December 15, 2011

Mrs. Anne Heaton

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Dear Mrs. Heaton,

Or should I address you as cousin?! Our mutual distant cousin, Clinton Getzinger, asked me to send along a copy of my great grandmother’s diary. Frances Wilson Osborne (1852 – 1940) was the daughter of Isaac and Caroline Greer Wilson. Frankie was walking behind her father when he was shot from ambush in 1864 in Ashe County.

Thanks to Clinton and other cousins, I have been upgrading her diary which covers the years from 1912 to 1940. She names many relatives in North Carolina, and I have been dropping in photos and interpretive copy. Right now the diary needs a rework, so if you will bear with me, I shall send you a copy in January after these busy holidays are over.

Next June, I hope to be back in Boone, and if you are open to a visit, Clinton and I would like to pick your memories and memorabilia and learn more about our Greer ancestors.

If you have access to the Internet, I have been writing articles on our ancestors for the past year including such names as the Griersons (Greer), Days, Taylors, Boones and Wilcoxsons along with my Wilsons, Osbornes and Stansberys. All these are on my Mother’s side of the family.

My Mother is 88 years old, born in Bristol, Tennessee in 1923 and currently living in Hermitage, Tennessee. We will see her this weekend, hence part of the delay in fine tuning the photos in the diary. Her name is Geraldine Stansbery Holliman Feick.

Her mother was Mayme Osborne Stansbery, whose mother was Frances Wilson Osborne, whose mother was Caroline Greer Wilson, whose mother was Frankie Brown Greer. If you have time could you send me a letter describing your lineage? Look for the diary by post in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Dear Annie,

Thanks so much for your letter and kind remarks about the articles I have been writing. I hope your son has been sharing them with you. Enclosed are copies of articles posted last winter of our June 2012 tour. You were so kind to show us around and share from your memorabilia.

Every two to three weeks I have been posting articles on the Greers, Wilsons, Stansberys, Osbornes and other kinfolk. They are list at http://fwosborne.blogspot.com if a family member wants to find them.

Sorry about your fall. I know this slows one down. I do hope you did not break a bone, but I suspect you are bruised. My mother, Geraldine Stansbery Holliman Feick, whom you met during the tour and luncheon, has fallen several times herself and is growing confused. Old age is a challenge. She just turned 90 and we had a big birthday party for her in Nashville.

I may be by your way next spring, as we hope to organize another Family Forum to share and study about our ancestors next July 2014. So stay well, keep your 'archives' safe, and hopefully you can present your materials to some 'new' cousins!

Take care of your self and that new beau you have been dating since 1945! Happy anniversary and hope to see you when the weather is warmer.

Love,

Cousin Glenn

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