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Dear Mrs. Killeen:

I am sure that you are surprised to hear from me after this long time. I have certainly not forgotten your research, but the necessary research has been out of state. I engaged a North Carolina researcher to make an attempt at finding your Humphries/Humphreys ancestors. I had a report from him just today (I sent him the request on July 15!). I am enclosing a copy of this report. As you can see, he could not offer much help, but at least I am satisfied that we have tried. The cost of this was only \$25.00. I hope that you do not mind this attempt.

I am also still working on your Cooper lineage. I finally found a good researcher in Alabama. Let me refresh your memory, in case I just lost you. The John Cooper, whom we suspect to be the father of the John Cooper of Fairfield District, went to Georgia, and later to Alabama. He was in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, in 1850 and I have requested that the researcher search for any document in that county in Alabama that might show who his children or heirs were. I have found a document that proves Joel and John Cooper in Richland District/County were brothers. Joel was a pauper and remained here in Richland District.

I expect to hear from this researcher within two weeks, and I will let you know the results.

Sincerely yours,

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July 25, 1986

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Dear Mr. Killeen:

I am sorry to be so long in sending this military record on John H. Cooper, from Co. C, 12 SC Infantry. It may not add significantly to your knowledge of him, but at least this is the official record.

I finally caught my friend who had a clue to John Cooper's ancestry. You believed that your John Cooper of Fairfield was the son of either John or Joel Cooper. On the 1850 census of Richland District, Joel Cooper was living there 75 years of age, a pauper. I rather doubt that this was the father of your John in Fairfield who was so successful. The John Cooper on the 1830 census removed to Georgia, and then to Alabama, according to the record which I finally got to view today. I have ordered a copy of it, and I hope to find someone who will check in Alabama on the 1850 census (he was still living there in May of 1850), and perhaps for a will or estate record which would name his children. If he names children back in South Carolina (hopefully), then we will have that generation proved. If there is a will or estate which proves that he did not have children back in South Carolina, then we can eliminate him from our search.

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COOPER-JOHNSON et al

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Some items which are new in this lineage are as follows:

Obituary of John Hampton Cooper from Fairfield News & Herald, 9 May 1924: Mr. John Hampton Cooper of the Bear Creek Section, who moved to Columbia about two years ago after the death of his wife, gently passed away on Friday last at the home of his daughter... Mr. Cooper was born and reared in the Bear Creek section formally (sic) in Fairfield County and spent practically his whole life there. At the outbreak of the civil war he volunteered in defence of the stars and bars, and served in Stonewall Jackson's command and was on the Picket line when Jackson fell, only 100 yards away when the fatal error occurred. Mr. Cooper was with Jackson during his whole brilliant Shenandoah Valley Campaign and fought in many of the great battles of the memorable struggle for state rights. Mr. Cooper was a brave and fearless soldier and served with great distinction throughout the whole war... was wounded three times... Mr. Cooper married Miss Mell Kelly of Kershaw who preceded him to the grave two years ago. To them were born 9 children, all of whom are still living. Mr. Cooper was one of 6 brothers that served in the Confederate army. His eldest brother, James, fell severely wounded, was captured and died in the enemies lines. His fourth brother, Preston, after seven color bearers had fallen was the eighth to raise the colors and bore them from the field at Gettysburg, but subsequently, he too, lost a limb... Mr. Cooper had reached his four score years and two, when death came. His remains were interred at Zion church on Sunday morning... Rev. Mr. Pierce conducted the funeral.

1850 census Fairfield District, page 263, # 922/923:

William Johnson	65 M Planter \$10,000 born Fairfield
Sevilla	25 F

Fairfield County Probate Records, Apt. 114, Package 3 (from microfilm at SC Archives): Estate of William Johnson. Will of William Johnson of the District of Fairfield... all my property both real and personal be equally divided among my six children viz Nancy Cooper, John Johnson, Lucy Rains wife of Wm Rains, Hampton Johnson, Louisa Joiner wife of Jackson Joiner and Isabella Johnson, the plantation whereon I now reside to be divided equally among my four children that now live on it by apparisement... Lucy Rains, Hampton Johnson, Louisa Joiner and Isabella Johnson, I also desire that my son John Johnson and Nancy Cooper my daughter wife of John Cooper each retain to themselves the parcels of land now held and cultivated by them, residue of my land be sold as soon after my deceased as practicable by my executors on Sawneys Creek adj. T. C. Crumptions

land, 12 May 1858. Wm Johnson (X) (LS), Wit: Joseph Larcham, J. B. Cloud, John A. Crumpton. Proved 6 Sept 1858.

From Johnson Cemetery, on Mullis Road, off Portia Road, Off Highway 21 above Blythewood, SC:

In Memoriam	John Cooper	Nancy S. Cooper
Wm Johnson	1812-1897	wife of
Died		John Cooper
Aug 31st 1858		was born Dec 6th 1812
age 76 years		died Nov 11th 1882

From Fairfield News & Herald, 15 Nov 1882. Under Deaths... Mrs. Nancy Cooper, wife of Mr. John Cooper, of the Bear Creek section, and a sister of the late Hampton Johnson, died on last Saturday night. She had reached the ripe old age of seventy years. Her health had been excellent before she was attacked with consumption, from which disease she suffered for many years, and to which her fine constitution yielded at last. Mrs. Cooper was a Christian woman of high character, and as such impressed all with whom she was thrown in contact. Her remains were interred in the family burying-ground on Sunday evening.

Fairfield County Deeds, Book AI, pages 211-212: State of South Carolina, County of Fairfield. John Cooper of Fairfield County, for \$250 to S. F. Cooper, M. L. Cooper and J. P. Cooper all that parcel of land in Fairfield County, Township No. 6, 163 acres adj. J. V. Cooper, Rhoda Dawkins, Asa Evans, Jno Perry, Lewis Perry... 13 Feb 1883. John Cooper (LS), Wit: N. J. Cooper, Henry Sessions.

we John H. Cooper, Jesse V. Cooper, Thomas C. Cooper, Nancy J. Cooper, and Rosa H. Sims in consideration other lands conveyed to us in the partition of the real estate of Nancy Cooper our deceased mother do confirm the within deed by our father Jno Cooper to Samuel F. Cooper, Mars L. Cooper and J. Pressley Cooper... ___ Feb 1883. Wit: Lillie Brown, F. M. L. Duke.

Kershaw District, SC, 1860 census, page 104, #467/467:

Williby Branham	45 M Laborer	Personal Property Value \$100	born SC
Jane	40 F		
Hannah	15 F		
Dorcas	13 F		
Vincy	11 F(!)	(obviously an error)	
Flem	9 M		
Fanny	5 F		
Andrew	1/12 M		

The above is shown as Willie Branham on the death certificate of Vince Branham. Hopefully, this lineage can be advanced at least one more generation.