

## Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Correspondence between Kathryn Hobday Herbert and Ann Arnold Hennings with documents dating from 1960 to 1996. Topics covered include births, marriages and deaths of Arnold family (especially of King George County); personal matters of both regarding health and visits made to family; Arnold Family reunion in 1990; Willow Hill; John Wilkes Booth; family stories from Willow Hill; Arnold Bible.

Robert Stoy 27 January 2021

Herbert, Mrs. Page (Kathryn) - Austina Hobday's daughter  
4702 Newport Avenue  
Norfolk 8, Virginia

ARNOLD/  
HERBERT

9/11/1960

Sandy, John, and Beth - off to Texas  
Sister - Ruth Marsh  
4326 N. Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Va.  
525-1862

She and Page spent few days in Mathew visitng her mother and father  
Enclosed copy of grandfathers funeral that was in an old book

8/18/1964

Children: Page (oldest son), John, Sandy  
Enclosed pictures of Willow Hill  
Her mother nursed sick  
Sisters: Gladys and Ruth  
Mea? Mother?

Note by Ann Arnold Hennings from  
genealogy files of Julia Arnold Clews

*Herbert, Mrs. Page*

*Arnold*

6600 Placid Street  
Falls Church, Virginia  
22043  
October 18, 1966

Mrs. Page Herbert  
4702 Newport Avenue  
Norfolk 8, Virginia

*Kathryn - Audine's Mother's  
daughter*

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

I have been working on the Arnold family line and in checking with Julia Clews, I have discovered certain facts that I would like verified. In a letter written to her by your mother in January, 1956, she said she had recently come into possession of information pertaining to seven generations of the Arnold family. Do you know if your mother still has these papers and if not what has happened to them? If you do not know, can I contact your mother at Miles Store, Bohannon, Virginia? This is the only address I have for her. Is it correct?

I visited the old cemetery at Willow Hill some time ago and found three unmarked graves. Unmarked inasmuch as they had no regular stones. Each was marked with either a field stone, brick, or stake. Do you remember your mother ever speaking of anyone being buried there and not having a special stone erected. I know one of them belongs to John Humphries Arnold and my aunt, Helen Dodd, has just had a regular stone put there to mark the spot. That still leaves two that create a mystery.

Any help you or your mother can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. G. L. Hennings)

Nov. 3, 1966

Dear Mrs Hennings,

Mama has failed in health these past few years & can't remember the information you need (she is 85, real cute & spy) I

checked with Aunt Frankie but could find nothing new for you.

The unmarked graves at Willow Hill are unknown to me also. but could one be my Aunt Mary Grey Arnold?

I am sure Julian Clees  
could help you with  
what ever manner should

know. I am truly sorry but  
I am trying to get  
to be of help to you,  
we would like to know

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more of the

Sincerely,

Katherine Herbert.

(Mrs Paul Helobay  
Bahammun P.O.  
Mathews Co  
Va.)

Mrs. Sage Herbert

Herbert

Arnold

6600 Placid Street  
Falls Church, Virginia  
22043  
November 6, 1966

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

Thank you so much for your note. Julia has been most helpful in lending me her papers however she hasn't had the time to go over them with me. That is the reason I have gone on on my own to answer a variety of questions.

I have put most of the information in place however I have a large question mark about William, I understand the father of Lt. John Arnold. Julia told me that she saw a paper in your mother's possession giving the name of William's wife as Jemimah.

This is the only thing at the moment I am anxious to see. Do you think your mother still has the paper and if so, do you think she would mind if I borrowed it?

Your inquiry as to one of the unmarked graves being your Aunt Mary Grey is easy to answer. It is not as she has a stone. I have a feeling, but have not proven, that one might be John Humphries Arnold's third wife, Mary Posey.

Thank you again for any help you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. G. L. Hennings)

Mrs. Page Herbert  
4702 Newport Avenue  
Norfolk 8, Virginia

4702 Newport Ave  
Noyah, Va  
Jan. 27, 1967

Dear Mrs. Hennings,

I am so sorry  
not to have written you sooner.  
I am interested in the information  
about the Arnolds.

My youngest sister, Ruth, died  
and it has taken me some time  
to "catch" up with everything.

I remember a paper with the name  
Feminal but can't remember whose  
wife it was.

Mama doesn't know what

because of the paper & I can't  
find it - her memory is very  
poor. lots of articles have  
gone & I can't find out where.  
If I could help you I would

be happy to do so. please let  
me know.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Herbert



6600 Placid Street  
Falls Church, Virginia  
22043  
February 3, 1967

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

I am indeed sorry to hear of your sister's death however I wish you to know that your letter is most appreciated. I know that many of the older people I have contacted have found it difficult to remember however when I put facts down I found it sometimes helps for them to say if it is right or wrong. I am enclosing a brief outline that I have compiled from my research of Julia's notes and elsewhere. The next time you visit your aunt and mother I would appreciate it if you could have them check it for corrections. I am also enclosing a list of questions that have come up in my work. Any answers would be greatly appreciated.

I visited the King George County Court House a few weeks ago and found a deed dated November 29, 1803, recorded July 5, 1804, between William Arnold, and Jemimah, his wife, and John Arnold for 60 acres for 33 lbs, 10 shillings - this was land on Ridge Road sold to William by Charles Rogers July 2, 1801. I also found a deed dated December 27, 1805 and recorded February 6, 1806 between John Arnold and William Arnold for 150 acres and chattels. I did not have time to make a complete check as to any other documents however I hope to in the near future.

Recently I established contact with Mr. Thomas Arnold who lives in Shiloh. He tells me his father was Thomas Arnold and his grandfather was Thomas N. B. Arnold. His grandmother was Eliza Roach and they had only three children, according to him - Edward P., Charles B., and Thomas N (his father). He says he does not know who his great-grandfather was and in almost every case I'm lucky to find many people who can tell me.

From Julia's notes I find the following from the 1860 census of Edge Hill:

	Age
Jane Roach	58
Anna Lee	8
Napoleon B. Arnold	25
Eliza	24
Charles	3
Edward	1
Thomas Lee	43

Mr. Arnold seems to believe this is probably his grandparents but he does say the birthdate of his grandmother is off about three years. Everything else seems to fit.

February 3, 1967

The one big question I keep coming up with is who is Bones or Boney? I asked Mr. Arnold if this was his grandfather but at the moment I am still waiting for an answer. I understood from several people that Bones was the father of Betty Ann who married William Baker. I also thought that Bones was to be married to Susan Perry. Can anyone come up with his proper name?

I understand that there is a family bible still in your mother's possession. Would it be possible for you to copy the entires for me? I would also like to know the publisher's name and date of publication. A copy of this would be most helpful for my records. I am not interested in a phétostat copy.

As you can see, I am full of information, some of which I am sure of and some of which I am not, and many, many questions. Any help you and your family can give me will be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

a(Mrs. G. L. Hennings)

Enclosures 2

QUESTIONS

February 3, 1967

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Ret. P. Arnold (Assumed to be Philip)  
B. B. Arnold (??)  
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QUESTIONS Cont.

February 3, 1967

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14. Do you know the names of any of your half cousins and there whereabouts so that I might contact them?

ARNOLD

February 3, 1967

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(Age 86)  
(Understand will dated 2/22/1861 with codicils  
dated 9/9/1862 and 1/7/1863 - Court records to  
be checked later)

married 6/10/1800 - Ref. Stone and Court House Record Book  
#1 Jane Humphries (The stone and the Marriage Book gives no reference to  
(b 1/1780 the name Mary)  
d 8/7/1819)  
(Ref. stone at Willow Hill)

Children: Order not known

John Humphries

married #1 - Louisa Greene  
No children

married #2 - Mary Peed

Child: Virginia

married John Newton Jones

Children: Anna Bryd

m. John Howell

Virginia Walton

m. William Allen Morton

Lafayette

married #3 - Mary Posey

Children: Catherine

m. Posey Pulliam

Child: Posey Jr.

m. Richard Ennis

No children

m. Henry Barron

No children

Ann

m. Buck Pendleton

Children: Mary Catherine

m. Dick Ennis

Rosa

m. William Allen

Lillie

m. Charles Ennis

Caroline Harrison

m. #1 William Mountjoy

Child: William, Jr.

m. #2 George William Blanton

Child: Nettie Snow

Mary Ellen

m. Thomas Henry Blanton

John - unmarried

Joseph - unmarried

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married #4 - Mary Jane Holmes

NOTE: This line  
is fairly complete  
as I have contacted  
every branch for  
details.

Children: Dorcus Powell

- m. #1 Judge Parker Jordan  
no children
- m. #2 Benjamin Scott  
no children

Isaac David

- m. #1 Margaret Elvira Hayes

Children: Edna

- m. #1 Lee Boteler
- m. #2 Leslie Dorland  
Charles Vernon
- m. Pauline \_\_\_\_\_
- David Kern \_\_\_\_\_
- m. #1 \_\_\_\_\_
- m. #2 "Tommy" \_\_\_\_\_
- m. #2 Julia Asbury Dishman
- Children: Ralph Maddson  
m. Helen Corinne Potts  
Julia Calvert  
m. William Hedley Clews

James Thomas

- m. #1 Lucy Lee Redman

Children: James Monroe

- m. Virgie Clark
- Milton LeRoy
- m. Ginny Enmonds
- Lucille Lorraine
- m. Randolph Anderson
- Raymond Bittinger
- m. Helen Stevens
- m. #2 Sibbie Ann Tallent
- Children: Ruth Virginia
- m. Charlton Gaines
- Mary Elizabeth
- m. #1 Daniel Baker
- m. #2 Philip Vail
- Joseph Tallent
- m. Katherine Williams
- Robert Lee
- m. Mary E. DeChant

William Edmund

My line

- m. Louisa Emma Hayes

Children: Helen

- m. Samuel M. Dodd
- Agnes
- m. Jack W. Ross
- Elsie
- m. John N. Payne
- William Edmund Jr.
- m. Marietta Fruit
- Worth Hampton
- m. Virginia M. Stoy
- Gilbert Randolph
- m. #1 Pauline Moffett

My parents

# 2 - Thelma \_\_\_\_\_

Louisa Emma

m. David Cooksey

Genevieve - unmarried

Charles Humphries

m. Isla Blanton

Children: Charles Blanton

m. Virginia Poe

Myrtle Goodloe

m. Russell D. McShea

Isla Garnett

m. Harold H. Flournoy, Jr.

Genevieve Holmes

m. Sam. Hartung

William - Ref. Lt. John's stone and census \*

(b 1802\*-

m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_

(b 1800\*

Children: Lucy (b 1827\*

Mary (b 1833\*

Elizabeth Humphries (b 1836\*

Rosetta (b 1840\*

James - Ref. Lt. John's stone and census\*

(b 1804\*

m. Sarah Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (Ref. Stone)

(b 1813\* (Possibly incorrect as figured date from death date is 1807)

d 12/22/1848 - age 41 - ref. Willow Hill Stone)

Children: Benjamin (b 1834\*

m. Mary Elizabeth Billingsley

Children: James Addison

Benjamin Jr.

