

Shepherdstown April 26 1886

Mr. Swarr

Dear Sir

I am suddenly aroused in a matter which has been quiet many years, but perhaps of more interest to ourselves than we have thought.

It occurred to me to communicate with you as I know of you thru Rev Bowsmen in this place originally of Lancaster City Pa, my Grandfather was Isaac Showalter of Lancaster Co he married Elizabeth Longenecker and I think I am correct when I say they were married in Lancaster Co

Isaac Showalter moved into Virginia Jefferson Co in 1810 and died in 1852, aged 94 years & his brother Joseph Showalter followed him and settled in "Brikley" an adjoining county where he remained until his death.

Isaac Showalter left the remaining portion of his family in Pa I think in Lancaster, his father's name I do not know but my Grandfather had a sister of whom we have had heard a maiden lady, who lived to an advanced age, and had considerable property, and what became of it now interests us, as my Grandfather's family never received anything we are anxious to know what became of it, as there was always a friendly feeling between she and her brother Isaac until her death where it took place I am not able to say but my brother's most familiar places were Lancaster and York she once lived in Shippensburg my Grandfather kept hotel there before he came to Va about 75 or 80 years ago.



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We now wishe the will if she left one if not some looking up as to what became of her property and desire you should make effort to trace up this matter Lancaster court or York court may show record I scarcely think Shippensburg as I know nothing of her living their.

Her name we only know as Lency Aunt Lency, my mother always called her whether it was her name proper or an abreviation for Virginia I cannot say my Grandfather had a niece who a few years ago liveded in Lancaster Co or York I cannot tell accurately whose name was Gault and her dauyhter was the first wife of John Butherfords who now lives or used to near Harrisburg Pa throt some of those you might ascertain though their were very probably some brothers of my Grandfathers it seems very destinaly that he left behind two brothers William and John.

Now a history of said family would highly interest us and greatly relievee our minds as you can tell we know little of our Great Grandfathers family, besides their ought to be some property some where if there were proper information found hopeing to hear at the most convenient time you can. I sighn myself Resp Annie Warner, Shepherdstown Jefferson Co West Va.

[Letter transcribed as written]

