

Benton, Arkansas
September 14, 1960

Dear Mary ,

There are seven boys and three girls in my family. I am next to the youngest. Dad was real fond of a Dr. Bell in Benton and named me from one of Dr. Bell's sons. An older brother did not like the name and started calling me Doc. The name has stuck and very few people in town call me anything else. So if you are ever in Benton and ask for me you will have to ask where Doc lives. I have asked Mother numerous times why she didn't name me something so people could pick a nickname that would mean the name. She said she wanted to name me Jack. About that time (1914) there was a Jack Walton, Governor of Oklahoma, and Dad did not think too much of him. Hew as not related to us. We have named our three children names that they can have a nickname. Judith Ann (Judy) will be six in Jan., Martha Elizabeth (Liz) was 4 last Saturday and William Ross (Bill) will be 6 Months old Sept. 24.

As soon as I have time I want to see Sarah Hogue Banks again and find out about Lucretia Hogue Watson and Ezekiel Hogue. Since Mrs. Banks lived near the rest of the family she may be able to tell us more. Mr. Samples was so definite about the relationship. I asked him how he was related to Jim Hogue (Jim is the one you mentioned and is a grandson of Hiram Hogue). He told me that his grandmother Lucretia Hogue Watson and Jim's grandfather Hiram Hogue were brothers and sisters.

We were so happy to find that you have the name of Ezekiel's Hogue's father and have a copy of his will. Also to know that they lived in Marshall County, Tenn. and York County, S.C. Aunt Mollie Holiman Shaw said her mother told her that the Holimans and the Hogue's lived across the state line from each other. York County is in the Northern part of S.C. and Anson County is in the Southern part of N.C. They are not far apart. We are really anxious to get what additional information you have and the copy of the will.

I am enclosing the picture of John Andrew Hogue. We have a picture of Lucretia Ann and Joshua Holiman. Pictures add so much to Family History.

If you write the Ernest Hogue's tell them we will be looking forward to a visit from them. You did not say when they will be in Hot Springs or where they will stay. If you have this information let us know and we will contact them there. Hot Springs is only 32 miles from Benton and there is a new highway now that makes driving much easier. We would like for them to spend the night with us.

Janes (my wife) Aunt has traced one branch of their family back to Scotland in 1692. She gave me a copy of the History of Mecklenburg County, N.C. There was a Biography of a Samuel B. Watson who was born in York Co., S.C. in the book. His father was Robert Watson. I have copied the Biography and am sending you 2 copies so you may give a copy to Mrs. Ervin. Tell her we will copy the information from Goodspeed as soon as we can get a copy.

Janes' great, Gr. Grandfather was one of the signers of the Mecklenburgh Declaration of Independence. (They declared themselves independent a year before the colonies did.). The History contains his Biography.

What grade do you teach. I have a friend, can't think of her married name, who teaches English in one of the High Schools. That is she did about 14 years ago. Her maiden name was Charlotte Kennedy.

As soon as school opening rush is over I will have more time to check on the Family History. In the meantime if you have any suggestions as to information we might get in Benon let us know.

Sincerely,