Pension Roll of Soldiers in the Revolution - Bladen Co.

Joseph Singletary, -- $160.00 per month, died March 4, 1789. From Records destroyed in War Office Fires in 1801 and 1814.

S-47849 - PENSION APPLICATION OF JOSEPH SINGLETARY, BLADEN CO., N.C.

This soldier moved to Baker Co., Ga. and later to Leon Co., Fla. He states that on first entering the service he was a substitute for William Harrison. He served under Col. Thomas Brown and Col. Robeson as a Private soldier. This application was dated 9 April, 1844 at Leon County, Florida. Susanna Singletary swore that she knew of her own knowledge that Joseph Singletary served in the Revolution, as stated, in a Company commanded by Col. Jared Erving -- that he was wounded at a Battle fought at Stewart's Mills on Rockfish Creek in 1780 about the month of June.

Signed: Nathan Vickers, J.P.

Joseph Singletary, Jr. - His name appears on a list of applicants for an invalid pension - returned by the District Court for the District of North Carolina, submitted to the House of Representative by the Secretary of War March 2, 1795, and printed in American State Papers, Class 9, Page 17, as follows:

Joseph Singletary, Jr. Rank Private, Regiment, Bladen Militia.

Disability: Wounded by a broadsword in several places, and disabled in one of his legs in consequence of having been trod upon by a horse. When and Where Disabled: June 6, 1781 at Rockfish.

Residence Bladen County. Evidence, complete.

Wanda: Elizabeth Wishart's (Elizabeth Ellis Harrison Wishart) Will was witnessed by Josap Singletary - September 20, 1790. Will recorded Book I, Robeson County Wills. ANNABEL Wishart Lane.
Jonathan Singletary

Jonathan Singletary, our direct descendent and the son of Benjamin of Red Bank, South Carolina, was born August 28, 1683 and was thought to have married a lady by the name of Hellena. He received a grant of about 2,500 acres in Bladen County. Jonathan died between 1744 and 1754.

Two Court House fires destroyed many Bladen County records so it is hard to ascertain exactly where and how much land the Singletarys had but we do know that when the Singletarys died they had sizable acreages. There are many places such as churches, cemeteries, lakes, streets, roads, etc. named after the Singletarys in the area.

Singletary Millpond
Located on Singletary Millpond Road near Bladenboro, NC.
Many Singletarys still live in this area.

- 7 -
Miss Veola Singletary,
452 Main Street,
WELROSE, Mass. 02176,
U.S.A.

16th November 1969.

Dear Miss Singletary,

Further to my letter of 1st November, I have now checked all the emigrant sources in the attached lists for instances of the surname SINGLETARY and possible variants, and have to report that no entries can be found.

I am much intrigued by this odd surname, which does not now occur at all in this country to the best of my knowledge. SINGLER, from the Old French seingler, 'singular' occurs, and I cannot help feeling that we have here a mixture with the French solitaire, producing singletaire, meaning, as does SINGLER, one who lives alone - a solitary person.

There is just one slip in respect of this name in the three-million-strong slip index of the Society of Genealogists, London, and this is for the marriage of John Singleterry of Wigtort, Co.Lincs. to Elizabeth Weston at Dunham Magna, Norfolk, on 5th September 1723. However, it must be mentioned that SINGLETON is a common name in Lincolnshire, so this may merely be a corruption by a parish clerk in a different county.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
FRANCIS LEESON, FSG,
Director of Research

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North Carolina who joined Washington's army.

Upon the death of Gen. Moore in April 1777, Gen. Nash assumed command marched to the North and was killed at the battle of Germantown— or at least fatally wounded. Not all the regiments left when he did, but followed as they were completed. It would take some little search to find just when the 8th (regiment) left but it was at Valley Forge and it had to be there that Wm. Wiseheart died in the winter of 1777/78."

"From N.C. State Dept. of Archives and History:
Rev. Military Papers No. 1141–1187
No. 1156 This is to certify that Wm. Wishart Inlisted in Co. of 8th N.C. Reg. in year 1776 & served in the No. Army of United States till sometime in year 1778 when he died in the said Army. Given under my hand the 8th Nov. 1791. Robert Raiford Capt."

