

Letter from Dr. L. C. Draper to Mr. John H. Roberts of  
Cherryville, North Carolina  
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John H. Roberts, Esq.

My Dear Sir,

I am preparing a work on the Revolutionary history of North and South Carolina—including Kings Mountain battle. It is my wish to notice not only the Whig leaders, but also the Loyalist leaders—many of whom were as honest in their opinions as their opponents.

Miss A. E. Henderson, Post Mistress at Lincolnton, has taken much pains in aiding me and she wrote me referring me to you saying that she understands that your mother who is yet living descends from Col. John Moore who was the Tory leader at Ramsours Mill.

I beg of you to do me the favor to obtain from your mother all she knows of Col. John Moore and also of his brother, Col. Patrick Moore. When and where they were born—their service—where or when they died, their ages and what children they left?

If she can also tell me about their military services, I wish you would do so.

I shall feel greatly indebted to hear from you. At this late date the faithful historian can well divest himself of all prejudices and do justice to all parties. I want the facts to enable me to do so and hope you will not fail to aid me and your aged mother too as freely as you can.

I hope you will not lose anytime in writing me so it may come in time to be of service to me.

Very Truly Yours,

Lyman C. Draper

Sidebar—I sent you a book of my editing on Wisconsin history, some pamphlets they afford you (?) or your family some interest.