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Dear Uncle Miller and Aunt Pearl:

Recently I have been working on a "family tree" record and find that I cannot go very far back on the Smithson branch. Can you help me some? I am enclosing what I think is correct with blanks to fill in further back in the Smithson line of ancestors. If my names are not correct, please correct them. On the Carnefix branch & Bransford branch I can go away back for they meet when Janes Patteson married Sally Bransford.

How are you all "wintering"? Glenna and I are doing about so & so. Glenna goes thru the Greenbrier Clinic beginning Jan 23 to try and find what is causing her hip and leg pains. I'll leave some space for Glenna.

(Different writer) Buck called us Saturday from White Sulphur to find out about Doc. He said you both had had flu again but was fine now-please don't get sick again- We've been so lucky haven't really been in all winter.

Doc is to come home tomorrow, he's gotten along real well since he had brain surgery Monday a week ago- They removed a blood clot the size of an orange above the right ear & to the front - it had effected his mind & walking- We feel he's so lucky to walk well now & his mind is good too -

We have 4" of snow & lots frozen all over the trees, wires etc.

We hope you will both stay well, Love

Earle & Glenna

GENEALOGY OF THE BRANSFORD FAMILY, Dating from First Emigrant to America

John II (Came to America in 1729 from England)				
m..				
Mary Kingsford				
I				
I	I	I	I	I
1 Betsy m. Frank West	2 Molly m. Dr. Lewis Warwick	3 Barbara m. Thomas Dunn	4 John III (Born m. Sally Easter (d.) m. 2 nd Juidith Amonette	5 James m. Sarah Owen
I				
1 Thomas 4-5-1767 m. Ann Snoddy	2 Frank 6-30-1768 m. Sally Hatcher	3 Benjamin 12-15-1769 m. (d 7-21-1845) Lucy Hatcher		
I				
4 Betsy 5-5-1772 m. Rev John Ayers	5 Stephen 0 Bachelor	I I I I I I I	6 Jacob 7-15-1776 m. Betty Hobson	7 Samuel 8-4- m. 1778 Phoebe Walton
8 Abraham 12-15-1780 m.1 Judith Palmer m.2 Betsy Ayers	9 Patsy 12-18-1782 m. Garland Brown	I I I I I	10 Robert 7-5-1786 m.1 Jane Hill m.2 Jane Gardner	
I				
1 Sally W. m. James P. Patteson	2 Henry (12-15-1803 m. (d 11-12-1887) Elvira Watkins	3 Elizabeth m. John Isabell	4 Judith m. Wm. Frazier	
I				
5 Martha m. Giles Harris	I I I I I I	6 Mary m. Henry Patterson	7 Virginia m. Sam Venable	8 John m.1 Watkins m.2 Allen
9 William m. an Indian (Red)	I I I I	10 Susan 0 (Died age 16)	11 Frederick m. Williams	12 Benjamin m. Mary Athey
I				
1 Sarah Elizabeth (d. 1858)				
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I				

	I		m.	
	I		George W. Carnifax (d. 1880)	
	I		m.	
	I		Susan Daugherty	
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1 Nannie Woodson 7-1-1854	2 James	3 Charles		4 Eliza (1860 or 1861)
m.	m.	m.		m.
Thomas Smithson 6-15-1852				Stephen Faudree
I				
I				
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1 Lucy Blanche 2-10-1877	2 Emory Keyser Smithson 9-9-1878	3 Mary Willie 12-14-187.		
m. 2-11-1936	0	m. 8-7-1901		
Wm. Franklin Davis	Bachelor	John Henry Bransford		
4 Henry Woodson 5-18-1861	5 Verner Lile 12-16-1882	6 Elizabeth 6-27-188.		
m. 1906	m. 11- -1922	Clendenning		
Bessie Atwood	Violet McGuire	Died 4-9-1905		
7. Margaret Rucker 12-17-1887	8 Lewis Miller 7-2-1890	9 Charles Osborne		
m. 8-16-1910	m. 6-11-1917	8-31-1892		
Wm. Charles Miller 1-11886	Pearl Barrickman	D. 6-24-1911		
	10 Taney Given			
	B. 10-22-1895			
	D. 8-20-1911			

The old Bransford Plantation is in the Western Part of Cumberland Co. VA. On the old Buckingham Turnpike. There my great-great grandmother Lucy Hatcher came as a bride. Two of her daughters married Pattesons. Her son, John Bransford, lived there. His daughter, Willie, married Uncle Robert Patteson. They were Cousin Floydie Farrar's parents, who reared my mother after her parents death, Willie was Mother's cousin and became her aunt by marriage to her own first cousin and Mother's Uncle. Mother was born at Snow Hill, Nicholas Co. W.VA. And married at White Sulphur Springs, W.VA. The most of the intervening years were spent in Kentucky and Virginia.

*Letter from Earle Bransford to Lewis Miller Smithson and wife Pearl Barrickman.
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