The 1790 census lists Elizabeth Wisher with 2 males under 16 and 1 female—5 slaves.


Jonathan Wishart married Susannah Flowers and had six children: Mary Willis, Eli, Uriah, Elizabeth; Millisanty and Catharine. (Johnathan Wishart in Register of Deeds in Robeson County 1806) His will probated 1819, dated 8th March 1819 was Witts by Willis Haman, Joshua V. & Roberta. H. W. [illegible]
N.C.

*JOSEPH DUNHAM 17 Nov. 1753, GRANT 100 A. ON A BRANCH OF LOWER LITTLE H. BECAME THE PLACE HE NOW LIVES ON. BLADEN CO.

FAYETTE DIST OF ANSON
1790 Census JOSEPH DUNHAM IN AREA 1F 1S.
1800 WM. RANDOLPH DUNHAM - ELIZ. SINGLETARY IN BLADEN

WM. SNOWDEN 1745 M. ANN ELIZA SINGLETARY 1806 JAN BURGESS
Died - BURGESS OF BURG; D. 1763
ELIZ. MARY D. B. 1806 M. JON 13, 1825 JOSEPH LOCK. SON TO JOSPEH
LOCK & MARIA WILSON -> ALA. FAMILY BIBLE IN BURG BURG MS. WANDER
HASS PCP.

WM. SNOWDEN DUNHAM WAS NIEPHOW TO SNOWDEN SINGLETARY'S WIFE,
SAY TO BE RELATED TO HIS HUSBAND ALSO - SEE WILL;ould be then
WM. RANDOLPH'S WIFE, ELIZ SINGLETARY; also SNOWDEN SINGLETARY'S
WIFE HAD TO BE A DUNHAM. WILL, MARTY SINGLETARY NO 9, 1837, BC
30 P 186

WM. RANDOLPH DUNHAM & WM. RANDOLPH SINGLETARY
WERE CONTEMPORARIES - DONHAM TOOK OVER JOB OF
ENTRY TAKER FOR BLADEN ABOUT 1797 OFTEN SEEK HAD BEEN
# FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE TWO HAD MANY DEALINGS

WM. DUNHAM APPEARS IN LAND RECORDS SOON AFTER
WM. R. SINGLETARY IN LATE 1780S. WAS HE THE SON
OF JOSEPH DUNHAM? DID HE COME UP FROM S.C.? HE
COULD BE SON OF

PATRICK, WM. - THS. STEWART ALL GOT LAND IN BLADEN IN 1760S.
ALSO JOHN SNOWDEN IN 1757

JOHN STEWART WHO D. 1738 IN GREEN S.C. HAD BROTHERS, THS,
ROBERT THIS WAS OLD PE. GEO. WYNHAM, WHERE DUNHAMS.
STEWARTS, RUSSELL SINGLETARYS WERE

COULD THE MIDDLE INITIAL OF WM'S CHILDREN BE JOSEPH?
m. (by tradition) 1713 John Dunham  
man Joseph Singletary to Hannah Dunham 30 March 1745 St.
his second

John Dunham -> John Dutarque 23 July 1762 both of Pia
of S.C. For $100, 300 A. Bk. bounded on N.W. by John Russ
on S.E. by lands of Mr. Singletary, wit. David Singletary
+ John Dutarque Jr.

Thomas Stewart will 1722-23
wf. Ann
Sons, THOS.
WM (awm. got a 1768 bladee N.E. Grant) (1769 Tax)
daus. Mary Ann + Susannah
Ex. "Brother Richard Singletary"
A John Stewart had land Adj. Jos. Singletary in 1733-34
in same area of Camden Co. See will of Robert Stewart.
Also, the Russes were there.

