

June 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Patterson,

In a recent letter, from Don Martin, I learned of your books, about the FLOOD family, and last week, while in Salt Lake City, I found them in the library there. I have been doing research on the FLOODs, since 1965, and have corresponded with many others, with FLOOD lines, over the years. Don't know how I missed hearing about you! First of all, I have done no English or Irish research, and found your books very interesting. What an interesting life you've had, with all the trips & travels! We both worked until age 59, then retired, disposed of a lot of things, stored others, moved into our 33 ft. motor home, and have been traveling ever since. We are now in Ouray, Colorado, up in the mountains. My husband is out exploring the old mines and the streams, so I am now able to get caught up on my correspondance.

I gather data on all FLOODs, although most of my research has been on the Buckingham Co. Va. group. It hasn't been easy, because of all the missing records in that county, but a lot of info was available from the land tax and personal property tax records. A few old Bible records were found, and allied family records also provided info. I couldn't bring all my genealogy records, because of a space problem, so a lot of it is in storage, back in Calif. I will send you some of the charts I've finished, on the decendants of John FLOOD of Buckingham Co., as I have them with me. I probably have more FLOOD data on the American lines, than anyone else, and someday, I may get it all together, into a book, when we settle down again, in Calif.

When I first started, I found all those Surry Co. Va. records regarding John FLOOD, and his decendants. When I traced our line, back to Buckingham Co., I tried and tried to find a way to connect the 2 Johns, but eventually gave up. I'm not so sure about the theory about the British Navy, either, as I could find nothing to substantiate that, either. Also, if he married, for the first time, at age 60, he would have been about 88, at the time of his death, in 1783, when his youngest child was only 3 years old. He may have been decended from the Surry Co. FLOOD family, but not from John⁴, I'm afraid. You probably aren't going to like what I'm going to say.

I'm inclosing copies of records, that show Walter³ FLOOD, died Intestate, leaving no will. On Jan. 21, 1720, he was very sick, and probably realized that he was dying. He was worried about legal title, to 3 slaves, evidently still held in his father's name, even though they had been given to him. Walter², anxious to put his son's mind at rest, about the matter, signed a statement regarding the negroes, and had it witnessed. About 3 weeks later, he appeared in court, and had the statement recorded. On the same day, the court issued an order, to have the Estate of Walter FLOOD Jr., valued & appraised. The will, that you attribute to Walter³, on pages 248 & 249, of Appendix II, of your 3rd volume, is actually that of Walter², who died in 1722. With both of his sons dead before him, he left his estate to his wife, Anne, daughters, Ann & Mary, and grandchildren: Fortune, John & Mary, (children of Walter³), and Jane, (daughter of John³). John⁴, was evidently unmarried and without children, on Oct 4, 1739, when, desperately ill, he asked Wm Simmons to write a will for him. Simmons went off to write the will, but when he returned, to have it signed, John⁴ was dead. This will, unsigned, was accepted by the court. I'm sure that, if John⁴ had any children, the will would have been thouroughly questioned by the Court.

I, too, have received info about Henry FLOOD of Buckingham Co., from Bolling Byrd FLOOD, although not as much as you did. I found the descriptions of family members, especially interesting. Please excuse mistakes, as I am not a typist. Any spelling mistakes in the letter, are mine, but those in the record copies, are spelled just as they were, in the original record. The appraisal of Walter Jr., gave values for each item listed, but I didn't copy them.

I hope to hear from you, after you read all this, with your comments. No doubt, there will be questions too. Of all the hundreds of decendants of John FLOOD, of Buckingham Co., not one was named Walter or Fortune. There were lots of Henrys, so I always suspected that was his father's name.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Beth Flood

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Wheras my Dear & only Walter Flood is in a very sick & weak state of health and is desirous the negroes named Frank, Will a boy & Ann a woman, which have been esteemed his, may be and remain to his widow & children as the Laws directs for persons that dye Intestate. Be it therefore known unto all men by these present that if it shall please God to take my said Son to Himself, that then this shall oblieige me, my heirs, Executors & Administrators not to use any act or means to hinder or interupt the course of the Law, in the disposition of the said negroes & their increase to the use and advantage of his widow & children & the heirs of the children forever, but do hereby freely & volentarily submit all my Rights, Title & Intrest in & to the said negroes to be so disposed of. Witness my hand & seal this twenty first day of Jan, 1720.

signed & sealed
in presence of us
Nathanial Harrison
Nathanial Edwards
Richard Norwood

(and to and the word Negroes
underlined before signing
& sealing)

Walter Flood: Seald

At a court held at Southwark for the County of Surry February 15, 1720

This day appeared in Court, the above named Walter Flood, & did acknowledge the above record contents to be his real, act & deed which is ordered to be recorded & is recorded by

J. Allen

In obedience to an order of Court bearing date Feb 15th 1720; we the subscribers being first sworn by one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace, have valued & appraised the Estate of Walter Flood Jun^r dec^d as followeth:

6 cows & 2 steers & 4 heffers

5 yearlings

2 mares

a parcell of hogs

a parcell ditto

one horse and two mares

4 new dishes and 11 plates

parcell of old pewter

a bed at L4, 1 more at L2, 1 ditto at L1

a bed and furniture and a book

a chest and nails and Earthen
ware bottles spoons & (?) }

crew (?) chairs & 4 old ditto & 1 table

a chest & boxes & looking glass

pistolls holster and Sword

5 sides of leather

1 pot and frying pan & 1 brass kittle }

1 box, iron spade and 1 cart wheel }

and four cross garnetts (?)

