children -

1. Luise - now in Sanitarium - Inaffair.
unbalanced.

2. Lucien Sadler, Birdkeeper
lives at 3911 Walnut St. Kansas City Mo.

3. Fontaine Sadler (Farmer) lives at
Lock, Stephens Co. Washington
wife Marie. 2 dau. Ella & Gladie

4. Bessie May Sadler, d. of Seph. 1879 | Sam

5. Esther Fontaine. " " " " | Jack

6. Horace Sadler, Head Bookkeeper
for Sioux City Loan Co, Sioux City
Iowa.

7. Ada Sadler mar. - Biggs
lives at 1210 E 6th St. Kansas City

8. Mary Sadler mar. - Schulze
lives at 3911 Walnut St. Kansas
City Mo.