Wacmi (b 1837\*

Thomas (b 1840\*

Sarah (b 1843\*

Leslie (Louie?) (b 1843\*

Thomas (b (1829) d 9/26/1840 - Ref. Willow Hill Stone)

James (b (1832) d 9/20/1841 - Ref. Willow Hill Stone)

James (b (12/3/1846) d 7/7/1847 - Ref. Willow Hill Stone)

Isaac - Ref. Lt. John's will

m. \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

Jane S. Tenant (d 4/16/1831 - Buried Trinity Methodist Church, King Ge

Martha - Ref. Lt. John's stone

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Price ?

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Jane - Ref. Lt. John's stone and will

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Massey (Jane's middle name or married name??)

Children:

John Sidner - Ref. Lt. John's will

Elizabeth Goddess - Ref. Lt. John's stone

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Edwards??

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Lt. John

m. 4/27/1820 or 1816 ?

Fanny B. Price

(B 4/25/1793 - Willow Hill Stone

d 4/10/1851 - Willow Hill Stone

Children: Order not known

\*Census

Sarah B.

(b 2/4/1821 - Willow Hill Stone

d 2/9/1851) - Willow Hill Stone

m. 10/8/1840 - Willow Hill Stone

Robert Hall Montgomery

(b 8/18/1815 - Willow Hill Stone)

(d 4/21/1850 - Willow Hill Stone)

Children: Catherine L. (b 1844 or 1846\*

m. Charlie Harrison

Robert Hall (b 1851\*

m. Branch Brockenborough

Children: Sallie Buckner

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Young

Harrison

Katie Sue

Elizabeth Francis (Willow Hill Stone)

(d 9/1841 - Child)

Mark

(b 1823\*

unmarried

Jemina

(b 1831\*

m. William Mountjoy

Children:

Billy

m. #1 Roberta Porter

#2 Elizabeth Collins

Clifford (b1854 d 1918)

Walter



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Mary Francis (Molly) (b 1833\*

m. Dr. Samuel Blair Rice

Children: Philip

m. Willie Rogers

Joseph

Clara

Evalina

Frances

Thomas Thornton

(b 9/23/1835 - Ref. Willow Hill Stone

d 4/25/1917 - Ref. Willow Hill Stone

m. #1 6/14/1870

Mary Randolph Brockenborough

(b (1846)

d 7/19/1893 - Willow Hill Stone)

Children: Lucy Yeates (b (3/10/1871) d 5/21/1872

Ref. Willow Hill Stone)

Thomas Randolph (b 9/19/1873

d 7/24/1927)

Catherine Brockenborough (b 5/29/1879)

Austine Nelson (b 10 or 12/21/1882

m. 1905 Paul Hobday

John (b 10/16/1885

Frances Carter (b 7/10/1885?

Was this your mother's ..... Minnie Branche Coghill

full sister or half?

(b 7/10/1893 d 12/28/1896 -

Willow Hill Stone)

Ben ? (Died as small child)

m. #2 Ella Coghill

m. 6/27/1894

No Children??

Philip - Ref. Lt. John's will

(b 1837\*

unmarried

Lt. John

m. #3 Jane Went

(b 1807\*

d 10/24/1883 - Ref. Daughters of 1812

No Children

6600 Placid Street  
Falls Church, Virginia  
22043  
July 2, 1967

Dear Mrs. Herbert,


On the 14th of this month, the historically minded members of the family are gathering at Cedar Hill Cemetery to honor Maud Howell Smith, great, great, granddaughter of Lt. John Arnold. Before she died she applied for membership in the Daughters of 1812. Since she was eligible, the Daughters of 1812 wish to place a plaque on her grave. For this reason we will all be gathering for the ceremony.

Afterwards I am sure talk of the Arnold family will flow as it always does when we get together. For this reason, I am wondering how far you have gotten in answering my questionnaire I sent in February.

Any information you can pass on to me before that date would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. G. L. Hennings)



July 30, 1969  
4702 Newport Ave.

Dear Mr. Hennings,

I am so sorry that  
I did not return your questionnaire,  
found it in my letter box, not mailed.  
We are having quite a sad

time with my Father who has been,  
and say all. He is gone well.

Please forgive me. In regard the  
included in part of much help -  
more know nothing of any one called

Brown or Brown.

We hope you are enjoyed the  
family gathering at Cedar Hill.

Sincerely,

Raymond Herbert.

QUESTIONS

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*Mama*

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*Binnyp, Mont.*
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6600 Placid Street  
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August 10, 1967

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

I'm sorry to hear your father is so ill. I hope this letter finds him better.

Since my last letter I have done more research at the court house in King George and I think I have solved the mystery of Bones or Boney. Your grandfather had a half-brother, Isaac, who (according to a letter your mother wrote to Julia Clews in 1934) moved West. Lt. John's will speaks of his granddaughter, Jane Tenant (his son's Isaac's daughter). The court house has a will of Susan Arnold listing her children - Susannah Jane (I believe to be the above-mentioned), Elizabeth Ann (I believe to be Bettie Ann Baker), Henry Slicer, Isaac Nixon, and Napoleon B. (I believe to be Boney). Susan asks in her will that her brothers-in-law, William and James, take care of her children. John H. Arnold was a witness to the will. I assume Isaac had already gone West or had died.

As your mother's sister and brother are still living, I would like to write to them. Will you please forward their addresses?

By the way, is your mother still keeping the family Bible? If so, how many of your grandfather's brothers and sisters are listed?

Sincerely yours,



Herbert  
4702 Newport Ave  
Norfolk, Va

Arnold  
6600 Placid Street  
Falls Church, Virginia  
22043  
October 23, 1968

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

For the last six to eight months my Arnold family research has led me many interesting places. I have been corresponding with six people throughout the country who have ties to Arnolds from Virginia. So far, I have helped a lady from Florida to connect hers with ours. With the little work I have done in King George it appears that the Arnolds that went west and north came from the group in King George. Of course I haven't proven it beyond a doubt but I'm still working on it.

Enclosed is a brief outline of what I have pulled together but I still have quite a lot of work to do regarding William and Lt. John. I started a thorough study of the King George Court House and so far have only worked up to 1771. I skipped ahead to see when William came into the picture and found him in the grantee book in 1797. If this is the same William buried at Willow Hill, I wonder what he did or where he was from about 1747, when he would have been age twenty, until 1797. I visited the court house in Westmoreland and only found Thomas and Weedon but no William. I haven't visited Richmond and since King George was taken from that county I am hoping I will find him there. There is a William in Spotsylvania that I am tracing through one of my correspondents who works in the Clerk's office and descends from George Arnold of that county.

The purpose of this letter is three-fold. First I have been asked by several of my relatives how your parents are doing. The last time you wrote you said your father wasn't too well. My Aunt Helen Dodd, who is the only one helping me at the moment, asked if your Aunt Francis is still living near your parents and do you think she might remember any family stories that would help us. We would like her address if you think she wouldn't mind our questions.

Secondly, we understand your Uncle John Arnold of Birney, Montana, is no longer living. Is this true? If so, what has happened to the large painting of Lt. John Arnold? If we are wrong and your uncle is still living, do you know what will become of the painting when he does pass on? I know that nobody likes to think of such things but I would surely hate to see the picture pass into other hands simply because the frame is pretty. If my research is correct, the Arnold name will be lost to your family when your uncle dies and since we still have a few males I would love to see it carry on with the Arnold line.

The third reason is the outline enclosed that I mentioned above. If you still have the one I sent in February, 1967, please add this to it. Since I still feel that there is a big question mark around William and Lt. John, I don't think they should be considered connected until further proof is developed. Because of information that passed between Julia Clews and your mother, I am hoping the answers will come from things in your mother's possession that you might come across by accident.

Mrs. Herbert

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October 23, 1968

John Humphries Arnold and his second wife, Mary Peed, had one child, Virginia, who married John N. Jones. One of their descendants, Mrs. Anna Conard, lives in Arlington and we talk by phone quite often. She joined the Daughters of 1812 under Lt. John and she is anxious to have a plaque set at his grave at Willow Hill. The plaque is similar to the ones that the DAR put in cemeteries. Mrs. Conard is a real go-getter and so I will probably have news within the next few months that she has done it. She has never seen the cemetery and has asked me to take her down after the snakes head indoors. I am most anxious to see if Mr. Cox, the gentleman who lives behind the school and who Aunt Helen and I asked to see about getting the fence put up, has done any work.

I hope to get to the court house in King George again after Christmas and maybe I'll find the answers to some of my questions.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. G. L. Hennings)

Enclosure

Thomas<sup>1</sup> (d before 5/6/1726) (KG COB 1721-34, p. 319)  
 md. before 1689 (KG COB 1721-34, p.319)  
 Grace \_\_\_\_\_ (Ric, DB-1, p. 59)

## Children:

(KG DB-1, p 222) - James<sup>2</sup> (d before 3/1/1727) (KG DB-1, p 18 back)  
 md.  
 (KG COB 1721-34, p 395) - Sarah \_\_\_\_\_

## Children:

(KG DB-2, p 463) - Weedon<sup>3</sup> (d bet. 1/18/1754 & 8/27/1754) (West WB-12, p 143)  
 (In Westmoreland Co. 4/11/1743 - KG DB-2, p 463)  
 md.

(West. WB-12, p 143) - Ann \_\_\_\_\_

## Children:

" - James<sup>4</sup>  
 " - John<sup>4</sup>

(Probably\*) Weedon<sup>4</sup>

md. 12/25/1787 (Westmoreland Co. Marriages)  
 Mary Morris (Dau. of Charles)

(KG DB-1, p 222) - John<sup>2</sup> (d before 9/1/1732) (KG DB-1A, p 222)  
 md.

(KG DB-1, p 224) - Margaret \_\_\_\_\_

## Children:

(KG DB-1, p 222) - John<sup>3</sup> (of Prince William 9/1/1732 KG DB-1A, p 222)

(KG COB-1721/34, Isaac, Sr.<sup>2</sup> (d between 9/15/1757 and 5/4/1758) (KG WB-1, p 89)  
 p 632) 1st md. before 2/28/1708 (Rich. DB-4, p 126)  
 Margaret Goff (Dau. of Thomas) (Rich. DB-4, p 126)

## Child:

(KG WB-1, p 89 - Isaac, Jr.<sup>3</sup> (d before 10/1770) (Spots. Co. WB-D, p 441)  
 Oldest son) md.

(KG DB-1A, p 236) - Sarah \_\_\_\_\_

## Children:

(KG DB-1A, p 236) - James<sup>4</sup> (in Fauq. 3/1771) (KG DB-5, p 875)  
 md.

(Spots. WB-D, p 441) - ? Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (Fauq. DB-1, p 245)  
 George<sup>4</sup> (d between 2/11/1814 & 1/6/1823) (Spots. WB-K,  
 md. 11/9/1758 (KG St. Paul's Parish Reg.) p. 280)

(Spots. WB-D, p 441) - Sarah<sup>4</sup> " Sarah White "  
 md.  
 " - John Stewart(d)

(KG WB-1, p 89) - 2nd md. Mary \_\_\_\_\_

Children: All Ref. KG WB-1, p 89 EXCEPT Thomas)

(KG DB-4, p 74) - Thomas<sup>3</sup> (d between 5/6/1743 & 2/7/1754) (KG DB-2, p 463)  
 md.

