

Shepherdstown, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1886

Mr Swarr

I have been waiting to hear from a lady who as you will learn from letter enclosed is acquainted with some of the persons of whom we “seek” The gentlemen of whom you recommend I presume will be by your aid or direction give satisfaction. I will now as clearly as possible give the desired information.

My mothers Aunt I can only call “Lency” as my mother use to even cannot feel sure I spell it correctly, but should “Mrs Gault be living she will know just the name proper, however. Think there is an undeneighable Connection. I much regret I cannot state my Grandfathers “fathers” name, but I presume that will be all right once you get on the track.

Now I have just learned from a letter from a friend who in later years knew “personally” Mrs. Butherford, but she Mrs. B has since died. Mrs. [Mole] wishes me that at the time she knew Mrs. Lydia Butherford (before her death) they she and husband Mr. John A Butherford lived at a small station called Panton on the Reading Railroad and I think “I am correct when I say he is a farmer you will be careful to use the middle name A, as there are many Johns in his connection. His first wifes mother was first a Miss Showalter daughter of John Showalter one of my Grandfathers brothers and married Mr. Ault I do not know his Christian name but think her name was Fanny. I have her picture taken about ten or twelve years ago” she lived near Lancaster city or perhaps in. I cannot tell you correctly.

Now I have never heard that the old maiden lady “Lency” lived in Shippensburg, it was my mother who lived there at one time, her father Isaac Showalter was born in the year seventeen hundred seventy seven, on the seventh day of July – later he was married to Elizabeth Longernecter we might say in 1803 as there first child as bone in 1804 they lived in Shippensburg after marriage and kept hotell there my mother was born there in 1806 and was four years old when she came to Va

Grandfather’s children were, Eliza. Maria. Isaac Harriet – Raphael Ann Rebecca & John also one Jane – all are dead save John who when last heard from lived in Mo he has several sons - one a lawyer living in Carrelton Mo



Now I cannot say what my Grandfather's occupation was before marriage, ~~but~~ nor do I know what his father's was but my mother always said his own father never worked hard a day in his life altho 74 years old when he died. Elizabeth Longenecker had two sisters and one brother David Longenecker who years ago moved to Towson Town Baltimore Co MD he has now one daughter "Eliza" Miller still living there. her husband is "James Miller" a lawyer there – at Riestertown on the Western Maryland railroad you will find a son David at Towson town. There are two grandsons – Harry and John "Eeditors."

one sister of "Elizabeth Longersuchers (Showwalter was mother & "William Smith" of "York Pa" "little York" as they use to say. I have been told he was a "drugest" there years ago – do not know if he is living but he has many children there of whom I have no acquaintance. I believe she was a twin sister of my Grandmother then there was another who married a "Hoover" a [ \_ ], I think.

Now my Grandmother was 40 years old at the time of her death and died in ~~Seventeen~~ 1823. My mother said or has said old Aunt "Lency" came out soon after my grandmother's death in her carriage and was very active for one so far advanced in years, but how old I will not be sure of but think in the neighborhood of 80 the undertaking to come so far in her private carriage was so great – now if she visited Grandfather soon after Grandmother's death it might be supposed in Seventies some where then later on in 80's she may have died – now I state this as it may give you some idea as to the time of death

My Grandfather's business transactions are all recorded in Charlestown West Va his real Estate was a farm which he bought at the time he come to Va I have no ~~idea~~ certainty where the money came from to purchase "said farm" , but have supposed his fathers Estate, it being so far back we never knew, but as the others had so much property supposed his father's estate was extensive living in Lancaster

Now I think once you get on the right course it will all show up plain enough as there was but that one family of Showalters at that time living in Lancaster.

There lives a William Showalter who is from Pa but we have never met him but know he is a decendent of same family "near Charlestown on the Winchester railroad near Summit Point West Va – he is a farmer and is a man about 55 or 60 years old

My sister says she ventures to say old Aunt "Lency" died in "Little York" Pa



Now we will await your careful examination anxiously, my means are very limited, but if there should be any show, we can strike a bargain without difficulty.

Any communication with me – my address is Miss Annie Warner Shepherdstown Jefferson Co West Virginia

Have endeavored to make this as plain as possible hope it will be properly made out

You will understand my Grandfather was born July 7, 1777

Respectfully

Annie Warner

Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co. West. Va

[Transcribed as written]

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