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Mr. Bill Taylor  
Fairfield County Historical Society  
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

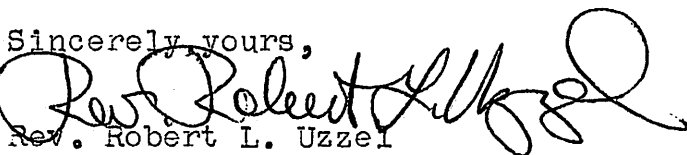
I wrote to you a few years ago regarding my research on my wife's family. You provided some information regarding the graves of two Durhams who lived in Fairfield District before the Civil War. This I greatly appreciate.

I have made much progress in my research since I last wrote to you. In February 1983, I received a phone call from Major Donald Durham of Manassas, Virginia (an employee of the Pentagon) who is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana but whose ancestor Robert Winfield Durham died in Fairfield District in 1852. The latter's widow and sons moved to DeSoto Parish, La. following his death. Major Durham was of the opinion that my wife's ancestors were slaves to his ancestors. Right after Emancipation, the Black Durhams moved to Freestone County, Texas. My wife is a native of Fairfield, Texas, the county seat of Freestone County.

I find it quite interesting that this family started out in Fairfield District, S. C. and ended up in Fairfield, Texas. I recently learned that Fairfield, Texas was named for Fairfield, Alabama. I am writing to the library in Fairfield, Alabama in efforts to learn how the latter city got its name. I was wondering if you could tell me how your county got its name.

Enclosed please find a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
Rev. Robert L. Uzzel