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Dear Friend:-

I am glad to hear again from you again and am much interested in the contents of yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> ish - and I hope you will continue to write freely and fully in regards to our family ancestors although I have about finished my search in our libraries here in regard to the old records lately published. I also made notes of the Mobbett family for my dearest cousin Capt Alanzo L. Mobbett 105 Fremont St Rochester, N.Y. - He however I learn from a letter just received in on his bed and probable last illness, nearly 80 - and left his right arm at Port Hudson in our Civil War - 1861-65. His mother was a Griffen, my dearest aunt. Four of us young Quakers, my 3 cousins, Capt Alonzo L. Mobbett his brother, Joseph I Mobbett 5 Madison St. Rochester, N.Y. over 80 years old, and Wm G Anthony, now deceased - enlisted in that Civil War and were consequently "disowned" - Friends or Quakers do not believe in War. I do hope you can run out to Chicago and spend a few days in our great genealogical library. The Newbury - probably the best arraigned library in regard to genealogy and history etc - in America. Even genealogist come to use it from Boston! I find one here not at work, a Mr Holman, who was well acquainted with the Mr. Cleveland who assisted you in Jasper G. account published in the N.Y. Genl & Biographical Record in 1891 - It is a valuable contribution and a worthy effort which can be corrected as later records are published. Glad you appreciate my real "find" of Chedorloamer! I have a hazy idea however that some years after May 1- 1875 - I saw another "write up of Lomar and Willis". Wherein it was claimed that Lomar was 136 and Willis the 3<sup>rd</sup> son was 95!!! Lomar was standing up in the picture too!!! If I find this periodical I will send you a copy. Complete files of periodical bound are in Newbury of Harper's and Frank ??????-

But my dear sir, what bothers me considerably is that our first ancestor "Edward G" appears from the record of the council minutes of Flushing to have been alive in 1708 and a Quaker too! So that if born in Yorkshire in 1602 he would have lived to be 106! Of course we must admit that people living in such mountainous countries as Wales and Scotland do actually live to good old age. Montroque in his "Spirit of the Lows" give facts such as that in Scotland women aged 72 frequently have children, while the women near the equator in India for instance are mothers at 7 or 8 - Climate has about all to do in the matter of longevity.

Now as to that 200 acres of land. In our Public Library there are copies of flaming advertizing circulars picturing the great richness and wonderful products of V.. Most flattering and wonderful - along about 1630 to 1636 - those were feudal times and all emigrants permanently were Indentured - these servants in Maryland became prominent citizens - I have copies of articles of indenture - No person could emigrate to the English colonies in America without taking the "Oath of Allegiance" to the English crown and acknowledging the "Supremacy of the Church of England"! and its sovereign to be the head of the Church! Religion has cut the most important figure in our ancestors - Take the real facts in

regard to our family in Dutchess Co. N.Y. during the Revolutionary War. Edward Griffin, father of your ancestor Richard, and with Jonathan, the youngest son was a Quaker too old however to be ????? to military duty in that affected county - Large numbers of Friends were living there - all of whom by principle opposed the War - But in Oct 1776 when the British had taken Long Island, and New York City and ????? into Westchester , driving Gen Washington to North Castle near Dutchess Co. Why the Americans in their frenzy and excitement - sized, over 300 - mostly Friends, and transported them to mostly to Exeter, New Hampshire - 67 of whom were confined in State prisons there. Yes in 1777, some 25 Women were also sent away as alike “disaffected” Obadiah Griffin with a half dozen others were captured with “arms” - in short no one could live if of Military age above the age of 16 - in Dutchess Co - except they belonged to the American Army of Militia etc. - during the Revolutionary War after Oct 1776. My ancestor Jonathan born 1757 appears in the records to have been compelled to serve - enrolled for the duration and serving as needed - Well, I have spun out I think too long - but I like to “chat” on paper with those interested in our family.

Sincerely

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