a parcell of wearing cloaths

14 Ells of linen & 5 yrds of virgⁿ cloth

1812 pounds of tobacce

3 sheep and a parcell of lumber

calf

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negro Frank L30 and negro Nan L25 and negro boy L10

L65

Sarah Flood

Michael Harris

William Phillips

George Norwood

At a court held at Southwark for the County of Surry April the 19th 1721
The above mentioned inventory and appraisment^t of the Estate of Walter Flood
Dec'd, thus presented by Sarah Flood, administrat^r of the goods and
chattells of the said dec'd were ordered to be recorded and are recorded by

J. Allen

NOTE: The will of John Flood, son of Walter Flood Jr. and his wife, Sarah, was
dated Oct 4, 1739, and probated Nov 21, 1739. The inventory of his
Estate, made Dec 12, 1739, and presented to the Court on Oct 15, 1740,
lists the following Negroes:

1 old negro Frank }
1 old negro Nan } (from father, Walter's Estate)
1 young fellow Will }

1 young wench Patt (from Grandfather, Walter's will)

1 girl Nanny }
1 boy Sam } (possibly ch. of Will & Patt)
1 boy Roger }

Genealogy of the Family
Convention, August, 1775; member Provincial Congress of N. C., 1775 and 1776; major Northampton regiment, 1776.

NICHOLAS EDMUNDS† (son of Howell and Elizabeth Blunt Edmunds) lived in Brunswick County, Va.; NICHOLAS EDMUNDS was born circa 1710; died in the year 1789. The date of his removal from Surry to Brunswick County is not definitely known, but must have taken place some time before the year 1740, as his name appears in a commission of the peace for Brunswick December 10, 1740, and he qualified as justice of the peace March 5, 1741. He frequently appears in the capacity of presiding magistrate. On August 7, 1746 NICHOLAS EDMUNDS qualified as captain of a company of foot and again as captain August 1748. On September 26, 1749, he qualified as sheriff of Brunswick and at August Court, 1753, as major of foot. In March 1763, Edmunds is referred to as a merchant and his activity as such is attested by various suits instituted by him in Brunswick Court. On April, 1772, NICHOLAS EDMUNDS qualified as "Colonel in Chief," or County Lieutenant of Brunswick. In a recommendation from Brunswick Court to the Governor, May 23, 1774, for a commission of the peace, it is recommended that NICHOLAS EDMUNDS, who refuses to qualify, be omitted. It was again recommended that his name be omitted on account of his refusing to qualify, March 25, 1777. He was for many years a vestryman of St Andrew's Parish.

NICHOLAS EDMUNDS married first ELIZABETH FLOOD; second, June, 1755, Mrs Mary Nicholason. NICHOLAS EDMUNDS had no issue (certainly that survived) by his second wife, NICHOLAS EDMUNDS & ELIZABETH FLOOD had issue:

(1) Sterling Edmunds of Brunswick County; (2) John Flood Edmunds of Brunswick County; (3) THOMAS EDMUNDS of Brunswick County; (4) Sarah Edmunds married ——— Ruffin; (5) Elizabeth Edmunds married, May, 1771, Samuel Garland.

The following is offered as the "circumstantial evidence" on which is based the statement that Colonel NICHOLAS EDMUNDS' first wife was ELIZABETH FLOOD— Walter Flood's will was proved in Surry County Va, 21, November, 1722, in the document he names (among other heirs) his grandchildren John Flood, Elizabeth Flood and Fortune Flood.

By his said will Walter Flood, the first, bequeaths to his daughter

†All of the facts above relative to NICHOLAS EDMUNDS and his family are from the records of Surry, Sussex and Brunswick counties. The record of NICHOLAS EDMUNDS as magistrate and militia officer in Brunswick is compiled from Brunswick County Records, Order Books. The record of his marriage to Mrs Mary Nicholason is from the marriage bond in Sussex County Court.

Anne Flood, certain lands, making the condition that should said Anne die without heirs, then the land bequeathed to her descend to his (Walter's) grandson, John Flood, and in case of failure of heirs in John Flood, then to his (Walter's) two grand daughters, Fortune and Elizabeth Flood, and their heirs, or to the survivor of them and her heirs. It appears by the will of Mary Flood (daughter of Walter Flood the first) dated Southwark Parish, Surry County 20, February, 1724-5, proved Surry County, 18 April 1733, that at the time of making her will her sister Anne was the wife of William Cocke, and she, Anne, together with her husband William Cocke were the sole legatees and the sole executors named in Mary Flood's will. At the date of probate of said Mary Flood's will, 10 August, 1733, Anne Cocke, the surviving executor therein named, presented the will for probate.

The inventory and appraisement of William Cocke, of Surry County, (he died intestate), was presented at Surry County Court and recorded 20 September, 1732.

Walter Flood the first, by his will, however, bequeathed to his grandson John Flood (then under 21 years of age) "all the rest of my land" saving only a portion which was reserved to the widow of Walter Flood the second, during her lifetime or as long as she remained unmarried, then that also to go to said John.

On the 4th of October, 1739, John Flood (grandson of Walter Flood the first) was lying desperately ill in the house of Thomas Hamlin (Anne Flood Cocke married, second, Thomas Hamlin) in Surry County, and "desired one William Simmons to write a will for him, William Simmons went off and wrote the will, but when he returned to have John Flood sign the will, the said John was dead. This will was offered in the Court of Surry County for probate at the November session (1739) by NICHOLAS EDMUNDS and proved by the deposition of William and Charles Simmons. By this will, John Flood provided a maintenance for his sister, Fortune Flood, and then bequeathed unto NICHOLAS EDMUNDS "all my estate, and it is my desire that he should have everything that is mine".

