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Dear Irma,

Thank you so much for the information about the parents of Elizabeth Griffin m. Gardner Ford. I was at a complete dead end since my only source of information, the L.M. Ford family history (in the Winnsboro Historical Society Library) merely gives the name "Betsy" Griffin.

Gardner Ford and Elizabeth Griffin had three sons: Eli, James Quilla (my great-grandfather), and William, and one daughter, Martha, who married \_\_\_Sauls. Gardner and Elizabeth migrated to Barbour County, Alabama. Uncle Eli was the guardian of the sons of James, who died young, presumably in the area around Winona, Mississippi. Uncle Eli was a rascal who spent the inheritance of his wards on his five daughters and there was much family bitterness for several generations about his perfidity. I can't find out what happened to William or Martha.

There is a family Bible in the possession of Mrs. Henry Benbow, Luverne, Alabama, with the Eli Ford family information in it. Eli is buried at the Mount Ida Cemetary near Luverne, Alabama.

I shall send a copy of your information to the Winnsboro Historical Society Library.

Cordially,

*Sidney F. Tatom*

Box 467  
Tylertown, MS. 39667  
December 16, 1936

Dear

*We got your name from Old Edgefield  
Chapter Genealogical Society*

We were visiting in Greenville, S. C. during the Thanksgiving Holiday. I visited the public library in hopes of finding information about my Griffin Family. I looked through the surname file and found names of persons who were listed as persons working on their Griffin Line.

For fifteen years or more I had been searching for my gr. or grandmother's maiden name. In May we were in Columbia, S. C. at the Archives and found in the Equity Petition of Fairfield County, S. C. she was Amelia Dates daughter of Eli or Ely Griffen and his wife, Rachel. Amelia married Samuel W. Dates in Fairfield County, S. C.

Eli is possibly a shortened name for some thing else. He was in the 1790 Census of Edgefield, S. C. 96th District.

Ely Griffen 1790 96th Dist, Edgefield Co., S. C.  
1 male of 16 years and upward including heads of families  
1 male under 16 years of age  
3 females including all ages

Absolom Griffen was living next door. Was he Eli's brother?  
1 male of 16 years and upward including heads of families  
1 male under 16 years of age  
3 females of all ages.

1800 Edgefield Co., S. C. Census

Eli Griffen  
3 males under 10 years of age , 1 male 10 to 15 years of age  
1 male 26 to 45 years of age  
3 females under 10 years of age  
1 female 26 to 45 years of age.

1810 Fairfield County, South Carolina Census Eli only Griffen in the County in the Census

1 male under 10 years of age	3 females under 10
2 males 10 to 16 years of age	1 female 26 to 45
1 male 16 to 26	
1 male 45 and up	

• Eli Griffin died Dec. 17, 1811 Fairfield County, S.C.  
His will was probated March 21, 1812  
Inventories of his property were made: April 7, 1812  
April 17, 1812

Eli and Rachel Griffin had the following mentioned children:

Elizabeth married Gardner Ford

James

Leroy married Mary Mobley

Thomas

John (A.)

Sarah married Thomas Meredith

Frances (Fannie) married Charles Pickett

Margaret (Peggy) married John Davis

Amelia married Samuel K. Oates *my ancestor*

Mary (Polly) married Steven P. Johnson Dec. 25, 1825

Rachel Griffin's will was made Feb. 10, 1843. March 10, 1845-due  
Robert Cathcart, Jr. for funeral expenses-coffin. March 9, 1845  
for medicine and doctor. Her will is recorded Book 19, Page 145,  
Apt. 83, File 90, Fairfield District, S. C.

If any of this fits into the information and family you are  
working with, I would certainly appreciate any *help* you may  
give me. I'll be happy to pay for copying and postage.

Enclosed you will find a self addressed stamped envelope for your  
convenience. I shall eagerly await hearing from you. I would  
appreciate hearing from you even if it is only to let me know  
you do or do not have a family connection.

Sincerely yours,  
Anna C. Lampton  
(Mrs. Wm. A. Lampton)