Joseph Singletary Grant 1709, 506 A Adj. John Dunham
received land the same day

Joseph Singletary Grant 4 Aug 1735 450 A. Bk. Adj. John
Russ and John Dunham (Jos. sold some later 1758 to Nathan Tur
JOHN DUNHAM Will Apr 25 1725 d S.C. planters
wife HANNAH (his 2d?)
son JOHN b 1714 (to Pr Geo Winyatt) Jerry Geotwn 1783
son EBENEZER (to Pr Jos. Jun 1767) dow HANNAH b Jun 7, 1717 d T T D m. JOS. SINGLETARY 1745
dow SARAH Jan 29 1720/21 d T T D
"EX WIFE HANNAH + DAVID ROSS
DUNHAMS TO CRAVEN BY 1769 OR BEFORE
ROBERT STEWART will 3rd Oct 1 d 15 Jun 1769 of
South Pett Creek (Sampit) CRAVEN co. (HEAD OF GEOTWN OR
earlier name is Pr Geo. Winyatt) Rbt Jony 1737 Pr Geo. Wining
inf not named
Dow MARY ATKINSON + EBENEZER BRIDGESTON
EX EBENEZER DUNHAM the elder
EBENEZER DUNHAM the younger

CENSUS 1790 SC DUNHAM: Geotwn D., Prince Geo Par.
* R S EBENEZER DUNHAM 1m over 16 17 slaves
* R S ROBERT(Son) 1m over 16 2m under 3F 2 Sp.
* R S JOHN 1m over 16 1F 30 sl.

JACOB for Thos. Sernens est. 1m over 2 m under 3F 115 Sl.
* There was also a Joseph Dunham with slaves Par Rev. Source not in Census, already in N.C.?

ETCHTON, DECEAS 1708 - 1735 among others

JOHN ROSS

W JOSEPH BLAGGETT put to Southern Their Later

JOHN DUNHAM 1701 - 1788
SAYS 1787

W/W/\D/ M. SINGLETARY 1762
ON N.W. BY DUNHAM, JOHN JR. REMAINED WHILE EDWIN NORTH TO CRAVEN?
William R. Dunham
Born: Not Known
Died: Sept. 22, 1828

James Snowden Dunham (son of William)
Born: March 20, 1795
Died: Jan. 19, 1881

Elizabeth
Born: Oct. 5, 1823
Died: July 24, 1904

Snowden
Born: Feb. 3, 1826
Died: Sept. 28, 1834

Mary Jane
Born: July 14, 1828
Died: Oct. 2, 1834

William C.
Born: Oct. 27, 1830
Died: Nov. 17, 1832

Jonathan
Born: June 21, 1805
Died: June 26, 1907

John Alexander Dunham

James Alexander Dunham
Born: May 23, 1866
Died: Feb. 19, 1924

James Alexander Dunham

Susan Alice
Born: Oct. 14, 1884
Died: May 2, 1961

Maggie Mae
Born: July 15, 1886

John Fletcher
Born: Jan. 22, 1888
Died: Dec. 5, 1962

James Marvin Charles Norman
Born: Aug. 15, 1889
Died: Feb. 14, 1891
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SINGLETYAR FAMILY.


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* Hv. rec. gives d. "at 102," which would make him born ab. 1585, and 71 when his son Benj. was born. Another statement of his age makes his birth as above.

† "Goodwife Singleterry" d. ab. 1638 or '9[Nb]. She may have been wife of Richard. C Nb. gives John son of Richard. Richard of New London, 1688, d. 1711 and left 9 chil. [Sv], may have been a son or grandson of Richard.

‡ The deposition of Jonathan Singleterry, aged ab. 23, dated 1692, against John Godfrey, accused of witchcraft, is printed in Upham's "Salem Witchcraft," vol. I, pp. 434-5.
and '9; oath al. Nov., 1677; d. Nov. 1, 1724; will Dec. 10, 1724; Nov. 25, 1724; m. 2d, wife Sarah, but no chil.


4 NATHANIEL, SINGLETARY (Richard), of Haverhill, b. 1644; diss. from trainings for lameness in 1682; m. Dec. 22, 1679[HV], Sarah Belknap; oath al. 1677; killed by Indians, Aug. 18, 1689[HV]; adm. est. March 25, 1690; est. div. Nov., 1696; wid. Sarah adm. Children:

8 i JOHN, b. May 7, 1675[HV]; taken prisoner by the Indians when his father was killed, but soon returned [Chase's Hist. Hv., p. 153]; m. Dec. 17, 1700[HV and S]. (17) MARY, b. of S. to Framingham ab. 1700. Chil.: Nathaniel, b. April 24, 1702[S]; John, b. Nov. 15, 1706[S]; John, b. April 22, 1705[S]; Sarah, b. April 6, 1707[S]; Mary, b. June 25, 1707[S].