We have seen that John Flood had two sisters, Fortune and Elizabeth Flood. At the date of his death, 4th October, 1739, Fortune Flood alone is mentioned in the will of her brother John Flood but NICHOLAS EDMUNDS is devised the whole estate, excepting the sufficient maintenance to Fortune. The bequest to NICHOLAS EDMUNDS, taken in conjunction with other circumstances, leads to the conclusion that the said EDMUNDS had married Elizabeth, the other sister of John Flood.

John Flood Edmunds* (son of NICHOLAS & Elizabeth Flood Edmunds)

*All the facts given above relative to John Flood Edmunds are from the Order Books of Brunswick County Court.

THE FLOODS
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November 14, 1986

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Dear Mrs. Flood:

Received your package of family history yesterday, and it pleased me greatly to learn that you had found my books on the Flood Family in the Mormon Library at Salt Lake City.

No, I don't object to your comments correcting my writeup on the Walter Flood descent of John Flood. Your comments are gratefully received, believe me. That is what family history research is all about. If someone reads material, and takes the time to give comments, as long as they are constructive, all the better. I have made many changes to other's material I have researched, and did not agree with.

I have reviewed the parts that you commented on, and find that I am wrong in my assumption, and I should have caught it myself, because the two separate wills used have the same dates on them, and that should have tipped me off at once. However, I will stand by my selection of John Flood, and his marriage to Frances Warren on 11 Jun 1752 as listed in "The Marriage License Bonds of Northampton County, Virginia from 1706 to 1854", until something better comes along. I do not buy the "family tradition" tale as accepted by Bolling Byrd FLOOD, and others, of the British Naval Captain who left his Frigate in Chesapeake Bay, and walked away at age 60 to father ten children by the time he was 85 years of age. I have researched British Naval listings of their Captain and higher officers in that time period, and there are no Captain John Flood names.

I am amazed at the scope of your research work. The work involved to trace the family lines as you have done blows my mind. Even tracing all FLOOD names is beyond my comprehension. I won't do it, and I say so in my books. That is why I have tied my research to one stem of the FLOOD (FLUDD) line beginning in north Wales in 12th c. Even so, I could go on forever, and not get them all. I have a great-uncle, JOHN FLOOD, who migrated from Empor Green, Ballynacargy, Co. Westmeath, Ireland to Boston, Mass. in 1869 on the ship "Aleppo." He was 36 years of age. That much I researched on him, but have not had time to do more. If you ever do the FLOODS in the Boston area, and there are hundreds of them, keep a lookout for this John Flood. He was my grandmother's brother.

I won't have time to dig deeper into your family tree diagrams, other than the quick look I've given them, until my wife and I get back from our trip to California next week. I'm going to my 50th Graduating Class Anniv. at Cal. Berkeley., San Francisco. Then down to Santa Monica, our former home town, to see some of our longtime friends. If I can get your phone number from the operator, I'll give you a call, and get acquainted over the phone.

I had given up further research on the Floods after about fifteen years of work until I received a letter from Dr. Martin wherein he praised

Vol.III, which he had read in the Library of Congress. He further encouraged me to continue research on the Flood Family before 1850, and he suggested I get in touch with you, although I think he gave me a Texas address. I didn't contact you, and I should have done it, now that I have seen what you have done. I checked out your work on the first 20 pages of the charts, briefly, and find all of JOHN FLOOD'S children on my list, except Mary and Benjamin. Could'nt find anything on them. Then I trace THOMAS, b. 1760, who's 2nd wife was Judith Strother, according to your chart, to Thomas H. (Henry 1830 or Heber), b. 1803 my figures, 1804 your figures, to Major John Heber (b. Flood (you say John Henry) Sr., C.S.A., and on that same line: Frances W. (you say Walker) b. 1835 (I agree), Thomas Walker, b. 1839 (I agree); I don't have Mary Elizabeth, b. 1826, or Sarah Patrick, b. 1828; they were not on the Census list I researched (U.S. Census 1850); then John Heber Flood, Jr., b. 1863, son of Major John Heber Flood, Sr., C.S.A., a new discovery made a month ago. Junior is a published author, of a political satire published 1898, title: "The Great Seven-The Greater Nine." If you can find it in a library, I suggest you scan through it.

My point here is that your work is accurate, at least I can see you have done your homework. Great! I now ask, if you will give me permission, to use some of your effort to fill in places in my work that I have missed. For example: To fill in above where I missed Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Patrick, and who m. H.D. Flood, and Thos. S. Bocock. I know the Floods and the Bococks and other prominent names intermarried in Buckingham and Appomattox Counties, but I did not research that far.

Beginning last July, I decided to start work again on the FLOOD FAMILY. I attach a copy of Preface to Volume IV., and why it is written. I need'nt say anymore than what I've said in the Preface.

Well now, its back to the drafting board to see if a tie can be found to link John Flood of Surry and Northampton Counties to the Buckingham group, and find out if he derives from JOHN FLUDD, first of his kind to migrate to Colony of Virginia in 1611. I have a gut feeling that that is so, but I'm afraid the chain is broken when records were destroyed in the Courthouse fire in Buckingham County 26 Feb 1869.