(KG DB-1A, p 259) Mary \_\_\_\_\_

Children of Thomas<sup>3</sup> & Mary \_\_\_\_\_:  
 (KG DB-4, p 74) - Humphrey<sup>4</sup> (d before 7/10/1792) (Fauq. DB-13, p 338)  
 (of Prince William 1754 - KG DB-4, p 74)  
 md.  
 (Fauq. DB-2, p 128) - (Harriet) Anne Smith (d after 1788) (Fauq. DB-10, p 144)

Benjamin<sup>3</sup>

Mark<sup>3</sup> (B 7/26/1739) (KG WB-1, p 89 - Youngest son)

Sarah Moran<sup>3</sup>

Dinah<sup>3</sup>

md. before 1758

Samuel Wharton (KG WB-1, p 89)

Isabell<sup>3</sup>

Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>

Mary<sup>3</sup>

Jemima<sup>3</sup>

md. 12/26/1777 (St. Paul's Par. Reg.-KG)

John Clift

Susanna<sup>3</sup>

(NOTE: At this time I am assuming this William is the one buried at Willow Hill. I do not feel as though I have enough positive proof to say if he is or is not the son of Isaac Sr.)

William<sup>3</sup> (b 1727 d 1/1813 - Willow Hill Stone)  
 md. 8/12/1781 (Willow Hill Stone)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ("mother of John Arnold" - Willow Hill Stone)

Children:

John<sup>4</sup> (b c 1777) d 4/12/1863 - 86th year (Willow Hill)  
 (d. after 2/22/1861 & before 8/6/1863 - KG WB-4, p 175)  
 (Lt. War 1812 - Willow Hill Stone)

\* Weedon<sup>3</sup> will in Westmoreland says that his wife is carrying a child.

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Parkway  
Norfolk, Virginia 23503

April 26, 1972

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

I don't know if you have been in contact with anyone in the King George area but in keeping an eye on the old Arnold cemetery at Willow Hill I have learned some interesting things. First of all, Willow Hill and the Cleveland estates have been put back together, as they were many, many years ago, and sold to the Presidential Lakes Development Company. They are planning a large private subdivision. When I first learned of the sale, I stopped by the sales office to check to see what they were planning to do especially in the neighborhood of the cemetery. I am quite fond of that old cemetery and don't want to see it destroyed. I wanted them to know also that there are many living descendants of those buried there.

The company referred me to their lawyers, Scaife and Kinnamon, in Fredericksburg and last week I heard from them about the company's plans. On Monday, April 17, I met with one of the vice presidents of the company, one of the lawyers, and the engineer who is buying the old Arnold home. They showed me a layout of how the area will be developed and how the cemetery will be preserved. It will be on a corner lot with a well house at one end of the lot and the cemetery at the other. I mentioned that we (several of my immediate family) had paid Mr. Cox (who lives behind the school) to put in new fence posts and reset the fence and also the fact that the work had to be stopped due to an injury he sustained. The company gave me the impression that they would possibly get the job finished.

Mr. Gerald Dalton, the lawyer from Scaife and Kinnamon, explained the necessity of rewriting a portion of the new deed dealing with the right of way to the cemetery. They have to set it in order legally before they can sell the various lots in the subdivision. As you can see by the enclosed copy of his letter, this must be done by having various Arnolds (those who signed the deed selling Willow Hill to the Rollins) sign a new agreement.

Since this involves your side of the family, I am sending Mr. Dalton your name and address and I am sure he will be in touch with you shortly. When I found myself involved with the possibilities of legal matters I let them know that we have an Arnold descendant who is a county court judge in Fairfax County (he descends through the Montgomery's) and I am sure he can help us if necessary. When I talked with him last he was quite interested in the cemetery and asked that I keep him informed.

I have just talked with cousin Julia Clews and she tells me of your mother's death early this year. Since it has been six months since I visited the old cemetery, is she by any chance buried at Willow Hill?

I guess that about brings you up to date on my dealings with the lawyers and the company. I didn't mean to get in the middle of it but I didn't want them to think there weren't any living descendants of those buried there. One last thing, the engineer I spoke about earlier who is buying the old home said he is most interesting in learning about the history of the old house. If you get a chance and can tell me anything you have heard about it I will relate it to him the next time I am in the area. He has promised me a souvenir brick which I am looking forward to having. Over the years I have heard that the old house burned but I can't seem to find in my notes the reference for this. Have you ever heard anything about this?

Sincerely,

Postmarked  
5/17/72

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Pkwy.  
Norfolk, Va. 23503

Dear Mrs Hennings,

I am sure that  
I have tried your patience by not  
answering your nice letter sooner!  
We have had illness so long in this  
family that I find myself putting  
things off.

Mr Dalton sent a list of  
questions in today's mail & I  
have the reply ready for him.  
I am very much interested in the  
old cemetery - mama is buried in  
the little one in Mathews Co.

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Pkwy.  
Norfolk, Va. 23503

Do you remember the little office on the back of Willow Hill to the left? That was grandpapas' office & there was a story that John Brown spent the night in the little room up stairs when he was passing by - No one knew he was the John Brown. Any one passing by <sup>on</sup> the road needing nights' shelter could sleep in this little room -

Did you know the story of the tree mirror that hung in Willow Hill? If not I'll write you.  
Thank you so much for writing.  
Sincerely  
Kathryn



*Herbert*

*Arnold*

April 3, 1973

Dear Mrs. Herbert,

The editor of the Arnold Family Association of the South Quarterly has asked me to write up within the next month all I know of my Arnold line. As I begin to put the facts down on paper they seem a little cold so I am wondering if I can take up on your offer of last year to get the family details on the mirrors that hung at Willow Hill and also anything else you can fill me in on about Lt. John Arnold and Dr. Tom Arnold. I realize Dr. Tom wasn't my direct line but I understand from Julia Clews that he had a very exciting diary that might add some color to the picture.

Any bits and pieces that you can pass on will be greatly appreciated and if and when I get the project finished I'll send you a copy.

Sincerely,

Picture  
where -  
In Tom A.  
file.

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Parkway  
Norfolk, Virginia 23503

April 24

1973

Dear Ann,

It was good to hear how  
you are still working on the Arnold  
history - I'm sorry to have been of  
such little help.

The mirrors hung opposite  
each other in the living room at  
"Willow Hill," one over the piano  
reflecting the road. One of the  
young ladies playing the piano,  
on looking up, saw Yankee  
Soldiers coming to the house -

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Parkway  
Norfolk, Virginia 23503

called to her brother to go out the back way & into the woods to escape capture. She kept playing, took her time in answering the door & talked the raiders into singing one song giving the men a chance to get away. (This makes a good story - Mama told it to me).

My Sister Gladys Sherman  
7132 Cherokee Rd, Richmond, Va  
has some information that might help.

I have the Arnold Bible but it only takes up with God pappa & God-mother & can find nothing that would be of use.

Mrs. Page Herbert  
9526 Hammett Parkway  
Norfolk, Virginia 23503

Please give my love to Julia  
Claus, I haven't heard from her  
this past year. We have had  
illness but I hope now to have  
more time to do happier things.  
Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Rallye

Katherine Herbert  
9526 Hammett Parkway  
Norfolk, Va. 23503

(804) 587-1312 OK per KH.

P. O. Box 5182  
Arlington, Virginia  
22205

July 27, 1989

Dear Katherine,

I was talking with Julia Clews last night about my upcoming trip to Montana around Labor Day and then we started reminiscing about the Arnold research we both have done over the years. The portrait of Lt. John Arnold came up and I said it would sure be a great idea if I made some effort to find it if I was going to Montana.

She recommended I write to you to see if you can tell me some things about your Aunt Kate and Uncle Jack. From notes I have in my files, it is my understanding that Kate lived in Sheridan, Wyoming, and Jack in Helena, Montana.

What I need to know is:

- Are these locations correct?
- When and where did both die?
- Did either or both marry? If Kate did, what was her husband's full name.
- Did Jack have much property, was it in Helena, and did it have a name?
- Does the town name of Harden ring any bells with you?
- Did you ever hear what happened to the portrait after Jack died?

With Montana celebrating its centennial this year, I am hoping I can get my friend in Billings to see if a newspaper article can be written. I've forwarded her a copy of the photograph I received from Julia years ago. I sure would like to find it.

If you don't have a minute to write, please call me at my home at (703) 534-9085. If I'm not there, please leave the answers on my answering machine. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely, your cousin,

Ann Hennings

Per Julia -  
Jack took Gov. Winthrop desk  
to Montana w/ family papers. Papers  
returned to Christina.

TO: File  
FROM: Telephone conversation with Katherine Herbert  
DATE: August 1, 1989  
SUBJECT: Answers to questions in letter of July 27, 1989

Aunt Kate lived Sheridan, Wyoming

Uncle Jack lived Birney, Montana (not Helena)

Both not deceased (possibly within last 5 years)

Kate did not marry

Lived at the Sheridan Inn. A picture of her remains there. Appears to have been quite a character. Inn undergone renovations recently.

Jack married two times:

- Grace \_\_\_\_\_  
(Two sons by another marriage. Now running One Quarter Circle Ranch)
- Adelade \_\_\_\_\_

Harden (rings no bells)

Portrait. Frankie (Jack's sister) went to visit and convinced Jack to let her bring it back East. Frankie admits to Katherine that she "made a mistake and gave it to cousins in Maryland." Frankie is still living but quite elderly (probably in a nursing home) and "out of it." Katherine's sister, Gladys went with Frankie and she too is in a nursing home and "out of it."

I mentioned the Arnold papers and old desk but Katherine didn't grasp at what I was talking about. (I'll get Julia to discuss this with her as this information is from her.)

Katherine remembers there was a diary. (I asked if it was Dr. Tom's. She didn't remember). [This may be the one Julia has.]

Katherine's son lives in Maryland (near the Pennsylvania border - Parkton, Maryland) near GunPowder Park. He is a geologist.

K. Herbert

Answered

P. O. Box 5182  
Arlington, Virginia  
22205

August 2, 1989

Dear Katherine,

It was so nice to hear from you last night. I am not giving up yet with your helping me find the Arnold portrait. I would like you to keep this search in mind and when the time comes your Aunt Frankie passes away the person or persons to whom the picture went may show up for the funeral or at least get in touch with the family. Please listen closely as family members gather and see what you can find out.

You said your Aunt Frankie was in bad health. Who is watching out for her affairs? Do you think that person would be the one to contact? I wonder if I could engage the help of anyone in the nursing home where she lives to help in the search. If there are times when conversations about the past (and especially family) are carried on, many senile patients are often quite clear. Will you send me the name of where she is staying.

I hope you reached Julie before her trip. I think it would be wonderful to get together for a visit in October. I hope we can work it out. How often do you get to Matthews?

Sincerely,



Sunday

Dear Julia,

Sounds like you and Ann  
have been really busy! Will get a list  
to Ann shortly, and answer some of your  
questions now.

