

after her claim is entered she
 is to receive the interest of her
 portion; 50 dollars and copy
 of the certificate she sent so
 am waiting to see if she
 succeeds I intend to try to get to
 see her, can they get thy
 Father or Grand^d to try -
 I cant get any further back than
 my Father, the thought never
 accord to me untill I heard of
 this old Lady ~~say~~ so, or would of
 mentioned it to thee and perhaps
 there might been some fault
 when I go to Del, I will make some
 enquiry about this Mrs Ashford
 as she married there, there may
 be some of her decendants that
 can give some information -
 as thee is so much better at writing
 than I wish thee would write to
 Maria on the subject, I have mention
 urging attention to it, for time will
 wait for us) ^{not} pass to other subjects

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My Dear Cousin E - - -

I do wish I
 had thee here to talk to, for
 I as the old woman said I have
 40, things to say and hardly
 know what to say first -
 however, I will answer some of
 thy questions first, my nephew
 to the astonishment of the J^r
 and his friends, seems to be in a
 fair way of recovering the
 swelling has left his limbs and
 ceased discharging matter which
 they have been doing for some
time from a pint to a quart ^{per}
 day, and if he keeps on improv^{ing}
 they expect to go to the city in a
 week or two, J^r Meonim
 and Hannah are still living and
 Sarah Blackiston is now with
 my Sister A^r in the city
 not exactly right, but better than
 she is some times

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I reciev'd a letter from Cousin
Thomas, this morning saying that
he expects to be here on the
30th of this Mo, and wishes me
to meet him at west Point
he is going out in the Country
to make his home with his
only Brother, who has a very
nice Wife and one daughter
and one son, all the near
relations he now has out of
a large family, he has been
on ^{the} since I came home and his health
was much better here, so he at
last has concluded to make his home
for the future this side of the Mount^{ains}
I never heard of my Grand Father
going to North Carolina, but that
one of the Brothers went ^{on to}
Virginia, and I never before they
letter heard that G. had two
Sisters - now, I think that certainly
some of them must have some

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Family records, Marriage ^{certificates}
which seems to be essential
if Monica could get her G. ^{or}
or possibly G. G. ^{might} be found
so as to get the year they came
over ^{where} landed first or
something that would throw
some light and give some positive
evidence which seems to be all
that is wanting to make our
claim positive - I am such
a poor hand at letter writing
or I would write to Monica
urging a prompt investigation.
There is an old Lady that has
been to see Sister, who told her
that she has put in her claim
by having her G. Grand Mother's
marriage certificate, she was
born in the old castle of the
of Gryffid, if so she must be
one of the family, in Tomo No