The reason I feel so strongly this way is the similarity of Henry De La Warr Flood, Congressman 1901-1921 from Buckingham County, and Henry Flood, "Old-English-Irish" politician and Opposition Leader in the Irish House of Commons 1750-1790. These two men whom I have studied extensively, are exactly alike in all respects. They must have the same genes.

Lets keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Patterson

THE FLOOD FAMILY IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND
AMERICA.
VOLUME IV.

PREFACE TO VOLUME IV. AND WHY IT IS WRITTEN.

Up to this place in time three volumes on FLOOD FAMILY HISTORY have been written by this author. Volume I, a general outline, was written in 1981; Volume II, the Flood Family in England and Ireland was completed in 1982; THE FLOOD FAMILY AND THEIR TIMES IN AMERICA was copyrighted in 1983, as all were in their year of publication. Publication at author's expense has been limited to twenty four copies of each publication, and distributed to a few family members, and some principal University and other libraries in the United States and Ireland. On the basis of this very limited publication, they are rare books, although at the times of their distribution, the author did not believe they would be of interest to many people. They were written as an excersize of research and living experience by the author to prove to himself that breeding quality begets quality. Not to go into detail here of the whys, hows, and results of that excersize, because that is already given in the three volumes mentioned, but to give a reason for continuing with the research and writing after a lapse of two years.

WHY CONTINUE?

In the two years elapsed since publication of Volume III. the author has received unsolicited comments by telephone and in writing from readers who have praised the books, especially the Volume III. In May 1986 the author received a telephone call from Louisiana from a Doctor of Philosophy who had come across Volume III. in the Library of Congress, while researching his Flood Family. He honestly stated he had yet to see a study on the Flood Family as complete in facts and information as this author's book. Needless to say that one call made this writer's day, and the letter that followed, urged him to continue with his research of the Flood Family before the year 1850. Furthermore, he thanked this writer for sharing his work with the public by copyrighting his work with the required copies in the Lib. of Congress. Other's comments were of the nature that the books were interesting. Nothing there to set a man on fire with desire to return to work. But the PhD's comments were the sort of praise that Napoleon originated when he gave Medals of Honor to brave soldiers who stormed a redoubt, when they would'nt have done the same for any amount of money.

And when you think about it, there is no money to be made in writing to such a limited audience as one single Family name. In addition to that the work is tedious, slow, and expensive. Illustrations and travel to get them is really expensive, so when this writer boils it all down to why do it?, he wonders why.

JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT !

In July 1986 this writer decided to continue writing about the FLOOD FAMILY; just for the hell of it !

THE FLOOD FAMILY IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND
AMERICA.
VOLUME IV.

PREFACE TO VOLUME IV. AND WHY IT IS WRITTEN.

Now that you have been told why Volume IV is written, the author will tell you how the various sections will be assembled, and how the reader may tie these sections back into the prior three volumes, if it is necessary for him to do that to make sense out of the whole thing.

At first I thought the best way to put together further research, and findings of this families' history would be to make each section or essay into an Appendix, and attach it to the proper volume of text that it would add to in scope and intelligence.

After I slept on that thought for awhile, I discarded the idea, because it would require printing the whole book for copies to submit with the copyright application, and other copies to distribute, which would make an excessively high cost for the project.

Instead, I write another book called Volume IV., consisting of essays on various topics of interest to these family histories as the path of research finds new leads to new discoveries, hitherto unknown. That is what makes writing these family histories so fascinating. Such as finding the Flood coat-of-arms on the parlor wall of The Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts, with another name on it, in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem: "TALES OF THE WAYSIDE INN." Or my attempt to decipher and translate the foggy writing of four hundred years ago by Robert Fludd, Esq., and Doctor of Physick, who wrote in Latin his "Mosaical Philosophy", and then translated it back into the English language of his day. The only piece of his voluminous writings in Latin ever translated into English. My interpretation of his abstract and esoteric writings on the creation of heaven and earth, is to prove completely what others have only hinted, that Robert Fludd, 1574 - 1637, was more mystic and occult than genius.

Where it is proper to do so, I refer a particular essay to the Flood Family History volume most appropriate.

Again I say these volumes on the Flood Family are not just a list of names and dates, although there are many of those, but are stories and anecdotes about these people, their friends, and colleagues. They are doers and achievers, and they say it as it is !

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Farmington,
Charlottesville, Virginia.

1987

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Dear Mr. Patterson,

I received your letter, and I'm sending you a copy of a letter, that I found, several years ago, in the archives of the Tennessee State Library. It didn't copy too good, so I tried to mark over the light spots, as my copy was better. I consider this letter a real find, and I'm sure you will agree, when you study it. I've included another copy of the Thomas Flood chart, marking colors on both records, so you can follow which relatives are being discussed. The letter is from George W. Pearce (he later became a Doctor), grson of Thomas, to his Aunt Nancy (Nancy Strother Flood), dau of Thomas. Thomas married Elizabeth Gale, in Isle of Wight County. Her father's will, ^{after her death} mentioned grdau: Polly (Mary) Thomas Flood. Thomas evidently went next to N.C., as his next child was born in that state. The next records found, concerning him, are in Wilson Co., Tenn. where he lived until his death. His 2nd wife Judith Strother, married again, after Thomas died. In a court record, one of the men, responsible for the estate, asked to be releived of his duties, because he felt that Judith & her husband were wasting the assets, and that there would be nothing left for the children, if it was allowed to continue. I don't have the document here to get the exact wording, but that was about what it said. Henry (Thomas Henry, son of Thomas I), moved to Buckingham Co., as a young man. John Jefferson, his bro, also went there, for a couple of years, and was married there to Francis Hogatt Russell. They moved to Missouri. Robert Bolling stayed in Tenn. Both he, and his wife, died before 1850, leaving several orphans. I found no record of the names of their children, until I found a lead in this letter. The four sons of John I, who moved to Shelby Co., were Joshua (my husband's line), Joseph, William and Benjamin. The will of Joseph, mentioned "my sister, Mary P. Mosley". Benjamin lived with her and husband, Robert Mosley, when they lived in Prince EDward Co., according to personal Property tax records, calling him "bro-in-law", to R. Mosley. I've searched all the Per Prop and Land tax records for Buckingham Co., as they were not destroyed in the fire. In the early years, there was also a James Flood, in the Per Prop tax records, but I could find no further record of him. He could have been another son.

