

Letter from Miss A. E. Henderson of Lincolnton,
North Carolina to Dr. Lyman Draper
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Mr. L. C. Draper

Dear Sir:

{Unreadable} reached me yesterday. I handed the matter to Dr. G. W. Michael of Newton who is here at the present on a visit and who has promised to go out in a day or two and see Mrs. Roberts {Unreadable} to find out from her all she knows concerning John and Patrick Moore after which Dr. Michael will write you all of the information that he can obtain. The descendents of the Tories around here are not very proud of their ancestors and, consequently, do not care to talk about them. I do not know how it is with Mrs. Roberts as I have not seen her since the days of my childhood.

If I {unreadable} a man I fancy I could aid you greatly in your work as I have always taken great interest in things pertaining to our past history. If I was only {unreadable} as I was in my early life when my precious father lived and I had everything my heart desired I might do so much for you—but it is different now. The late civil war swept nearly all my property and I am now laboring from {unreadable} until {unreadable} in the P. O. But enough of this, I have great reason to be thankful for what I have left.

Dr. Michael lives in Newton as I have said before he is only here on a visit but during his stay will get you all of the information he can.

As for the population around Cherryville it is rather outlandish; there is no minister living near there and in fact no physician that would take any interest in the matter. I know nothing of William L. McKee of whom you ask, but if you will write to B. F. Wells at {unreadable} P.O., Gaston County, N. C., he will be able to give you some information concerning him as he (Mr. Wells) has been raised in the neighborhood with the McKees and know them all. This is the same Mr. Wells to whom I referred your information concerning Gen. Joe Dickson—he having married a great grand daughter of Gen. Dickson.

Thanks for the two books that you sent me. I find them very entertaining.

If I can be of any service to you at anytime do not fail to call on me as it is a great pleasure to me to serve my friends.

Yours truly,
A. E. Henderson