We can take pictures of some things  
that I think would be of interest. Old  
quilt made by slaves at Willow Hill etc.  
I do have an Arnold Bible, not  
in good shape but ok.

An article on Aunt Kate + family  
pictures.

Do you have the Arnold Coat of  
Arms? [I do -

Sorry not to have been of more  
help thru the years but have had

Kathryn Hobday note to Julia Arnold Clews,  
probably 1989



one person with long illness after  
another. (Edna was operated on this  
morning for a fracture hip, she  
is 8 1/2 years and in poor condition to  
start with, almost no sight but  
she came thru the operation.

The plans sound great, carefully  
thought out. Will keep in touch.

Loae  
Kathryn

Later -

Son, Page phoned & said to tell you he  
would be glad to help - he has a computer  
at home also. grandson, P. se designs logos etc  
glad you are about over the "flew".

9526 Hammett Hwy  
Norfolk Va  
Aug. 16, 1989  
(Wed)

Dear Ann,

I am sending you a copy  
of Aunt Frankie's death certificate -  
It is my Sister, Edna Randolph  
Hobday Lord, that is in Lafayette  
nursing home. She had a very  
severe illness a few years back -  
her mind is very foggy.  
My other Sister Gladys is in a  
nursing home in Richmond. She had  
a head operation and never recovered.  
I think if you do go to Binney -  
Mount. to the Ranch they should be  
able to tell you where the portrait  
was shipped -

Am expecting us to meet in  
October - I go to Mathews no special  
time - just whenever!

Am off to Baltimore area tomorrow,  
Parkton, to be exact. Returned from  
Mathews yesterday -

Love  
Kathryn

Arnold

September 23, 1989

Dear Katherine,

I am on my countdown for moving week and today I have decided to spend the first hours writing to all those I talked to about the John Arnold portrait before I left for Montana. I had a wonderful trip and when we get together with Julia I will bring my pictures. If you haven't been there you can't imagine the miles and miles of miles and miles. Their automobile tag reading "Big Sky Country" is definitely true.

Let me tell you about my search. I started with Betty Darling (which I think I told you). She has remarried and is now Betty Koehn, Route 1, Box 22, Wales, N. D. 58281. She told me that John Arnold's stepson was Burton Brewster. When I got to Billings I started my hunt for him. Since the telephone information didn't have any Brewsters listed in Birney or surrounding area, I called the post office in Birney and found out that both Brewster brothers were deceased but Burton's daughter, Kay Lohof, still lived at the Quarter Circle U Ranch. The operator did have a number for her but there was no answer for days.

I visited the local library and reviewed microfilm of the Billings Gazette, a very old and wide-circulated paper. There I found in the May 22, 1937, issue an article about John Arnold. (Copy enclosed). From July 27, 1984, I found the death notice of Burton Brewster (copy enclosed). Please note a small reference to a school in Maryland he attended. I am going to write to Kay and see if this brings any further details.

As I had traveled to Billings to watch the now-famous centennial cattle drive, I felt the reason I wasn't able to reach Kay was because she was with the drive. I wrote her a letter and passed along a copy of the portrait that my friend Marge had and then tried to figure out a way to find Kay. One night the public was invited to visit the campground so along with 20,000 others we headed out. Through the central information booth I was able to find out which circle of wagons she was assigned. Each circle was marked with a colored flag. I found the correct circle and started asking for her. Several people knew her but didn't see her at that time. One person described her daughter and grandson so I walked around for a while looking for two women and a little boy. Darkness came too soon and we had to head back to town.

-2-

By Sunday I figured she would have arrived home as the drive ended on Saturday but I still wasn't able to get hold of her. I headed to Yellowstone to see the sights and when I returned on Tuesday I was able to reach her. She had received my letter but said the picture was not at the ranch. This confirmed everything I had been told from you.

Now I am going to have to put aside my project and get my things moved. In a few weeks I will call Julia and see what we can arrange to visit with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann".

Enclosures

Nov 1989



Dear Ann,

Please forgive me for taking so long to answer your nice letter. I have been to Maryland and Mathews plus having carpentry work done here.

Your trip sounded great, I've heard Edna talk about the cattle drive when she lived at the Ranch.

Uncle John invited me to visit but the time never seemed just right. Page (son) and Family were here for Thanksgiving but left Friday as he had to be in Springfield Mo.



This week.

I'm sorry we couldn't get  
together in Oct. The Spring  
sounds good - will be in  
Parkton, Maryland for Xmas - not  
too far from you?

Had a "chat" with Julia, she  
sounds so nice - I enjoyed meeting  
you both in Mathews when Mama  
was still living.

Hope you are settled by now

from moving.

Thanks again for your letter,

Love

Kathryn

Ideas for Page

- Coats of Arms

- Little Page

Reunited - Designs  
T Shirts



THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO: Page Herbert

FROM: Ann

DATE: 3/7/90

SUBJECT: Agenda

I need to discuss several things with you and thought I would send the agenda along with this new letter. I will call you soon about:

- Will you join your mother on the morning of the reunion and act as greeter on the front porch as people arrive to check in?
- Will you speak about any memories you have of Willow Hill when the Arnold's lived there?
- What furniture and other things that were at Willow Hill are now in your possession? Can you make pictures of them to bring?
- I understand you may have a computer and I am wondering if you have the type printer that would make signs. We are going to need some for directions to the cemetery, for parking, and just along the way.

*Ann*

- ID of info sent by mother

- #3 on regist. (~~3 mother?~~)

3rd ←  
Son  
Page A. Herbert  
Jr.

\* Stone rubbing - yes



HERBERT |  
KATD.

3/1990

Mon -

Dear Ann,

I am enclosing the photographs that we talked about; if you have a album started or want to get me I would be glad to pay for it or whatever we need.

The story about the two mirrors? They hung <sup>one</sup> behind the piano, the other so that anyone seated at the piano could see the main road.

One of the Arnold girls was playing the piano and on looking up saw several "Yankee" ~~soldiers~~ <sup>(Boys)</sup> soldiers coming toward the house. She quickly called to her Brother (?) to run for the woods to safety. She kept on playing & took her time to answer the door.

The Soldiers wanted to search the house & she told them <sup>they</sup> could, but they had to sing "Bonny Blue Flag" first -

(The "Breathed" got away)

This is the best that I can remember the story!

Will write you one about the ice pond + "Little Brites'" house later

What do you need for the Scrapbook?

I am sorry not to have kept in touch with you + Julia in the past years, but with Peggy's terminal illness of 5 yrs plus other members of the family + a serious auto accident to me + now Sister Edna's long illness it's been a little rough! I hope to meet with you + Julia soon now that the weather is improving.

One of the names on my list, Kenney G. was like a son to Aunt Frankie's, he is retired from teach'g + a P.H.D.

Stanley Holday is my adopted "Breathed" - Neither any kin - will friends be invited?

More later - Hastily Kathryn HERBERT

Arnold

April 8, 1990

Dear Katherine,

In today's world of computers there is a new problem that one must contend with. It is known as the "OOPs file". This means you use the computer to answer letters and keep copies without paper but the "oops" part comes into play when you forget to print it out and mail it. In your mind you know you have answered a letter but then you wonder later if you really did print it out. That is exactly what I did when you sent the pictures. Yes, they arrived safely and I sincerely am sorry I didn't acknowledge them sooner. Thanks for asking.

In my office many messages are passed electronically between desks (if you take the time to read them - which I forget) and these messages can be passed all over the world by telephone lines. It is amazing and I have a hard time keeping up with the new technology. Our university is tied to a network of other university computers and I understand we will be hooking to an even bigger network in the future. Faculty, students, and staff can contact anyone anywhere in the world that ties to that network. One of our staff traveled to Europe on vacation last year and found a friend in Germany who could communicate with us. At present the messages are transmitted by telephone to a relay that shoots up to a passing satellite and then back to a telephone relay in our country and on to us. It can be slow at times, usually at the other end, and this can create a crazy conversation.

I am delighted that so many pieces from Willow Hill have remained in together and having the hatrack picture would be great if it isn't too much trouble. I plan to put all the pictures on a poster.

As Julia has mentioned, your help with the reunion will be on the day when we will ask that you help greet the family on the front porch and talk about Willow Hill as you remember it when Dr. Tom lived there. You can also help now by taking a minute to complete the information the enclosed sheet. As part of the program, I am going to print out every name I have in my files of those people who are direct descendants of Lt. John. So far I have over 380 (not counting spouses) but that section on your family is very narrow. I would like to have the full dates of your parents birth and death as well as where they are buried. I am building a 2nd outline that will be based on the first but with more information for anyone who is really interested in full details. As you can see, I don't have all the name of your sister, Gladys' husband and I'm not sure I have her middle name right. I took it from information I copied from Julia's files years ago when your mother wrote to her about her family. By the way, do you have a middle name?

On the second sheet you can see I have very little on your children. If you will provide full names, dates, and who they married as well as your grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, this will be a big help. I don't mean to push so much but I want to "go to press" with this information by the end of April.

The responses to the invitation have been slow in coming in. Your granddaughter, Elizabeth Green. She and her husband are planning on coming. What I am most excited about is the response I had from Peggy Strother of Colonial Heights, Virginia. She has passed along a lot of addresses for her line as she descends from Henry Slicer Arnold, son of Isaac Arnold (Lt. John Arnold's first son) and Susan Perry. I tried years ago to get information from her on that line but was not successful. She is most anxious to see the reunion a reality and I've asked her for information for my outline. She even tells me she joined DAR under William Arnold (Lt. John's father) and I've been wanting to know about this for years and have asked her to share it with us. I hope it materializes.

Must close now and write to Herbert Price in Florida who is coming to the reunion. He is going to talk about the Arnolds before Lt. John and where they lived.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann".

In my outline I list people twice - once with their parents and once by themselves.

66. Austina Nelson Arnold (b \_\_\_\_/21/1882 - d \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/1972)  
(Buried \_\_\_\_\_)  
married \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 1905 (Location: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Paul Hobday (b \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_)

Children: (Please use next sheets for details)

172. Edna Randolph Hobday  
md. Vern Sord
173. Gladys Sherwood Hobday  
md. \_\_\_\_\_ Sherman
174. Katherine Hobday  
md. Page Claude Herbert
175. Mary Ruth Hobday (1914-1967)  
md. Harold Marsh
176. Stanley Hobday (Adopted)  
md. \_\_\_\_\_

172. Edna Randolph Hobday (b 11/9/1906) (is this correct?

md. (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Vern Sord (b \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_)

Children?

173. Gladys Sherwood Hobday (b 6/30/1908) (is this correct?

md. (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

? \_\_\_\_\_ Sherman

Children?

174. Katherine Hobday (b 4/21/1911) (is this correct?

Middle Name? \_\_\_\_\_

married (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Location: \_\_\_\_\_)

Page Herbert born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_

(buried location \_\_\_\_\_)

(son of \_\_\_\_\_)

Children:

272. Page Arnold Herbert (born \_\_\_\_\_)

md. (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Leigh Butterworth (born \_\_\_\_\_)

Children and who they married and when ??