9 ii MARY, b. March 11, 1676-7[HV]; liv. 1698; prob. m. June 25, 1700[HV], (20) John Eaton.

10 iii JONATHAN, b. Nov. 18, 1678[HV]; d. Nov. 24, 1678[HV].


13 vi RICHARD, b. Aug. 5, 1687[HV]; liv. 1698; per. killed by Indians Aug. 19, 1707, at Lancaster.

14 vii Hannah, b. May 23, 1686[HV]; liv. 1696.

15 viii Eunice[8], b. June 18, 1687[HV]; liv. 1696; prob. rem. from Hv. to Framingham ab. 1715.

10 ix MARTHA, b. Aug. 29, 1690[HV]; liv. 1696.


1 RICHARD SMITH, of Salisbury, near N. H. line, b. ab. 1640; m. 1st, Oct. 17, 1666[S and Nb], Sarah Chandler, who d. July 6,

* In his will he ment. his "cousin" Sarah Page, wid. of (48) John[9] Page; his servant boy Joseph Fellows; Rebecca Draper, "whom I brought up with me." Ann Eaton, dau. of John Eaton; Jonathan Clark; etc.

1682[S]; 2d, Elizabeth — ; oath al. 1677; signed petition of 1680; free.1690. Richard and wife signed the Bradbury petition, 1692. He came from England to S. in 1650 or '51, and lived in Maj. Pike's family 10 or 12 yrs., till he was of age. [See Pressey, p. 291.] Will Aug. 14, 1712; Feb. 1, 1713; wife Eliz. ment.; prob. a Friend. A Richard Smith served under Capt. Turner, King Philip's war, April, 1676. * Children:

2 i LUCY, b. Sep. 17, 1607[S]; m. Robert Moulton; liv. 1712. A son WILLIAM liv. 1744.


5 iv MARY, b. March 15, 1673-4[S]; bp. Nov. 19, 1676[Nb]; prob. d. young; not ment. in will, 1712.


7 vi JOANNA, b. May 22, 1680[S]; [by 2d wife]; m. Feb. 2, 1709-10[S], (10) Philip[6] Flanders; liv. 1712. She had a dau. Sarah Titton, liv. 1744.

8 vii JAMES, b. Jan. 26, 1681-2[S]. He was dead in 1745, leaving a dau. Elizabeth.


9 i WILLIAM, b. May 6, 1705[S]; bp. Feb. 18, 1710-1; liv. 1738.

10 ii ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 20, 1705[S]; bp. Feb. 18, 1710-1; liv. 1744.

11 iii Sarah, b. May 2, 1708[S], [by 1st wife]; d. May 11, 1710[S]


13 v Anne, b. March 9, 1716[S]; m. — Dolle; liv. 1744.

14 vi Richard, b. Dec. 16, 1717[S]; liv. 1744.

15 vii Jacob, b. July 1, 1720[S]; liv. 1744.

16 viii Robert, b. Sep. 3, 1722[S]; per. d. young.

17 ix Sarah, b. Dec. 12, 1728[S]; per. d. young.

* A Richard Smith was a Salis. soldier in 1702.

† He gave land in Chichester, N. H., to his servant Silas Camitt, under 21 yrs. old; and ment. various "cousins."
Note Regarding Singletary Family

1. Name is actually spelled Singletary.

2. Most of the graves are at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Henry County, or in the Redly Field on the property of W. Samuel Marion Singletary.

3. Under Armstead Singletary
   He was named James Armstead Singletary
   Married Laura Zoinia Glover

Samuel Marion Singletary
   Named Marie Adams (Henry Co. Ab)
   Walter
   Betty Faith
   And Marie
   James Henry
   Damarie Etta

Walter
   Betty Faith
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(137 Robinson St.)
Falls Church, Va.

