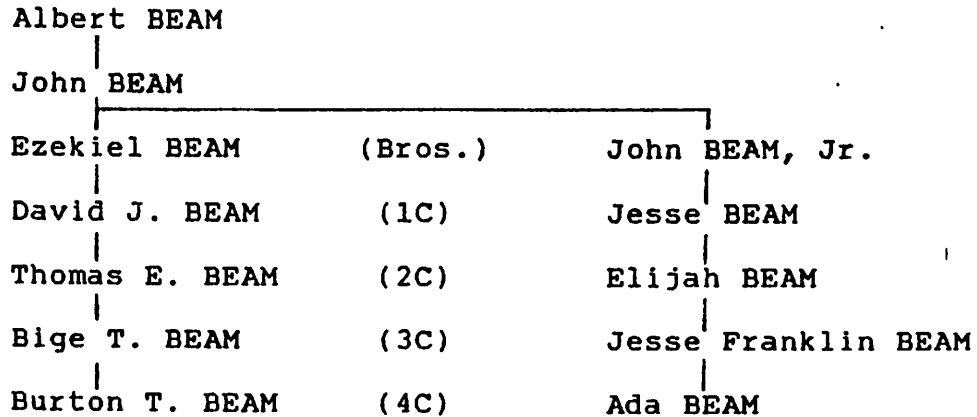


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Dear Cousin Ada,

Hope you don't mind the familiar term because we are, according to my calculation, 4th cousins: John BEAM, Sr. being our common ancestor and our 3rd great-grandfather.



It was so nice of you to send the card and letter. I'm only sorry that I didn't write to you first. I'm still trying to catch up after returning home and start sending information to those I've promised it to.

The people I met in South Carolina were all so hospitable, friendly and helpful. I regret very much that I had to make such a quick trip through Fairfield and Chester Counties. I would have very much enjoyed visiting with them longer and doing some sight-seeing there. I'm going to make an effort to visit again sometime and if I do I'm going to make it a point to not be so rushed.

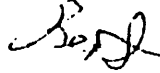
I appreciate the effort you made to drive into Winnsboro and let me photocopy your BEAM information. I left your copies at the Winnsboro Historical Society Genealogy Room and I hope you got them back ok.

I'm sending you pedigree charts and family group sheets of my direct BEAM line. I'm not enclosing proof or sources at this time, but I have some that I can send at a later time if you wish. I also have information on some of the BEAM descendants that are not in either my direct line or yours. I'll probably send it along with the information I send back to the Winnsboro Genealogy Group and to the Genealogy Group in Chester. As you can tell, I'm still missing a lot of information. If you should ever run across anything interesting I'd sure appreciate receiving it. I'm particularly interested in finding who John BEAM, Sr. and Ezekiel BEAM were married to.

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I hope you will find this information of interest and that we will keep in touch with additional information. My best wishes to you and your husband for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



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