Elizabeth Kathryn Herbert (b 10/20/1960)

md. 11/18/1989

John Louis Green, Jr. (b 11/07/1957)

Other ??

273. John Herbert (born \_\_\_\_\_

md. (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children and who they married and when ?

274. "Sandy" Herbert (born \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name \_\_\_\_\_

md. (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children and who they married and when ?

175. Mary Ruth Hobday (b, 2/ \_\_\_/ 1914 - d \_\_\_/ \_\_\_ /1967)

Buried \_\_\_\_\_

md. (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Harold Marsh (born \_\_\_\_\_ - died \_\_\_\_\_)

Children?

176. Stanley Hobday (adopted)(b 3/12/1928 - d \_\_\_\_\_

md. date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children?



Post.  
4/3/1990

mom -

Answered  
4/9/90

Dear Ann,

Did you receive the pictures of "Willow Hill" furniture? we forgot the Hat rack but will take it if it's what you want. Page has most of it as his house is right for it and they love it.

Sister Edna is pitiful - after being in the Hospital, her weight dropped in the 60 lbs but has gained a few lbs. she is not on life support.

Sister Egladys is in a nursing home in Richmond and Nat is good shape with. I plan on going to Mathews in a few days, will leave the water put on etc. - The lane is now in good condition after 2 1/2 mo. being impassable -

I am truly sorry Nat to have helped you with the plans for the reunion.

Things have eased up and I'll be  
glad to help any way I can.

The plans sound just great. please  
let me know. -

Sincerely,

Kathryn

Dr Thomas Thornton Arnold  
Mary Randolph Brockenbrough  
Born Jan 31 1847 were married  
June 19 1870.

King George Co. Virginia  
She died July 19. 1893.

Buried Pat-Willow Hill.

Children

Randolph Arnold

Sept 23. 1873

Catherine Brockenbrough

May 29 1879

Austina Nelson Arnold

Dec. 21. 1882

John Arnold

Oct-16. 1885.

Frances Carter Arnold

July 15. 1887

Mary Gray Arnold

Aug 24 1876 1 year 2 mo

4/1990 - Sent by  
Kay Lohof of Mont.  
From John Arnold's  
papers [son of Dr. Tom A]

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May 29 1879

Austina Nelson Arnold

Dec. 21. 1882

John Arnold

Oct 16, 1885.

Frances Carter Arnold

July 15. 1887

Mary Gray Arnold

Aug 24 1876 1 year 2 mo

Items in Kathryn Arnold Hobday's file  
folder: sent to Ann Arnold Hennings by Kay  
Lohof of Montana - from Jack Arnold's  
papers (son of Dr Tom Arnold).

Randolph Arnold  
Born Sept 23 - 1873  
Mary Gray Arnold  
Born Aug 24 1876  
Catherine Brackenbrough Arnold  
Born May 29 1879  
Austina Nelson Arnold  
Born Dec 21 - 1882  
John Arnold  
Born Oct 16 1885.  
Children of <sup>by</sup> Thomas Thornton Arnold  
&  
Mary Randolph Brackenborough.  
Died July 19 1893. Buried at  
Willow Hill.

Kay Lohof is Burton Brewster's daughter  
who managed the Quarter Circle U Ranch -  
Burton was Jack Arnold's stepson.

Isaac Arnold died 1750

Mary his wife " 1775-

Father + mother of W<sup>m</sup> Arnold

= W<sup>m</sup> Arnold father of John Arnold  
died about 1815-1815

= John Arnold died 1863

Francis Buckner Price died 1854 1851

Father + mother of J. T. Arnold

= J. T. Arnold + Mary Randolph Brock =  
unbrough, married June 14, 1870

Herbert

Copy

June 4, 1990

Dear Kathryn,

Time is drawing near for the reunion and Julia and I are very excited. As of yesterday our total for attendees stands at about 175.

Saturday I met Dan and Marjorie Arnold at the cemetery and we were able to clean it up in a very short time, thanks to the weedeater he brought. Afterwards we drove over to Willow Hill and talked with Mr. Manning. Julia arrived and we reviewed the layout of where we will have the group sit. We are still planning on the two of you passing out the registration packets and greeting everyone on or near the front porch.

Because there will be so many and not everyone will have an opportunity to take the house tour before 11:30, we will ask that you return to the front porch after lunch.

Enclosed is a copy of the program and I hope you have decided on the topics you want to cover. I plan to make a poster of the pictures you sent me of the antiques and I will place it on an easel as you speak. Afterwards, the group can look at them up close. My plan is to put out some of the memorabilia at the beginning of the day and add to it throughout the program.

Mr. Manning related a few stories he learned from his visit with you to visit "Aunt Frankie" (about the mirrors, toll gate in the side yard) and one I had never heard - Dr. Tom being involved with John Wilkes Booth. Is this true? Is it something we can tell? It might be a good time to clear up any rumors that may or may not exist. Mr. Manning loaned Julia the apple barrel stencil that Frankie gave him and we have copied it for the group.

I can't recall if I mentioned that each speaker will be given an allotment of 10 minutes but if you need a little more, I'll be glad to give you 15. I'm sure everyone, including me, will enjoy hearing all the stories you have about Willow Hill.

Until the 16th,

Sincerely,



Herbert

Copy

July 8, 1990

Dear Kathryn,

For the last few weeks I have been trying to catch up with all the projects that were set aside when I put myself into gear for the reunion. Mom is well enough and I have moved back to my apartment. I can't believe how much I carried over to her place. Much of the items were materials from my genealogical files that I needed to pull together for the program. Yesterday I tried to weed out the day-to-day items (I'm still afraid I have overlooked a bill) from my genealogical mess.

There are still a lot of loose ends to tie up now that the reunion is over. Several people who couldn't attend (and even non-Arnold cousins that wrote) need to be contacted. My first project, however, is to let you know how much I appreciate all the help you did from the very day Julia and I set out to accomplish her dream. Your support all along the way has been wonderful. Your help on the day of the reunion is greatly appreciated and I am now understanding why other families hold them over several days - so we can have the time to really sit and talk with our relatives. Perhaps Julia and I can get to Bohannon before she moves.

I still want to put together a scrapbook for the library and want to include copies of the furniture pictures and the wonderful letter you had Page read. Do you or Page have the negatives and the letter?

For the brief few minutes Page and I had together, he told me you brought an Arnold bible. I want to learn more about it. I didn't know it existed. Page tells me it is very old. Who did it belong to and what information is in it? Would it be possible to get a photocopy of the information it contains?

I met Delores Shea of Dahlgren and Beatrice England (two of the ladies that didn't preregister). One of them (or perhaps both) descend from Mary Frances Arnold Rice. They tell me she was born in 1836 (after Dr. Tom). I believe it was before - 1832. What does your bible record say?

The reunion was a great success and I wonder if we could ever top it should we decide to do another. The Mannings have done a wonderful job in keeping "Willow Hill" the type of home I believe my ancestors lived in. I doubt if they had as many pieces of furniture and glassware as Inelle has now but I might be wrong. I think my packrat trait comes from somewhere and it might have been the Arnolds. Now that I have seen the inside of the house, I wonder where everyone slept. Do you have any idea how big the basement is and what it was used for?

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After everyone left, Grant Manning climbed up on the roof and took a picture of the Thomas T. Arnold name and date (1756) that appears in the chimney brick. The individual numbers of the date are not 100% clear and while I am beginning to believe he might be correct in the 7 I wonder if they 5 might be a 3. Anyway, it would appear that Dr. Tom didn't build the chimneys when he lived there and perhaps he was named after his great, great, grandfather.

Well, it looks as though there are still mysteries about the early Arnolds that need to be solved. There was one thing I think the reunion accomplished and for this I am grateful. There are members of the younger generation interested in who we are and where we came from. While I might not discover who built "Willow Hill" maybe someone who attended the reunion might find out in later years.

Thanks again for all the wonderful help and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A

Rec'd  
after 7/13/90

Dear Ann,

Was glad of your letter and that your mother is improving - also thinking back on the reunion is a memory that we will cherish.

The Bible was published in 1846 by Harper & Bros, been in our family long as I can remember.

1st death recorded: Robert H. Montgomery  
35 yrs of age - 1850 at Bluff Point  
Westmoreland Co-

2nd Sarah B. Montgomery 1851 - same

3rd Died at "Willow Hill" 1851 - 59 yrs  
Francis B. Arnold

A. Lousen Dorothy Rice visited us long ago, she would be in her eighties, if living. There are receipts of payments among many others that I have. Son, John copied a few thought you would be interested.

I can't really remember the

basement, a root cellar vaguely.

a little more on the portrait, in  
Mathews recently talking to Kenny  
and a close friend - both saw it  
at Aunt Frankie's how it got there  
or left they didn't know - someone  
came in a station wagon but didn't  
know if it would fit or what - more  
later!!

When is Julia moving? I would  
like us to get together very much.  
also do you have Herbert Price's  
address?

Thanks for writing -

Love

Walter you

## Deaths

1850 Died at Bluff Point Westmoreland County on Sunday Night the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1850

Robert H. Montgomery in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of his age. leaving a wife and one Daughter to mourn his loss.

Died on Sunday evening about half pass three O'clock 1851 Feb. the 9<sup>th</sup> 1851

Wid<sup>d</sup> Sarah B. Montgomery Widow of the above, at Bluff Point Westmoreland County, aged 30 years and five days, leaving two children, a daughter about 5 yrs old, and Infant son about six weeks old, and a Father, and Mother, three brothers, and three sisters to mourn her?.

Died at Willow Hill, King George County Thursday evening about seven O'clock April 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Frances B Arnold aged about 59 years - before her death she chose the Text for the funeral sermon which was the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter and 25<sup>th</sup> verse of the Book of Job, and Hymn to sing, which was the 195<sup>th</sup> of the Va selection, beginning with.

These words, "How solemn the - I hear",  
also the minister she wished to preach it,  
and for it to be preached before she was  
inter<sup>(buried)</sup>ed, all of which was done!

Thus she has left a beloved Husband,  
John Arnold, 7 children and five  
Grand children, one sister, one half sister  
and many friends to lament her. 7,  
but they sorrow not as them that have no  
hope, for all whom she believed she  
has left this world of sorrow for one of  
joy and happiness.

(This was hard to read, sorry!)