Margaret Ann (Singletary)
Married
William James
Bridget (Singletary)

William James
Married
Margaret Ann (Singletary)
Ages of the children

C. S. Singletary
was born June 21st 1866
Eliza Jane Singletary was
born July 6th 1868
Evander L. Singletary was
born February 24th 1871
James A. Singletary was
born Sept 15th 1873
Wade Hampton Singletary
was born February 24th 1876
John P. Singletary & Alla D
Singletary was born July
20th 1878
Margrate A. Singletary
was born April 28th 1881

On reverse side of paper is written:
The Ages of Our
Children
This Sept 5th 1885
D M and Sarah A. Singletary Parents

Copied by Mildred L. Bryan Dec 29, 1976 from original owned by
Leon Singletary and loaned by him to Wanda Campbell
Mr. James M. Hester
2105 East Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90803

Dear Sir:

Because I seem to recall more of the Singletary family history than my brother Bart, he has asked me to reply to your letter of January 28, 1967.

Unfortunately, the Bible that our Grandfather Bart left was not well kept up.

However, newspaper clippings indicate that the Singletarys came to Texas from North Carolina in 1870. The clippings refer to the death of Nash Singletary aged 21, editor of the Leon Cabinet, a newspaper in Leon County Texas. He was a brother of our grandfather Bart. It seems he got an early start in life. His death was on December 23, 1877 and the article mentions that he was a native of Elizabethtown North Carolina and had moved to Texas when he was fourteen.

The earliest marriage recorded in this Bible was that of John G. Singletary and Mary McDonald on October 2, 1845.

Elizabeth O. Singletary and William Hester are noted as having married September 5, 1869. Her death is recorded as on May 5, 1889.

J.F. Singletary born April 22, 1848 and Eliza Glover are mentioned as having married February 15, 1872. It would appear from the arrangement in the Bible that Elizabeth O. and J.F. Singletary were the children of John G. and Mary McDonald, as were my Grandfather and Nash Singletary.

There is no mention of the children born to Elizabeth O. Singletary and William Hester.

It appears Uncle Fred as we knew him and Aunt Eliza had Mary Singletary also known as Mamie, born November 4, 1872, Julia Maud born September 4, 1875, Bennie Nash Singletary born October 24, 1877, and J.A. Singletary born December 14, 1876.

While not recorded in the Bible Uncle Fred and Aunt Eliza also had Bart, Bill, Alfred, Pearl, and Ruby.

My Grandfather Bart, brother of J.F. Singletary was born in 1850, he died in Riverside California March 17, 1937 at the age of 87 years. He married Mattie Bennie Springfield the daughter of Dr. E.H. Springfield M.D.. She was a native of Shreveport Louisiana. Mattie B. Springfield Singletary died at Riverside California in 1894.
Bert R. and Mattie B. Singletary had eight children.

Sibyl, deceased in 1928 and who lived in Pomona, California and was married to James M. Thomas who is also deceased. Jim Thomas was a cattleman, and they had two children. Emmett Willard Thomas who prefers to be known as E. Willard Thomas and Lillias Thomas Dameron. Willard Thomas is a manufacturers representative who travels extensively calling on Ranchers and Ranch Supply stores. He lives in Compton, California and is not married. Mrs. Dameron is a widow living in Lakewood and is an instructor in the Compton School System. She has two children, James and Diane Cameron also a widow who live with her.

Clara, deceased in 1951, and who married Clarence White of Monrovia, California, who is also deceased. Their son Rollin B White is an employee of a Businessmen's Association in Los Angeles. He is married to Leila Schormaile and they have no children and live in West Covina. J. Allen White (Jack) their other son is the founder and owner of a large Agricultural Chemical firm that manufactures and sells in the Phoenix area. The Jack Whites live in Phoenix. He married Lorena White of Texas and they have two sons Richard and Philip of Phoenix.

Jane, who has lived in Riverside since 1892, aged 84, and who was married to John E. McGregor and who died in 1936. Mr. McGregor was a mining man, a traveler to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush, farmed, managed his investments, and was at the time of his death Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Jane and John E. McGregor had two children, Kathleen, who died of Diptheria when about four, and John E. Jr. who is known as Jack. Jack married Helen Franklin and they have three children. They live in Riverside. Jack established an insurance business in Riverside which became highly successful. He sold the business several years ago. He and his wife traveled for a while and he is now associated with the Riverside County Assessors Office appraising property. Sandra their oldest child is now married to Chester Williams a member of the Ventura County Sheriff's staff. They live in Ventura. Kathleen McGregor married Michael Bright and they are living in San Diego. Mike is a student at San Diego State studying law. Their first child Tod was born several months ago. John McGregor, Jack and Helen's third child is a student at San Diego State also.

