

1436 South Tenth Place,  
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Dear Guby,

Your letter was both a pleasure and a disappointment, a pleasure to hear from you, a disappointment that you know so little. I have worked on this stuff so long -- intermittently, of course-- that it is hard to realize that the rest of the family have not been interested. Considering I was only nine years old when Other-mama died, and she was younger still than Uncle Aaron, and most of what Leonie and Cousin Malinda knew about this side was wrong, I really am proud of having as much as I have, though it has taken me over thirty years and several hundred dollars to do it. Cousin Ida had given me a few extracts from the Bible, hence my desire to share my findings with her. I am sorry she passed on before she knew I had found John Vincent's parents.

That letter I wrote her, which I enclosed, gave all the facts. But to join the D.A.R. on Aaron Vinson's service, both the line and the service must be proven by certified copies. I have photostatic copies of the beginning of Aaron's service, but not of the Commission Record. I have the volume and page entry for the latter, however, and can order it. The one I have will have to be copied and certified. In addition, the decree of division of the estate of Aaron, showing John as his son, the Census record of 1850, showing his age and birth-place and his wife's name and birthplace and age, this being the only legal proof we have of this information, and a certified copy of the Bible record are necessary. If Uncle Aaron's marriage is now given in the Bible, I have the reference to the Talladega County records where it is shown, and can get a certified copy of that. Assuming Oakley will lend me the Bible for having the certified copy made, it will cost about \$15.00 to get you fixed up with your proof for the D.A.R. If you will send me a blank application, I will be glad to fix it up for you for that, with the understanding that if Oakley will not lend me the Bible, I cannot include it. Genealogists now charge \$25.00 for proof of service only, (in this case about \$5.00 of which would be certified copies) and \$1.00 per hour for time spent on research for the line. I spent 44 hours in the N.C. records on this recent trip alone, not counting my search in Georgia, and in Chambers, Montgomery, Coosa and Talladega County records in Ala., nor my expenses while doing it, nor my swapping work with a man in Troup County, Ga.

I have joined D.A.R. as a life member-- Dad put me in it years ago on some of my Kelly lines. The Vincent line is now so clear, and supplemental lines cost \$5.00 each, so I did not plan to use this line for myself at all. I have about ten ancestors with proof of service, several of whom have been used by others now successfully. One of the Hawes kin wants to join on Hawes as a supplemental, but she wants me to try it out first, as we lack a wife's name and some dates, and says she will bear the expense to me if I will do it for her so it will be clear sailing when she starts in with it. I have one I want to try out for the sheer pleasure of seeing if I can do it, on the Bledsoe side-- his name was Joel, he was called Joe, and the muster roll has him as Joseph. Other than that, I do not care about putting in more D.A.R. lines for myself, and the only reason I happen to have the photostatic copy I have is because I always bring Leonie a gift when I go on a trip, and this time I brought a photostatic copy of the page of the Court Minutes where Aaron first sat as Justice, and of another page where he signed the minutes in a clear hand.

I have located some grandsons of Uncle Peyton, and have written them. One lives on the old home place I was told. I want to mark John Vincent's grave before I died.

With love,