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Mrs. Neva Smith
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Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you so very much for the sources and information you sent me regarding our common ancestor and other relatives. Your paper appears to be computer printed from PAF. Do you use the MacIntosh version? I am continuing the search but at this time am unable to travel too far because of my wife's slower than hoped for recovery from major surgery in May. I was very happy to receive your letter and apologize for the P.O. problem. We had our mail sent to Florida for two months temporary vacation. The forwarding was stopped in April, so for the next several letters they promptly said there was no forwarding address. Absolutely, we were home! Then they went a step further and added the yellow labels with unable to forward. This makes the 34th piece of first class mail that has been missent and returned to sender. Enough!

As promised, I gladly share my data and their sources. Also enclosed are some postage stamps for your letters and telephone call. Thank you, again for your kindness. The original start into genealogy began with both my wife Barbara, and my first cousin, Major Henry Depingre of Minden, Louisiana. He acquired and assembled many pages of material, and, as always in this operation, had a few leads which were unproductive. But, as Thomas Edison replied when asked about keeping a notebook of experimental failures, materials which did NOT work as a lightbulb filament, "...Now I know what I do not have to try again." Major provided both data and direction. One of his sources is a distant relative of his and mine, Mrs. Benjamin G. Hadfield, 4400 W. Missouri, #14, Glendale, AZ 85301. She provided the name Dorcas Croom as Moses wife. I do not know her source.

Some of the enclosed may duplicate that of my June 6th letter. Since we are certain that Moses Stanley is our ancestor, this time I have chosen to print and send the following from the PAF files:

1. All my notes for Moses Stanley, including what I call a Chronology of events, data and sources, most of which were gathered this past spring on our stops in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Barbara and I enjoyed trailering and this addictive quest in trying to

find documentation concerning our ancestors.

2. All my notes for Moses Stanley, Jr., probably nothing new to you.
3. Family Group Record for Moses Stanley. The birth dates are reasoned estimates based on census data, wills, land records, etc.
4. All my notes for Major Henry Stanley, son of Moses and brother of Moses Stanley, Jr., your ancestor.
5. A photocopy of the bill of sale recorded by Moses Stanley for one slave girl. This I found accidentally when searching the indexes in the basement of the Wayne County Court House.
6. The first five pages of the rough draft of a family history which I have begun. Revision is needed already to incorporate your data.

The data and sources from my files are guaranteed to be found where cited. Where guesses or assumptions are made, and I hope there are very few or none, they are described as possibilities or guesses.

Are you aware of the annual gathering late summer or early fall of Stanley descendents in or near Leesville, Louisiana? One contact person might be Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Eloise) Cavanaugh, 210 Stilley Rd., Pineville. LA 71360. She too is a descendent of Major Henry Stanley, your Moses Stanley, Jr.'s brother. Barbara and I are thinking about attending next year.

With Barbara's recovery progressing nicely we are planning progressively longer trips. Sutro Library in San Francisco is probably our next one. As we progress to longer trips, we are anxious for our first visit to the family history library in Salt Lake. May I contact you on that trip? Would you accompany us? Depending on the expected length of this trip we may be towing a trailer and the AAA has several RV sites reasonably close by. After Christmas if on our trek to Florida we definitely will be towing. I carry the computer with me on these ventures. Rainy days provide opportunity to catch up on note taking. Much easier than trying to do it all at once three months after taking the notes.

In reply to your question: I do not know where Dorcas Croom fits into the Crooms of Wayne Co, N.C. Your copy of Wayne Co. deed bk 13 and abstracts list many Crooms. Somewhere ... It might be fruitful to check wills for the Crooms to see if a Dorcas is listed hopefully with her husband's name.

Another puzzle is who were Moses Stanley's parents? I note in your copy of deed bk 4 Abs. Wayne Co. Deeds, p 164, #1044 that parts of land patents were dated September 28, 1754 to William Stanley and John Roach. Other places show that property adjoining Moses Stanley's property(ies). Could this William Stanley be Moses father? p.83 of Deed bk 3, Wayne Co, #502

shows patent to William Stanley but deed apparently then held by and given up here by Moses Stanley.

I have no data to try to answer your question regarding the relationship of Jesse Stanley who m Tercy Loftin 4 Mar 1828.

We may return to the court house in Goldsboro, Wayne Co., N.C. and the state archives in Raleigh this next year on our return leg. Neither of us care to return to Washington, D.C. Can I search for/ photocopy anything there for you?

When I am satisfied that the vast majority of research has been completed, just how do I submit this material so that it meshes correctly with all of your data?

Of particular help to me is the family tree you sketched in pencil showing our relationship. Thanks for the effort and time.

Speaking of time, I have wandered all over the place and it is time to express my thanks to you once more and to end this letter. Hope some of this will be of some benefit to you. Hope to see or hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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