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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in hopes of finding out information regarding my husband's families.

As you can see Tyrus H. Bell C.A 1810 is listed as being from the Fairfield District, S.C. His wife Adeline A. Cloud C.A 1812, is from Fairfield as well, I am very curious as to who Adeline's mother may have been. She is merely listed as Sora UNKNOWN. If you could find any hint on this lady I would be very grateful.

Francis Hardy Bell is Tyrus H. Bell's father. I do believe he may have originated from Robeson County, N.C. - which is not that far from Fairfield, S.C. I found a Hardy Bell in Robeson which could have been Francis brother - they were two years apart. The Bells have kept the name Hardy in their lines down to the late 1800's. Hardy Bell from Robeson is listed as "free person of Color," which I have found here and there in this family. It was strongly rumored that the Bells and Clouds intermarried Indian people. My husband's grandfather's photo Tyrus Bell Wilkins (grandson of i. Susan Bell on enclosed chart) pretty much lends proof to this claim. Also,

Tryms Bell Wilkins parents were both listed as "Colored" on a Mississippi marriage permit. They offspring of these people <sup>look</sup> Indian, but not black - it is somewhat confusing.

Also, if you can find out any information on Elvira (no 5) supposedly from the Fairfield District.

Please let me know anything you find out. Also let me know your fee.

Thank you so much for your time and effort.

Sincerely

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If there appears to be any related Wilkins family information, let me know.

Thank you.