

Appomattox, Va Feb 20, 1913

Dear Cousin Fannie,

I was very glad to hear from you. I was 74 years of age the 9th of June. I am a steward in the Methodist Church and try to show my faith by my works. When this War commenced I think I was the weathiest-poor man in the State. The most I had was my Bank Stock and negroes, neither of which was worth anything when the War was closed. So much of the land that I owned was lost. I have improved the land very much but have not saved any money. I do not regret having lost the most of my property, because I think it made me a better man and the great object of this life is in living for the future. I have only three children living. My daughter eldest married R.E. Byrd of Winchester, a prominent lawyer who was Speaker of the House of Delegates for several terms. My son, H.D. Flood has been in Congress for 12 years and has been re-elected for the next term. My youngest child Joel W. who was 18 in August will finish High School this year and go to Washington and Lee (University) next year. He is a bright good boy. Your Great-grandfather and my Great-great grandfather John Flood's first wife was a Miss Davis from Glouschester County, Va. He had five children by his first wife. Major Henry Flood (was the eldest- my great grandfather, John Flood was your great grandfather), then came twins, William and Mary after the Protestant King and Queen of England. Your great grandfather was named Thomas Flood. When the War between Great Britain and the States commenced, John Flood called his sons up who were old enough to go into the Continental Army, and told them that he was an Englishman, that he had been in His Majesty's service and was very glad that he was too old to take any part in the War, but that they were Americans and to fight for their country. His second wife was a Payne who was his housekeeper. He had 9 children by his second marriage. Had twins by this marriage as William by the first, was killed in the Continental Army and Mary died. He named these twins William and Mary. The children by his second marriage and their descendants did not succeed as well as those of the first marriage. The descendants of the marriage had occupied more prominent positions than any other family of this State. My Grandfather was in the State Senate, my father was in the House of Delegates, I have been in the House of Delegates, Robert was in the House of Delegates, my son H.D. Flood was in the House of Delegates, in the State Senate and has been in Congress for 12 years. Your Uncle Thomas H. Flood was in House of Delegates, State Senate and Constitutional Committee in 1850, William Flood, son of Uncle John Flood was in Legislature (Willis) P. Bocock grandson of Uncle John Flood was in Legislature and Attorney General of the State. Thomas S. Bocock, grandson of Uncle John Flood was in the old Congress of the U.S., and was speaker of the Confederate Congress. Robert I-laisley, a great-grandson of Uncle John was in the Legislature. I have given you a sketch of the descendants of the children of John Flood by his first wife who stayed in Virginia. I understand your brother Thomas was a Major in Confederate Army. Write and tell me all about your father (John J. Flood) descendants.

Affectionately, your cousin, Joel W. Flood

Letter from Joel Walker Flood to his cousin Elizabeth dated 12-4-1914

Appomattox, Va
Dec. 4th 1914

Dear Cousin Elizabeth,

Your letter rec'd yesterday. I can not answer the questions you ask, as I do not know either the date of the birth of Judith Strother, or the names of the children of Thos. Flood. Thos. Flood, your great-grandfather was a brother of my great-grandfather Henry Flood, and married a Strother. I have heard my Grandfather, Dr. Joel W. Flood say that his Uncle Thomas Flood was in the Continental Army. I am sorry that neither Harry or myself could give the information you want.

I will give you a synopsis of the Flood family. My Great-great-grandfather was named John, his first wife was a Davis from Gloscester County. They had five children. Henry, John, William, and Mary, and Tom. William was killed in the Continental Army, Mary died.

His second wife was a Payne. They had nine children. I was in the Legislature with two Strothers, John R. Strothers, Culpepper C.H. Va, and T.W. Strothers, Giles C.H. Va, they are relatives of yours, perhaps you can get the desired information from them.

Please write me about my Flood relatives in Mo. And give my love to all of them.

Your Cousin,

Joel W. Flood

Appomattox, Va