The William, serving as delagate to the Va. Gen. Assy., would have been son of John II, and grandson of John I. He died in 1818, leaving a widow and 9 children. Both John II and Noah were property owners in Buckingham Co. Moses had little land, and was often absent, according to the per prop tax was taken. He was a Baptist Preacher, and probably rode a circuit.

DANIEL

Noah and wife were married by Moses, according to Pension App. records.

The first record of John I, is a land patent for 200 acres on Hunts Creek, near the Church, in that part of Albemarle Co., that later became Buckingham Co. The patent was made in 1760, I believe --don't have a copy here. John and Agnes Flood are burried beneath an addition of the old church, and a placque hanges on the wall, with that info. I have pictures of it. John I never owned more than his 200 acres, and within a few years after his death, the land was in the possession of Capt. Wm Allen. Either it was sold, or the Flood widow married an Allen. John I, was a clerk of Buckingham Church, for several years, according to the few remaining old church records. Henry was most successful of the brothers in Buc. Co., and probably helped support his youngest siblings. those who moved to Shelby Co., Ky, all became successful farmers, and 2 of Joshua's sons were Joseph, a Judge; and Noah, a prominent Baptist Preacher in Missouri. They were all land owners, except Benjamin, who never seemed to have much of anything. Undoubtly, the family of Henry, was by far the most successful.

I've corresponded with many Flood decendants, over the years, and we've all exchanged records. Dr. Martin was one of the first, and was a college student then. I have researched all the us census for Floods up through 1910. Of course I'm still finding some, for the years that were not indexed. I will watch for your Uncle John -- please send any other info you have about him. wife's name? children? Did he stay in Mass? I think we may have already found all the pre 1850 Flood info in the USA, but I keep looking. I may put all my info together, and publish it some day--just so future searchers won't have to do it all over again. Before you do any other research, in US records, check with me -- I may already have it. Also have loads of info about Floods that were not connected with John of Buckingham Co. (as far as we've found).

MY husband and I have recently moved back into our Condo in Laguna Hills, after 3 years of living in a 33ft. motor home, full time, and just roaming around the USA. We had a mailing service, in Texas, handling our mail, hence the Texas address. We still aren't completely in the Condo, still spending part of the time in the motor home, parked in Anaheim. We now have a phone

listed, but may not be there, if you get it and call. Moving sure is a lot of work, after 3 years of loafing.

I hope you will keep in touch, and please ask questions, if I haven't made myself clear on anything. My typewriter makes a lot of mistakes, so you will have to excuse them. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Beth Flood

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Sept. 17, 1987
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Dear Beth:

On Monday Sept. 14, 1987 I went to local library to find on a map where Hunts Creek is located in Duckingham County. Next day I went there to see if I could find the church you mentioned, where John Flood and Agnes were buried.

I had a terrible time finding the creek. No one there, and I talked to a dozen people, had even heard of it. Finally in a R.E. office a couple girls found it on their large wall map. No one had heard of a church near the creek; at least one that existed as early as 1760-1770.

At Arvonia I located a Methodist Church Organized 1905. And nearby same town a Presbyterian, Org. 1885. I went as far south as Rt. 622, and west to the creek, no churches. Returning north I stopped at the Duckingham Baptist Church, Org. 1776. Large cemetery in front yard of the church. After 4 hours searching in hot, humid weather I gave up, and left the place. On the attached map, please locate the church where John Flood attended. Then I will try it again. I want to photo the

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plaque on the wall you mentioned. ^{For my book.}
In "Genealogical Records of Buckingham County, Virginia," by Edythe Rucker Whitley; Baltimore: Genealogy Publishing Company, Inc., 1984, I find on page 6 -

1764 List of Tithes

Flood, John (Patroler) 0, 200, 0.

The numbers are stated as 0 tithes, 200 acres, 0 wheel carriages.

This confirms your info he patented 200 acres. But he must have been a poor man with 0 tithes and 0 carriages. This list would be four years after he patented land in 1760 according to your info. In the 12 years of his marriage to 2 women he would have had them at least 6 children. He was on his way to the poor house.

I also find this notation, same source page 15: -
Tithes in 1773 Tithes in 1774

Flood, John

Flood, John

X Do you think this could be same John as top of page?

X Do you know what a Patroler is?

In "Virginia Will Records," The W^m & Mary Quarterly, 1982. Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. 1982. Recent I find the will of Lt. Col. George Jordan, atty-gen. of VA. in 1670. Near end of the

Will is written: " --- and doe give it equally between Christopher Flood(?) and Walter Flood." --- more follows.

I have found one other source naming Christopher, son of Fortune Jordan Flood 2nd wife of Col. John Flood, earliest Flood settler to Colony of Va in 1611, who died in 1655.