May 21st 1872

Lucey Gates Arnold

1893 July 19th Died my beloved wife  
<sup>(Mary)</sup> Minnie R (Randolph) Brockenbrough in  
the 47th year of her age,

1896 Dec. 28th Died our precious darling  
Minnie Branch Coghill Arnold

1921 July 25 Died our Sister Mary Grey  
Arnold at Sherman Inst. Riverside Calif.  
Age 44 years.

1927 Jan. 24 Died our brother  
Randolph Arnold at Jackson Mem. Hospital  
Miami Fla.

1917 April 26 Died our dear Father, Thomas  
Shanton Arnold (M.D.) at Willow Hill

Hersent

copy

August 27, 1990

Dear Kathryn,

I am returning the negatives as requested. My project of placing a scrapbook at the library in King George is going slowly. I was hoping I would receive some pictures taken the day of the reunion but so far haven't received but one from my first cousin in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for the copies of the papers relating to Dr. Tom and especially the original record. As I see it, he wrote the information (I use the May, 1875, note that Jane Arnold signed for comparing handwritings). It appears he too, thought his greatgrandparents on his father's side were Isaac and Mary Arnold. His father, Lt. John, really must have had a real difficult problem with his mother, Jemima, or am I reading the records in the courthouse wrong? Every time I see conflicting information like this, I always go back to the original source. I still see the connection of Jemima as daughter to Isaac and Mary. I'm sure some crazy things have happened to a lot of families but I don't see how Jemima would have married a brother. If that had happened, I doubt Lt. John would have had that much stature in the neighborhood. The ledger for Dr. Tom at the local store is extremely interesting. I didn't realize plastic (if I read it correctly) was available back then. Do you have any idea what the first name of Mr. Hayes is?

After reading your letter I discovered something I didn't know about you. You are a real tease. You have dropped tidbits about the bible and I am sitting on the edge of my seat waiting for a complete copy of the information. How many total records are listed? Would you be able to take it for photocopying? If not, will you please copy it fully. Your second bombshell was about the portrait. I hope by this time you have received more information.

I suspect Julia has moved but I'm not real sure. I received a post card the other day with no return address telling me to not despair that she hasn't been in touch and the move was underway. I am hoping to get some time off from work in September and October and perhaps we can make it down to see you. I say "hope" but my office has just lost a secretary and the next few months will be rough while we go through the slow process of hiring. I need to take time off or I'll lose it by next April.

My mother has been doing pretty good up until a few days ago. On Wednesday morning she had an extremely bad headache and I took her to the doctor. Besides medicine for that he gave her some to drop her blood pressure. That created a problem yesterday morning because it caused her throat to swell. This created some scary moments but I stayed the night with her last night and she seems to be in better shape this morning. I'll go back home tonight unless she wants me to stay. The doctor told her the medicine might cause a small cough but it sure reacted different than was expected.

I'm sorry this has taken so long to answer. The negatives got buried and then it took longer than I expected for them to get printed. Hope this finds you well and I'll be in touch as soon as I hear from Julia.



Sunday

Dear Ann,

Didn't mean to be so long in answering your letter. I often think how nice the Reunion was and the amount of work that you put into it.

I traced and copied the deaths and marriages in the Arnold Bible. not a whole lot but was interested in great-grand mother Frances Arnold, wife of John.

Am enclosing the notice of Edna's death - she is at rest after a long illness. sorry you didn't get to know her, a very fine person.

No news of Julia, busy getting settled  
I'm sure - Love  
Kathryn

Note by Kathryn Hobday, probably about December 1990 because of reference to sister's death

Page I

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Page II

*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

Tracing made by Kathryn Hobday of marriages and births in her "Arnold Bible"

## Edna H. Lord

NORFOLK — Edna Hobday Lord, 83, of the 9500 block of Hammett Parkway, died Nov. 3, 1990, in a nursing home.

Mrs. Lord, a native of Mathews County, was a graduate of Sarah Leigh Hospital School of Nursing, Norfolk. She received a bachelor of science degree from Wayne University, Detroit, and her master's degree of science from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. She was a visiting nurse at The Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and was a researcher for the National Health Department, Washington, D.C., during World War II. She also was director of Nursing at Bronson Memorial Hospital in Kalamazoo. She was a member of the Miles Memorial United Methodist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and Pinewell Garden Club. She was the widow of Alfred V. Lord.

Survivors include two sisters, Gladys Sherman of Richmond and Kathryn Herbert of Norfolk; and a brother, Stanley Hobday of Virginia Beach.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Foster-Faulkner Funeral Home, Mathews, by the Rev. Wade Sirk. Burial will be private. Friends may join the family from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to The Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.

copy

August 8, 1991

Dear Kathryn, *Herbert*

I can't believe the summer is almost over and I haven't been able to get together with you and Julia. I have made a real effort to use my vacation time in little bits rather than lose it at the end of our fiscal year (April) and while I have taken off quite a few Fridays, I have a hard time figuring out what I have done. In May I was elected to the Board of Directors of our dance association as Secretary and many of days I am off I spend working on projects for them. The association has over 600 members and planning dances and other activities is almost a fulltime job. I hope the President doesn't lose her enthusiasm anytime soon. She really keeps us all on our toes.

One of this year's goals has been to start trashing a lot of stuff in my second bedroom/office. Ugh! I have it semi-organized into topics but then run out of time or steam to go through it. Yesterday I took the first step in another goal I've been thinking about and it will definitely impact that room so I will need to keep working at the project. One of the girls in my dance group is a decorating consultant. She says she loves to do it for those living on a shoestring. That's me! Next week I am going to go by her house and see how she has done her own place and then have her come by mine to see how we can work out a game plan. I need help in what colors will work well together, what furniture I want to replace or add to, wallpaper, carpet, etc. The office/bedroom is the worse area and I will need to get it more organized and put away the mass of genealogy I pulled out for the reunion.

I am sorry to hear of Page's operation. I hope he is better by now. My mother is doing well enough that I am planning a trip to Denver the week of August 19 to visit my daughter, Linda.

I appreciate the offer of the T-shirt with the Arnold coat- of-arms. I would guess my size is probably medium and Julia too. Her address is Asbury Methodist Village, 403 Russell Avenue, #406, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877 (301) 926-3347.

My boss is on vacation this week and I have had the opportunity to catch up with a multitude of projects here in the office. We have a new software package on my computer and I spend most mornings playing with it while my brain is clear and I don't have any interruptions. Therefore, it is time to say goodbye and move the mouse around on my desk. I'm trying to get together with Julia soon and I'm sure we will talk about a visit.

Love,

*Am*

HERBERT

ARNOLD

April 4, 1995

Dear Katheryn,

I have decided to expand my Arnold genealogy to include family stories, hobbies, occupations, homes, etc. on those who lived in and around Willow Hill. I believe Julia Clews has a small book (perhaps a diary?) that Dr. Tom Arnold carried during the Civil War and I will be contacting her to see if I can get it copied.

Can you tell me if Dr. Tom kept a diary, journal, ledger during the War as well as afterwards when he was a physician in King George? If so, do you know what happened to it/them? Also, do you know how long he was a doctor? Did he hold any official positions in the community or at a church?

I believe there is a story that either you or Julia told me about someone sitting at the piano and seeing the Union troops arriving through a reflection in mirrors on either side of the piano. Can you elaborate on this? Who was it, and which members of the Arnold family had to flee? I remember reading about how the Confederate troops traveled back and forth across the Rappahannock to visit their homes.

If there is anything else that you can think of or anyone you think I should contact, please let me know.

Love,

KATHRYN HERBERT

ARNOLD

## Ann A. Hennings

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June 25, 1995

Dear Kathryn,

What a lovely package of materials I received this week. Thank you so much for taking the time to pull it all together. It will be a big help when I finally get some time to start putting things on paper. I am working two clerical part-time jobs besides my work at the University and it doesn't leave me much time (and energy) except to pull together an outline. One of the jobs is doing some typing using my home computer and while it doesn't pay much, I get to do it at my leisure. The other one, that I mentioned in my Christmas letter, is slightly different and now defunct. By mid-April the writer started giving me more work that impacted on my hours at the University and that became sticky. I put in my resignation with him the first of May and started looking around for something else and found another writer. This one, a woman who writes cookbooks, is very nice, and if she can work around my hours, I think it will work out. She has already published one book on Jewish cooking and has put together an interesting proposal for an American book with histories of how they came into being and their ethnic backgrounds.

I plan on visiting Julia about mid-July and spend the day talking about the Arnold family. One of the things I didn't mention to you the last time I wrote was an idea I've been mulling around ever since the reunion and may be the focus of my first Arnold work. After everyone left, Mr. Manning and I climbed up on the roof to look at all the bricks that had Dr. Tom's name in them and take pictures. He tried to show me one he thought had Lt. John's name in it but for the life of me, I couldn't see it.

After that, Mr. Manning told me a story that had been told him by Frankie Arnold Byfield and now I'm going to see if you can confirm it. She told him that Dr. Tom had given aid to John Wilkes Booth on his travels through King George County and the family had been sworn to secrecy. **Do you recall ever hearing anything about this or a story about aid being given to John Brown as he traveled through King George?** This second part was told to me recently by my first cousin, Jean Payne Volz. She can't recall where she heard it but we were wondering if it might have been a disguised version by changing the name. That story by Mr. Manning got me thinking and wondered if I could pull together enough evidence to see if the story could be true. By the way, **do you know where any of Frankie's family may be that I might write to?**

Did you know there was a Samuel B. Arnold tried and imprisoned as part of the Lincoln assassination case? I decided to figure out who Samuel B. Arnold was and

could he have been related to our family. Could Booth have used the Arnold connection along his planned escape route without Arnold being aware of it? This is what I am attempting to get more information on.

The more I have worked with this, the more information I have found that I can't believe. First of all, Samuel Bland Arnold (1834 - 1906) was from Baltimore (son of George William Arnold and Mary Jane Bland) [footnote: George's real name was Benedict Arnold and I have record of his legal name change in Baltimore in 1841.] Samuel was born in Washington, D. C. and had at least two brothers, Frank and William. He wrote a book about his ordeal and it was published after his death. I have tried to get a copy of the book but have been unsuccessful. I have met a man who is working on a reissue, hopefully by the end of this year.

I don't know how much you remember about the Lincoln assassination but I was surprised to learn quite a few things I didn't know when I started my research at the University's library. First of all it took place just as the war was ending and Booth seemed to be an expert in developing a series of plots/incidents and he was the only one who knew what was really going on. Booth was a spy for the Confederacy and traveled to Canada often. He enlisted Michael O'Laughlin and Samuel Arnold in Baltimore to help him kidnap the President, as he rode unescorted to the Veteran's Hospital, and hold him for ransom for Confederate soldiers held in prison. That fell through because the President didn't show up on the day they planned on doing it and O'Laughlin and Arnold returned to Baltimore. Arnold wrote a note to Booth that later brought his name into the picture after the assassination. Samuel Arnold admitted the kidnap plot to his father, and George convinced Samuel to stay away from Booth and take a job at Fort Monroe, Virginia (which is where the government found him and took him into custody).

After the failed kidnapping, Booth set up the assassination at Ford's Theater, had horses rented, and established an escape route. It would carry him through Maryland and across the Potomac into King George County and then on South. He even had a boat ready for the crossing. After the fatal shot on April 14, 1865, Booth headed into Maryland and it took him a week to eventually get to the Potomac. He spent many days and nights hiding in the woods and swamps on the Maryland side because so many people were looking for him. He was traveling with David E. Herold who would go for food, make inquiries, etc., while Booth stayed in hiding.