Emmett, deceased in 1964 married Wayne Wilson of Santa Cruz, California who still lives in Riverside. Emmett operated the Riverside Transfer and Storage Company in Riverside for many years. They had five children. Emmett Jr., born August 15, 1920 is single, lives in the family home in Riverside and is Office Supervisor for the State Board of Equalizations San Bernardino-Riverside County District. Steve H. Singletary was born November 2, 1921. He is also single lives in the family home and owns S.H. Singletary Inc., a truck parts firm in Colton, California. Gaylord W. Singletary was born June 11, 1924, is married to the former Maxine J. Patterson of Riverside. They live in Riverside, and he is the owner of G.W. Singletary Inc., a Construction Equipment firm in Riverside. He also has extensive interests in ranching and real estate. It is often said by members of our
family that Gaylor got all the energy in the family. They have two teen age children, Linda and Gaylene. Bart R. fourth child, was born September 27, 1927 and married Joan Coppo of Riverside. They have three children, Jeffrey, Christian 6, and Julie 3 years of age. Bart is a partner in, Vice President of and controller of the William Austin Company highly successful real estate and investment firm in Riverside. Mary Singletary, fifth child, was born January 31, 1930 is married to Charles W. Clark a salesman for a Wholesale hardware firm, and their home is at Parker Arizona. They have Bill 14, and Betty 10.

Mattie Steele deceased in 1960 and who never married, was for many years Principal of Fremont Grammar School in Riverside. She lived with her father Bart K. in the old home at 13th and Orange streets in Riverside until his death. In later years she had moved to San Jacinto California and lived at the old Vosburg Hotel. She was greatly interested in education, could quote poetry by the hour and had the distinction of having graduated from Berkeley at 17.

Lester G. deceased in 1966 was married to Bertha Coolidge who survives him in Santa Cruz, California. Lester was a road building contractor for many years and had never fully recovered from military service in France during the first World war. They had no children.

Douglas D. deceased in 1958 was married to Orpha Kellty who survives him in Burbank, California. Their three children are Betty living in Newport Beach, Patsy, living in Los Angeles, and Douglas Jr. who lives in Reseda California. Douglas is an employee of Douglas Aircraft Company. Doug and Orpha and their family lived in Mexico for a number of years along about 1930. Doug owned a resort about half way between Tijuana and Ensenada on the beach. In later years he was an employee of Universal Studios in Burbank.

Beatrice married to Elmer Raper and who has for many years lived in Tulsa Oklahoma. Elmer has built numerous homes in Tulsa, and become quite expert in the field of Cabinet and store fixture manufacturing. He is retired now. They had three children, Barbara, Douglas, and Richard. Doug lives in Texas and is an employee of a Refinery Company. Barbara lives in Tulsa with their family. Dick is married to Dr. Frances Sims an M.D. who practices under that name. They lived for many years in Denver, moving last year to Midland Michigan. Dick has been associated with hospitals for a number of years manufacturing special surgical instruments and hospital equipment for specific situations. They have one teen aged child Tricia.

This pretty well brings us up to date. You will be interested I believe in an old letter in the Bible postmarked August 6, 1889. The letter is addressed to Mary Singletary, Jewett Texas. It is from Edna Hester and is addressed to My Dear Grandma. I've taken a copy of it which is enclosed.

There is a note in the Bible that says Elizabeth O. Hester
died at Palestine Texas on May 5th 1889.
Another entry in the Bible states that Mary Singletary died October 29, 1889, aged 76 years and 8 months.

My cousin Jack Mc Gregor has suggested that you might like to write to Richard Kaper son of Beatrice Singletary who now lives at 2900 Dena, Midland, Michigan. His memory of the family history is reputed to be much more extensive and accurate than any of ours.

I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter. It took a bit of time for me to get together with my aunt Jane and my cousin Jack in order that I could clarify several things.

While I realize that this information is pretty skimpy as far as the Hester Family goes its as much as there is at hand. Should I learn anything else that might be of interest to you be assure I will write you.

Cordially Yours,

Emmett Singletary