X Have you any other info, on Christopher? Christopher must have been about 14 years and Walter about 12 years when will was written.

I was much interested in reading the 12/24/1849 letter by George W. Pearce where he mentions his uncle Henry Flood. I interpret this meant to be Thomas H. Flood. ^{b. 1803, TN.} My research shows T.H. Flood had a son John Heber Flood, Sr. b. 15 May 1830, Buckingham County, who had three Mary Chaffee, 1st wife, a son John Heber Flood, Jr. b. 1863, Buckingham County, VA.

X Will you give your comment on this analysis. It is important for accuracy in my 4th Vol. "Flood Family". I am still working at.

I started writing Vol. IV in July 1986, and Title: "The Flood Family, in England, Ireland, and America". In this Vol. I am correcting any errors I find and/or brought to my

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attention by others. I have made the change you wrote me about, and I give you full credit by name in the book. I hope you don't mind. If you do mind, let me know, and I'll delete your name and reference.

I have one more chore to research, if I can. That is the coat-of-arms of Mr. William Flood of Warsaw, VA. or his bro. Mr. Nicholas Flood of Richmond County, ca 1750 or thereabouts. I'll make a trip to Warsaw, Va. (Fidewater Area) soon as it cools a bit, and see if anything pertinent in court house records there. Then I think I'll publish the book & get it copyrighted.

We are just getting through the worst summer here in 50 years. Hot, to 100% and humid to 70-80%. I had heat prostration June 6, 1987 and ended in the hospital for four days, while Mrs. tried to figure what was wrong with me. I had temporary total amnesia for 8 hours. After a high fever, with a sheet that my grandchild had been hot, humid weather, I scared the hell out of me and made me very cautious of the heat. This summer, I slowed my research down to nil for 4 months.

Regards,

Charles Patterson-

TO WASHINGTON D.C.

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TO RICHMOND

16 Oak Circle, Farmington,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
October 22, 1987

Dear Beth:

I'll get off this letter to you to thank you for your kindness in sending me all the work you have done on the Flood tribe. Also to let you know where some of my books are resting in a few libraries closer to you than Salt Lake City.

Firstly, I am not in the business of selling books. When I first published a small number of Vols. I, II, and III. I donated them to a few libraries where I thought they would be of some use. At my cost. But the cost began to be too great for my pocketbook, so I did sell Vol. II and III. to the Mormon Lib. at Salt Lake City at my cost only. No profit in it for me. I had previously donated to them my Vol. I., which is only about 50 pages.

The following libraries have my books: Vols. I., II., III.,
U.C.L.A. Main Library at Westwood, Calif. Closest to you.
U.C. Berkeley, Calif., where I was graduated from in 1936.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
Later Day Saints, Genealogy Library, Salt Lake City.
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Albemarle County Historical Society, Jefferson-Madison,
Library, Charlottesville.

Vol. II. only:

National Library of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland.
Trinity College Library, Dublin, Ireland.

Vol. I. only:

Later Day Saints Library, Charlottesville, Va.

Also donated copies to a number of relatives: brother, sister, cousins.

Your questions about the following:

Capt. Thomas Flood sons William and Benjamin, Vol. III. p. 65.
See reference (2.) at bottom of page, giving source of that information.

Change on page 65, Capt. Thomas⁴ Flood to Capt. Thomas³ Flood, where Jane⁴ Flood married -----Watkins. (One of my typographical errors).

Vol. III, page 248, see Anne Browne Flood will, where she mentions Thomas⁵ Flood's sons William, Henry (Harry?) and Benjamin. (Thank you for telling me Harry is a nickname for Henry; I didn't know that. Besides I hate nicknames! Never have used them, and the one I hate most is "Chuck" for Charles. no one ever dared call me that name. So there!)
Refer to references (3.) and (4.) bottom of page 248.

Regarding Vol. III., p. 270a, Dr. Wm. Flood and Dr. Nicholas Flood lineage. See p. 296, same book, and my comment under Henry Tazewell. That lineage is my fabrication based on some

pertinent bits of information from different sources while searching for facts that I can't find. I believe the two Flood brothers were related to the Harrison family of Virginia. The first Benjamin Harrison's plantation was next and to the west of Col. John Fludd (Flood), 'ancient planter'. It is well known that the plantation families on the south side of the James River intermarried. They were not only neighbors; they were also kinfolks. Both doctors left coats-of-arms to sons in their wills. I have not been able to find that c--of--a, and I have looked for it. My hope is that my fabrication will charge up someone besides me to find that coat-of-arms. See Vol. II., facing page xxi., for Fludd c-of-a, which is same for Col. John Fludd of Virginia. See page Vol. III., page 189, Chapter XXI., Tracing Ancestors By Their Coat-of-Arms.

I am going to stay with the name Heber instead of Henry for John Heber Flood, Sr. and Jr. Junior authored a book and used Heber for his middle name, and that is good enough for my books.

Letters of Mrs. L. G. Pleasant are interesting but confusing. Especially where she writes John Flood (Fludd) had four sons, i.e., Nathaniel, Francis, Thomas, John. I have found a Francis of 1635 and 1639 headrights, etc., but no connection to John Flood, 'ancient planter'. No Nathaniel. Her writing that Capt. Thomas Flood was guardian of Benjamin Harrison, 2nd., more or less confirms my thoughts given above.