On Sunday, April 16, 1865, they were turned over to Thomas Jones, foster brother of Samuel Cox of Charles County, Maryland, to help with the river crossing. From an interview in the *New York World* for April, 1895, Jones said, "It's quite true. John Wilkes Booth, with a broken ankle, sick and suffering the tortures of the damned, was

placed in my hands to be spirited across the river... I did the best I could for the poor fellow. I carried him papers to read and something to eat and tried to keep him in good spirits until I got a chance to send him across the river. The country was full of soldiers and detectives, and I did not know how soon I could get him away." After the sixth day with Jones, the soldiers left the area to search in St. Mary's County and that was Jones' chance to move them on.

On Friday night, April 21, Jones put Booth and Herold in a boat and "I then lighted a candle and showed Booth by his compass how to steer to get into Machodoc Creek and gave him directions to Mrs. [Elizabeth R.] Quesenberry's who, I thought, would take care of him."

The problem, however, was that both Booth and Herold were unskilled in navigating and because of the high tide, floated along for hours and eventually ended up again on the Maryland shore - about 9 miles west of Pope's Creek, Maryland. They set off again after getting food from Col. John Hughes and finally made it to the shoreline of Virginia on Sunday, April 23. Rather than coming around the point and turning up Machodoc Creek, they turned into Gambo Creek and ran into a deadend.

Here I will digress a little from the story to tell you some interesting things I have found. Right after I started reading, there was a very interesting article that appeared in the *Washington Post* Weekend section on April 14, 1995. It was all about the murder of Lincoln and trail of John Wilkes Booth. I think my ESP must have been in gear for me to have started my quest when I did. Well, from the article I was able to learn that there are a few current researchers knowledgeable about the case. I contacted a Mr. Michael Kaufmann, who has begun to pass along some information. This week he sent me copies of the enclosed maps. I also had a nice long talk with him to see what he had learned that wasn't in the books and the more we talked the more I realized that Frankie's statement was becoming clearer but in some strange ways. Mr. Kaufmann started telling me that from a book he had by Osborn Oldroyd (privately published in 1901), a Mr. Benjamin B. Arnold, "was engaged in the plot to abduct the President, and the part assigned him was to take charge of Mr. Lincoln on the Virginia side of the river and hurry him to Richmond." WOW! Do you know who Benjamin B. Arnold is? He is Dr. Tom's nephew, son of James Arnold (Dr. Tom's half brother).

Back to the Booth and Herold travels. I want to know everything about all the places they stopped between the Potomac and the Rappahannock and how sick or hurt Booth might have been after spending 6 days in hiding (possibly in woods and swamps) in Maryland and if he might have looked for medical help.



Once Herold and Booth realized they hadn't landed at Mrs. Quesenberry's, Booth waited while Herold walked about a mile to her house. (They must have had a good map to know which way to go). They landed on Dr. Hooe's farm (according to Oldroyd). [In King George County Plat Book 1, p 201 - 1940 - this property is shown as Potomac View formerly J. A. Arnold, now U.S.A. - Dahlgren property). As you can see by the map, there is reference to a "Barnesfield (Dr. Hooe's)" .

I find conflicting information about whether Booth actually went to Mrs. Quesenberry's but Oldroyd said she sent them something to eat and because there was too much commotion among the small vessels that were in Machodoc Creek, Mr. Thomas H. Harbin, brother-in-law of Thomas A. Jones, assisted Booth and Herold further up Gambo Creek to "Bryan's house". From a deposition of Mr. William L. Bryant, May 6, 1865, Bryant took Booth and Herold to see Dr. Richard Stuart but Stuart/Stewart wouldn't see them. Dr. Stewart asked Bryant to take the pair to the home of William Lucas, a free black man who lived down the road. This ticked Booth off so much that he wrote a note that eventually saved Stewart's neck when the government started their investigations.

Who was Dr. Stewart and how did Booth know about him? I have a way-out theory that will take a good amount of genealogy hunting to prove. If Sam's father, George William Arnold, was related to the Arnold's of Spotsylvania (and it seems very promising as there were several Samuels and Williams in the early records), then he may have been a distant cousin of Dr. Stewart. There was a John Stewart of Berkeley Parish (Spotsylvania Count) 1761-1845 who died with property in King George Co. John Stewart was the grandson of Isaac Arnold and married the daughter of George Arnold about 1801. I have been trying to weed out all the Arnolds from across the Rappahannock River and how they might tie into William and Jemima Arnold (Lt. John's parents) and I think I have a general idea of how they fit. Therefore, the Dr. Richard Stewart of King George probably descends from the Spotsylvania group and may be a 2nd or 3rd cousin to Samuel W, Arnold. It is very possible Samuel B. Arnold told Booth this during one of their meetings and as we all do when we take a trip, we keep in the back of our mind who we know along the way in case of an emergency.

In a deposition of William Lucas on May 6, 1865, he said that he had lived in King George County his entire life "free born" and that "two men were brought to my house on the night of Sunday, April 23." They wanted to stay the night but Lucas tried to turn them away but "the lame man was sitting down then, and he reached behind me, took out a bowie knife, and flourished it." Lucas thought they were going to steal his horse so told them it was out the pasture. Booth said they would stay the night. The

next morning Lucas's son drove Booth and Herold to Port Conway (at the Rappahannock), dropped them off at the ferry, and returned home. Two Confederate soldiers returning home helped them cross the river as the ferryman wouldn't do it.

When I first read about Lucas, it didn't seem like much but as I started pulling together some genealogical information for Mr. Kaufmann so I could show him how Dr. Tom fit into the Arnold's of King George, I came across another very important piece of puzzle. There in my census record notes of King George County for 1860 (Edge Hill P. O. district) was the following: John Arnold (age 78), Jane Arnold (age 53), Thomas T. Arnold (age 24 - Physician); Philip M. Arnold (age 22), Catherine L. Montgomery (age 10), Robert Montgomery (age 9) and [blank] Lucas (age 55) - color listed as "mulatto". Since slaves were not listed with their owners, especially in 1860, this man would have had to be free. What a clue! I'll bet there weren't many free born blacks in King George by that name. In the census Lucas is listed as a butcher. If he had married one of Lt. John's slaves and had children, it is very possible that is why he is listed here. By 1865, I imagine he had set up a home of his own and according to his deposition, he was awaiting for some hired hands on Monday morning to plant corn. If Booth threatened Lucas with a knife, he may have pushed him to go after a doctor (but of course, it isn't mentioned in the deposition). The deposition said Lucas told Booth that his wife of sick and "I am a colored man and have no right to take care of white people." Perhaps Dr. Tom stopped by unexpectedly to visit Lucas's wife and had to give aid or maybe it was a ruse. If there were any records that Dr. Tom kept for this period, it sure would help.

Now, how did Booth know the people along the way? It appears there was a trail of safehavens for Confederate sympathizers up through Maryland and Booth probably had traveled that route before. How did Benjamin Arnold get into the picture for the kidnapping? Again, could he have been a distant cousin of Samuel?

Mr. Kaufmann was very interested in what I was working on as he wasn't aware of Dr. Tom Arnold. He knew about other doctors in the area as apparently the government was stopping to see each one because of Booth's injury. Kaufmann knew of James Addison Arnold and Benjamin Burgess Arnold because of Mr. Oldroyd's book but that was all. I was able to give him a brief genealogical outline of how Dr. Tom, James, and my John Humphries Arnold line all tied together. I sincerely hope he will help me further with this quest.

From the few pages Mr. Kaufmann sent me from Oldroyd's book, Oldroyd spent several days (probably around 1900) trying to follow the path of Booth. I really want to see more of the book, especially since it might give me a few names of people on the Maryland shore that tie into my family records. I have a good outline of the

Jones family of King George and while I don't find a Thomas A. Jones among them, I wonder about many of the relationships that developed across the Potomac. There is a Edwards/Quesenberry marriage about that time and the Edwards girl's mother was a Jones but her name wasn't Elizabeth. Along Oldroyd's walk (he walked all the way across King George asking questions) he talked with James Addison Arnold (Benjamin's son and Edna's father) and he mentions spending a pleasant day and night with the family. There he met a "Mr. Thomas G. Ireland of Baltimore, a relative of the family". Isn't that interesting to know that there was a tie to Baltimore even then. It could have been from James's wife, Anabel (Nannie) Barnes, however.

From some notes I made years ago from Julia's file, in 1956 she received a letter from your mother and at that time your mother indicated she had her grandfather's diary, consisting mostly of business activities with extremely interesting wits thrown in. If the diary really belonged to her grandfather, then it meant it belonged to Lt. John Arnold (who died in 1863) but might have had some notes written by others during the time I'm looking forward. **Do you know if it still exists?**

I hope by this time, you haven't been too confused. I guess through this letter I am beginning to put together ideas for some text on this puzzle. If you find something confusing, please let me know so I can make it clearer.

On the enclosure you sent about George Arnold is a note to Agnes. I believe I know who George was. It is part of that group from the other side of the river I mentioned above. Another interesting tie to the Booth story comes in here. According to my notes I made from reviewing Bishop Asbury's journals years ago, Asbury visited "Litchfield" in 1810 and "visited the pious and aged Arnolds." Litchfield is the name of the place that shows on the map as "J. Arnold" and belonged to James Arnold's estate according to the King George Co. tracts of land for 1865. As I said before, James was Dr. Tom's half brother. I see this information only as incidental but maybe George Arnold in Spotsylvania introduced Asbury to James because he was a relative over in King George.

Well, I think I've carried on enough for now. As you can see, I am excited about this project and hope I can get more information to make a calculated guess one way or another whether Frankie's secret was real. I need to contact Mr. Manning again to see if he can remember anything more about it but I have a feeling that may be a dead-end.

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June 25, 1995

Drop me a line when you get a minute and please share this with Page as I am always on the lookout for some of the younger generation to find an interest in my work and want to add to it. To make it easier for you to find those places where I need answers, I have put the text in **bold print**. Please watch for them.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name 'Ann'.

PS. Please don't tell Julia about this just yet. I want to surprise her with my detective work when we get together in July.

