

Princeton, N.J.,
June 30, 1940.

(Edna)

Dear Miss Witherspoon:

What I have promised you for so long has finally materialized! Miss Zillah gave me your line - I have put it in pencil so that it can be erased if it is not right.

On the other sheets I have finished out the ancestry ~~of~~^{beyond} Robert on the assumption that Robert and John the Signer were brothers - which several people say they were. If they were not, then the ancestry beyond ~~of~~ Robert is not correct - quite -

Rev. James was the father of John the Signer and the line beyond that is correct.

Some say John the Signer was the uncle of John the Surgeon; a few say that John the

birth of the signer (1722) and the birth of the surgeon Dec. 11, 1756 would rather indicate that John the surgeon was the nephew rather than the uncle.

Keep the ancestral chart and the D.A.K. papers - and the coat of arms. The coat of arms should be in gold where I put yellow but I had no gold paint. The copy is very messy but it shows the design anyway. I copied it from Mrs. Heid's. The rest of the material you can return whenever you get to it. There is no hurry whatsoever. If you are in Chicago - as some one told me that you are - go to the Newberry Library - one of the finest genealogical libraries - if not the finest - in the country -

Sincerely - Mabel E. Richardson

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Miss Zillah Witherspoon says:
Stanford Witherspoon's father was Jackson Witherspoon.
Marion " " " William "
George Witherspoon's father " " " "
" " grandfather James W. - a half
brother of Rev. Martin Van Buren Witherspoon, a son
of the first wife.

Miss Zillah did not know the name of the first wife.

✓ Mrs. Eliza Placer of Dugfield was a sister of Dr. M. V. B.

✓ Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson " " " Dr. M. V. B. "

Miss Zillah Witherspoon says that William Patterson Witherspoon Sr. (her father and son of Rev. John Witherspoon + Margaret Carson) was born in East Tennessee - not Alabama as the D A R papers say. She says the family went to Alabama from Tennessee from Alabama to Princeton. She says William Patterson Witherspoon worked for Jonathan Evans after he arrived in Princeton. William P. Witherspoon bought a farm of 80 acres at \$3 an acre (Government land), in Marsh Creek south west of Princeton. He was very much devoted to his mother, Margaret Carson Witherspoon - wife of Rev. John Witherspoon, the surgeon. Therefore he, William Patterson Witherspoon Sr., sent for his mother + father to come to the farm on Marsh Creek, and he deeded the farm to his father to get them to come.

Rev. John and Margaret Carson Witherspoon died on the Marsh Creek farm and are buried (it is said) in the Marsh Creek Cemetery. Dr. John Witherspoon

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WILLED this farm to Samuel Witherspoon, his younger son, and willed one dollar to William Patterson Witherspoon^{W.} which grieved W. Patterson^{W.} very much. Miss Zillah says her father used to tell her about this and the tears would stream down his face and he would say "I think my father would have treated me that way!"

Miss Zillah says that Dr. John - the Revolutionary surgeon - was very hot tempered.

NOTE: This was for Miss Edna Witherspoon
Written by Mabel E. Tichenor, deceased.
(Kleinmarie Taylor)