* Her comments that Mary of the five husbands (four husbands according to my reckoning) was married to a Flood, is news to me. And she calls her Mary Stevens. My research shows her to be Mary Fludd, dau of Col. John Fludd, and her husbands were: Blunt, Ford, John Washington, and Briggs. I do find that Col. John Fludd and 2nd wife Fortune Jordan had a son Christopher, as Mrs Pleasants writes. Her comments about where the name Christopher came from is superfluous.

On October 4th, I made another trip to the Buckingham Baptist Church. It was a Sunday, so I waited until church was over, and then met the minister, Rev. Richard Long, who introduced me to the Church Librarian, and a few of the members of the church. All were very hospitable. I was able to photo the plaque of the wall, and had a talk with the librarian, Mary White, an old timer, who gave me some of the history of the first Anglican Church. She said John Flood was caretaker. You called him sexton, which is same, except he also digs the graves. I took pictures of the church and the plaque on the wall for my Vol. IV. book, that I am still working on.

I caution you that when you read my books, you must read them from the beginning. They are not written to jump around in. I say that because, I make some educated guesses along the way. To challenge the reader, as I have already said previously. I also tend to leave the back door open, when I make these educated guesses. By that I mean I am not infallible, as I am using other's word for the history of these ancient people. Usually there is more than one version for any bit of history, depending on the thoroughness of the research. So once I latch onto something that has name, place, date and c-of-a, and if it makes sense, and fits in with the mores of the times, then

I will accept the item as fact.

To do otherwise when writing a book would be too time consuming; too expensive in cost; too dull for the reader. Also I give my philosophy, for what it is worth, in my comments about these people. Especially in my new book Vol. IV. Any thinking man who has lived a long time in this world, and has lived a good life, should have a few thoughts about what this life is all about, and I don't mean that in a religious sense. X

You made a comment in your letter about how successful most of the Buckingham Floods, and their descendents were and are. You hit the nail right on the head! I agree completely. And I disagree with those I have read that claim the sons of John Flood and his second wife were not successful. I say so emphatically in Vol. III.

Where-ever these Floods came from that I am reporting on, they most all have had one thing in common. They are intelligent people. Makes no difference that they were farmers, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, politicians, or pirates. And I have come across some pirates, and some thieves. One such thief, in London, went to jail for stealing a bag of pepper about a 150 years ago. That is the theme of my books; Floods with family money had a college education. Floods without family money also got a college education, or its equivalent, by hook or crook, or by joining a religious order so they could leave the farm and become a professional.

I am pleased to hear that Bill (there goes that nickname aversion again) William is a gun collector. In a small way so am I. I collect military rifles, mostly. Began about four years ago. Every U.S. military rifle from the Civil War to W.W.II., and one British. The 1853 Enfield rifle musket used by North and South in the Civil War. I can appreciate William's love of the guns. To my way of thinking, they are the acme of the machinists trade. Some of them, U.S. or European make, are beautiful pieces of the art of turning cold steel into something beautiful to look at and to handle.

If you two ever get out this way with your motor home, please call on us here. And bring that big map.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Patterson

Dec. 21, 1985

Dear Beth and Bill:

Thank you for your card. Glad to hear from you folks, and that you are well enough to travel. My Vol IV on the Floods is about ready to print, and distribute, except for two things. No. 1, I have one more research to make, but have to go to Warsaw, Va. to get it, I think. Haven't gone there yet. The other is I abandoned Vol IV last Feb. when I began to write short mystery stories, that I am now writing into a book.

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in Vol. III. Add a lot of stuff including some of your research! Thank you! I have a personal interview by mail with the S.F. Floods (Flood Bldg.) and Mr. James Flood was kind enough to give me some facts that straightens out a few things. Also a personal face to face interview with a flood in the village here. Who's Irish ancestor fled Ireland in 1803 to America. He was a good friend and follower of Emmett, the patriot who was hanged in 1803 for treason.

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To date I have about 80,000 words written and edited. Expect to finish the book next summer with about 110,000 words. This past Nov. I bought a IBM PS-2 Mod. 30 computer with Word Perfect to cut the labor of writing and correcting. So I'm told, learning to use it now and it is a real chore. Will take me all winter to learn the tricks. I get a kick out of writing the mysteries. Only two pairs so far. My wife and brother Lt. Col. William Bakensfield. He loves them. My Vol IV Floods is really good. In it I correct errors

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That's the kind of history I am especially keen about.

Have a good year 1989!

Regards
Charles

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Jan. 28, 1992

Dear Beth -

Received your letter, Thank you! Yes, we're still here. Have tried to sell our property these past 21 months. Lots of "lookers." No "takers." This long time depressed economy is to blame.

I completed Flood Vol. II in 1988. Never had any copies. Enclosed is the preface to the book. It tells why.

I got hung up on the fiction writing adventure. Couldn't let go. I've rewritten the stories half dozen times I guess. Today finished a rewrite of eleven short stories. I'm putting ^{the collection} into a book. The earliest story in the collection I wrote in 1958.

Completed three novels in the past four years. I've learned ^{this} without an agent, it is next to impossible to get a publisher's editor to read an unpublished author's work in fiction. Haven't been able to get an author's agent. Seems fiction is out. Famous, or public people biographies are in.

Rather than give up, I went back to college last summer. A writer's workshop at Duke University, Durham, N. Carolina. I was accepted into an intermediate fiction class on the basis of one of my short stories.

It was an adventure for an old man, out of my last college, U.C.L.A., 1955. Ten students in the class. Eight women, two men. Including Tallerson. I'll say this! All could write, very well too. Last day of class the instructor said: "You can all write. You

"know the structure of a fiction story. You need no more class instruction. Just go out and write." He, a published writer of fiction.

I took his advice. Went back to my computer. Put the floppy discs of three novels, and eleven short stories, on the monitor. I began to edit. Took me eight months of work to do it all over again.

I'm running out of time to ever get something published. Don't care about that. I've got some very fine stories of my own now, something I can be proud of in my library.

The Flood Family had to take a back seat all that time while I got my consuming passion out of my system.

I've decided to get my Flood Vol. III copied. Sent two copies to Lib. of Congress for ©.

The quality of writing and style in Vol. IV doesn't compare with my fiction stories. The required technique of each are so different.

However, I believe Vol. IV is the best history research ^{with} and that kind of writing that I've ever done.

With help from you and several other Flood people, I've corresponded with, or interviewed in person. That personal touch had added a bit of luster to an otherwise dull subject.

I had cataract surgery on both eyes in 1991. I was slowly going blind. Can see good now. Perhaps I can keep on writing. Otherwise, I'm in good health.

My wife, after two heart attacks, is hanging in there, very well.

The best of you and your husband in 1992.

THE FLOOD FAMILY IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND
AMERICA.
VOLUME IV.

PREFACE TO VOLUME IV.

Up to this place in time three volumes on FLOOD FAMILY HISTORY have been written by this author.

Volume I., FLOOD FAMILY HISTORY. A general outline. Copyright 1981.

Volume II., THE FLOOD FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND IRELAND. Copyright 1982.

Volume III., THE FLOOD FAMILY AND THEIR TIMES IN AMERICA. Copyright 1983.

Duplicates at author's expense have been limited to twenty-four copies of each volume. They were distributed to a few family members and some principal university and other libraries in the United States and Ireland.

On the basis of this very limited publication, they are rare books, although at the times of their distribution, the author did not believe they would be of interest to many people.

They were written as an exercise of research and living experience by the author to prove to himself that breeding quality begets quality. Not to go into detail here of the whys, hows, and results of that exercise. Those questions have been answered in the three volumes.

Of more interest to the reader perhaps, is the author's reason for continuing with research and writing on this subject after a lapse of two years.

WHY CONTINUE ?

In the two years elapsed since publication of Volume III. the author has received unsolicited comments by telephone and in writing from library readers who have praised the books. Especially Volume III.

In May 1986 the author received a telephone call from Louisiana. A Doctor of Philosophy had found Volume III. in the Library of Congress while researching his Flood family. He stated he had yet to see a study on the Flood Family as complete in facts and information as he found in that book.

Needless to say, that one call made this writer's day. The letter that followed urged this author to continue with his research of the Flood Family before the year 1850. Furthermore, the learned doctor thanked this writer for sharing his work with the public by copyrighting his work with the required copies in the Library of Congress.

Other reader's comments were of the nature that the books were interesting. Nothing there to set a man on fire with desire to return to work.

When the author thought about these comments from people he had never seen, he wondered why continue. There is no money to be made in writing to such a limited audience as one single family name. The work is lonely. The research is tedious. It is time consuming. It requires much travel that is expensive. Parking fees alone at universities and libraries add up to a

considerable amount. Getting the books printed or duplicated is costly.

When this writer rolled these negative thoughts around in his head, he wondered why do it ?

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT !

In July 1986 he decided to continue writing about the FLOOD FAMILY. Just for the fun of it !

The work as you see it, if you read the book, was completed in August 1988. Then it sat in my file drawer, alone and forgotten. I had gotten an idea for a fiction novel. I devoted all my time to that venture. I had no money to waste on family history.

It is now December 1991. One day not too far away, I took the Volume IV. out of the file drawer to read some of it. It held my attention. I decided to get some duplicated and sell them. Can't afford to give them away anymore. Sorry about that.

THE FLOOD FAMILY IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND
AMERICA.
VOLUME IV.

PREFACE TO VOLUME IV. AND WHY IT IS WRITTEN.

Now that you have been told why Volume IV is written, the author will tell you how the various sections will be assembled, and how the reader may tie these sections back into the prior three volumes, if it is necessary for him to do that to make sense out of the whole thing.

At first I thought the best way to put together further research, and findings of this families' history would be to make each section or essay into an Appendix, and attach it to the proper volume of text that it would add to in scope and intelligence.

After I slept on that thought for awhile, I discarded the idea, because it would require printing the whole book for copies to submit with the copyright application, and other copies to distribute, which would make an excessively high cost for the project.

Instead, I write another book called Volume IV., consisting of essays on various topics of interest to these family histories as the path of research finds new leads to new discoveries, hitherto unknown. That is what makes writing these family histories so fascinating. Such as finding the Flood coat-of-arms on the parlor wall of The Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts, with another name on it, in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem: "TALES OF THE WAYSIDE INN." Or my attempt to decipher and translate the foggy writing of four hundred years ago by Robert Fludd, Esq., and Doctor of Physick, who wrote in Latin his "Mosaical Philosophy", and then translated it back into the English language of his day. The only piece of his voluminous writings in Latin ever translated into English. My interpretation of his abstract and esoteric writings on the creation of heaven and earth, is to prove completely what others have only hinted, that Robert Fludd, 1574 - 1637, was more mystic and occult than genius.

Where it is proper to do so, I refer a particular essay to the Flood Family History volume most appropriate.

Again I say these volumes on the Flood Family are not just a list of names and dates, although there are many of those, but are stories and anecdotes about these people, their friends, and colleagues. They are doers and achievers, and they say it as it is !

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