Enclosures (Picture of Samuel B. Arnold and maps from Kaufmann)



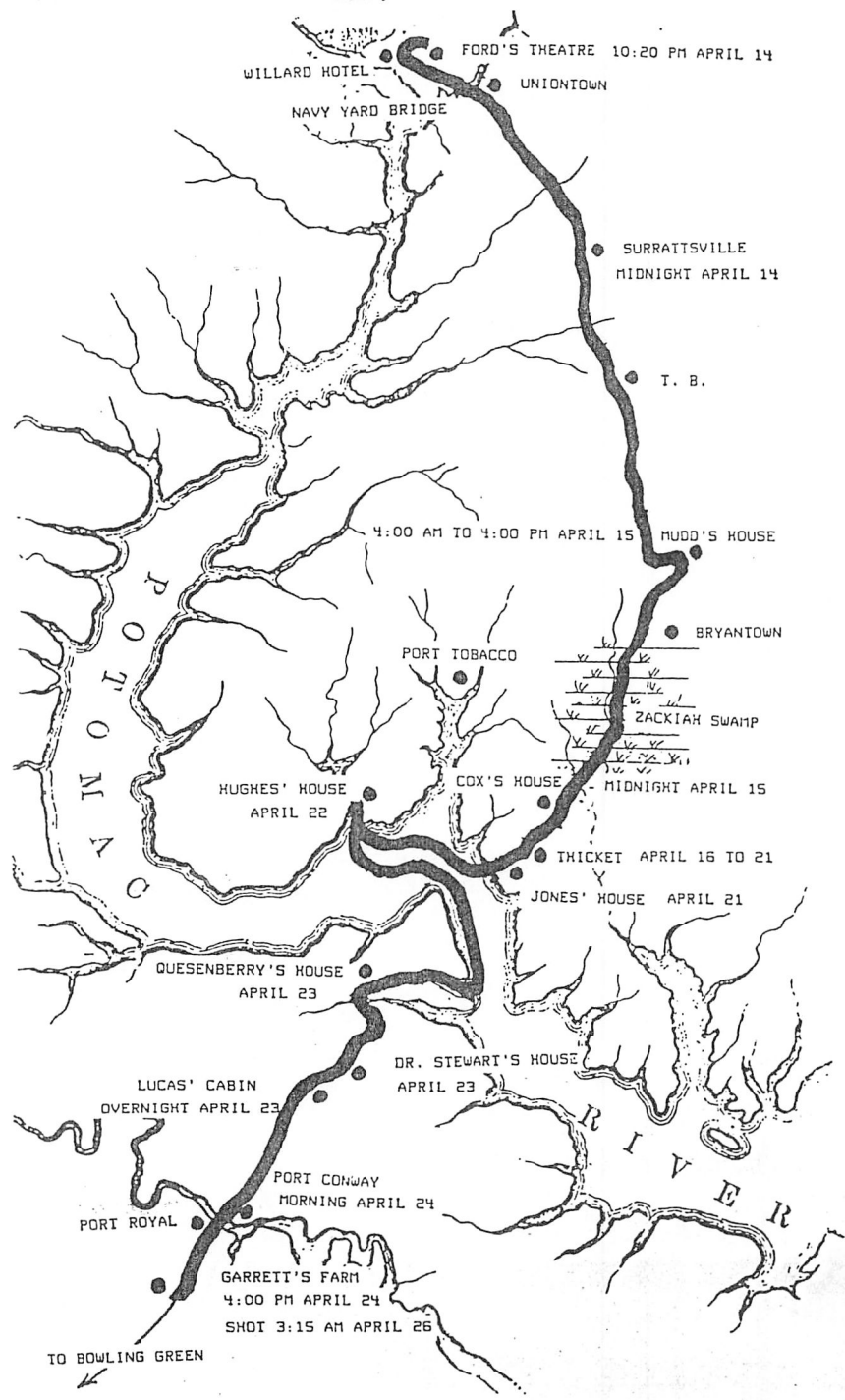
Samuel Arnold. As officials photographed most prime suspects aboard ironclad prison ships, the iron walls were clear in the background. However, neither Mary Surratt nor Samuel Mudd was held on the ships (Library of Congress-B817-7778).

in chains and transported him to Washington. They confined him on one of the ships anchored in the Potomac which Stanton had prepared to serve as prisons. On board, Arnold complained that irons on his wrists were so tight blood could not circulate. Captain Monroe, who was in charge, obligingly provided a larger pair. While the prisoner's arms felt better, living conditions were dismal on the suffocatingly hot ship.

Michael O'Laughlin, Arnold's close friend, had lived near John Wilkes Booth and had known him for 12 years. They had studied together as boys under tutor J. M. Smith. Within 24 hours of the murder, O'Laughlin's name was vaguely associated with the crime.

After spending that deadly Friday night in Washington drinking and carousing with his friends, O'Laughlin returned to Baltimore the following evening. Even before he arrived home, officers had visited the house where he was staying with his brother-in-law, P. H. Maulsby. When O'Laughlin entered, he was told that the police were looking for him. On Sunday morning Gen. Lew Wallace and his officers again searched the house without success. On Monday morning, O'Laughlin contacted his brother-in-law, who was also being questioned. Maulsby eventually located O'Laughlin at Mrs. Bailey's boardinghouse and talked him into surrendering.<sup>11</sup>

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Dear Ann,

Thank you so much for the Arnold material, one never knows what you find when digging into the past!

She never heard anything about John Wilkes Booth -

Mama told me the story about John Brown spending the night in the little room over Grandpa's office, he was trying to upset the slaves. They didn't know who he was, as any one could spend the night there that got caught on the road after dark.

There is <sup>no</sup> one left on Aunt Frankie's family that I know of. She didn't have any children but raised two girls that I think was <sup>the</sup> relation to Uncle Jack Byfield. They were Betty and Peggy - nice people!

Peggy Kokenek.

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I know there is or was a diary but  
where I don't know, Will enclose copy  
of hand written paper I found and  
could that be it?

When I was a small child, Mama  
and I visited Cousin Edna Arnold  
in Fredericksburg. Can't remember  
much but Cousin Jim Arnold  
was there - he worked or had  
something to do at Dahlgren.

Would like to know more about  
them - Cousin Edna had a sister -  
wonder who has grandpapa's  
portrait.

I plan on going to Maryland  
for a week in a few days.

Mailed the material to him - (Page)

With love,

Rathyn

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September 8, 1995

Dear Kathryn,

Thank you for the addresses of Peggy and Betty. I'll write soon to see what they might remember about John Wilkes Booth and Dr. Tom. As for Dr. Tom's diary, years ago Julia showed me a small book that your mother gave her. I only remember seeing in it recipes for feeding a larger number of people and some medical instructions (this is where she copied the Cure for Cancer). If it had the information you sent about Dr. Tom's capture, it would seem reasonable. Julia has been hunting for it but hasn't been successful in finding it.

Since I last wrote on June 25 about my search to learn more about Booth's travels through King George County and the lineage of Samuel Arnold of Baltimore, I've read a fantastic book that has really put into perspective the whole incident and Booth's relationship to the Confederacy and President Davis as well as how a lot of King George residents played a part in the kidnapping plot. *Come Retribution* by William A. Tidwell with James O. Hall and David Gaddy (University Press of Mississippi, 1988) is a book I thought I would use mostly as a quick reference but found myself reading page after page. These three authors took the Union's theory first brought forward at the conspiracy trial that the Confederacy and Jefferson Davis were behind Booth's assassination activities and that he didn't act alone. As the authors stated, they were able to pull together facts (and the book as many excellent references) by keeping an eye open to all evidence and without prejudices that so many others had in earlier books on the episode. From the logical way the information is presented, they proved the existence of a secret intelligence branch of the Confederacy, covert operations run from Canada, and how Booth was a major player. I suspect these men used materials from archives within the Secret Service, FBI, and/ or CIA as well as the National Archives but would never be able to prove it. Mr. Hall lives in McLean, Virginia, and I talked to him before reading the book. I should ask him if he, or any of the others, worked for one of these agencies at one time. It surely seems plausible.

A lot of King George people were mentioned but the only reference to the Arnolds in that area was B.(Benjamin) B. Arnold (father of James Addison Arnold). Most of the information about him seems to have come from Osborn Oldroyd's manuscript (see copy enclosed). I noticed Arnold's name on Lieut. Cawood's roster (see picture). Cawood was in charge of one of the Confederate Signal Corps that operated behind Union lines in King George County. This was near the Arnold homes of Litchfield and Cloverdale on Mathias Point (see map).

While the book didn't give me too much new information on Samuel Arnold, it did tell me he had

gone to Fort Monroe to take on the job as clerk for a sutler named John Wharton (some of this is referenced in Arnold's confession). To most people that name wouldn't mean much but to an Arnold genealogist it means a lot. Dr. Tom's grandmother, Jemima Arnold (Clift) Arnold (wife of William Arnold), had a sister, Dinah, who married a Samuel Wharton by 1758 (ref. will of her father, Isaac Arnold, in King George records). I've never taken the time to learn more about this line but wonder if it isn't time. Once Samuel Arnold confessed to his father his part in the failed Lincoln kidnapping plot, his father (according to another book I read) convinced him to distance himself from Booth and helped him get the job at Fort Monroe. I'll bet he turned to a relative for help and what better way to show your loyalty to the Union than to put yourself in the midst of a Union camp. I find it fascinating that Fort Monroe was Union behind Confederate lines just as Guantanamo is in Cuba today.

As for further proof that Dr. Tom may have aided Booth, about all the book could help me with was to establish a timeframe where it might have been possible. The authors seemed to have laid out the direction of Booth's travels (see map) and places stopped but I found a large 5-hour period on Monday, April 24, 1865, that they didn't seem to cover. They stated that Charley Lucas, son of William, carried Booth and Harbin by wagon from the Lucas home to Port Conway on the Rappahannock from 7 am to noon. Oldroyd walked 22 miles in 10 hours, stopping to talk with many along the way, and from what I know of King George County, I don't see how it would have taken 5 hours by wagon to go from the Court House area to the river.

According to the deposition of William Lucas, Booth threatened him and his family with a Bowie knife on Sunday night and it seems to me that shows that Booth was very agitated after not being given aid by Dr. Stuart a little time before. I am speculating that Booth had a bad night in the Lucas cabin, got in the wagon in the morning and after heading out probably threatened Charley into finding him some medical attention. As you can see by the enclosed map where I have marked Willow Hill, the wagon may have taken a side trip, so to speak. I'm trying to find out if there are depositions on file for Charley and the three soldiers that carried Booth across the river. I've also written to Mr. Hall to see if he can tell me what proof they had for the route outlined in the book.

While I originally thought William Lucas had resided with the Arnolds during the time of the 1860 census, I went back to look at that record again. The first name is hard to decipher but I am now guessing it might be Anthony (age 55, mulatto, occupation Butcher). I did find William Lucas and his family listed separately and not with the Stuart family. Charley Lucas wasn't with William so I am still trying to find where he was. On my last visit to the KG Court House, I did find an 1876 deed (DB 21, p 459) where Dr. Tom sold to a Thomas Lucas 23 acres of Willow Hill.

Besides the 5 hours that Booth could have seen Dr. Tom, I've been looking for references to Booth's health. From Booth's diary, he wrote on 4/22 "after being hunted like a dog through swamps, woods, and last night being chased by gunboats till I was forced to return wet, cold, and starving, with every man's hand against me, I am here in despair..." The deposition of William Lucas, as mentioned before, tells us something but after that the only thing I've found so far is

how the three Confederate soldiers helped him onto a horse and across the river and that Booth did little or no walking while in King George. I believe I saw a reference to crutches and who knows, maybe the original set given Booth by Dr. Mudd were lost and Dr. Tom gave him more. You can see how I am trying to tie the Arnold story in.

*Come Retribution* described the background and network of King George County residents. I found it so interesting to see full names (including middle names) of people. To me, this made me wonder where the information came from. Could it have been official records that only a few have seen? I tried to get more details on the papers of Osborn Oldroyd and called Fords Theatre. One person told me that many of his things were in storage but the historian said that was wrong. I guess I'll never find anything there unless someone writes a book.

Many of the King George people mentioned had been recruited to help in moving Lincoln through the area after the kidnapping. Troops had been furloughed home to stand by which was extremely unusual with Richmond about to be attacked, Richmond then fell and Lee surrendered shortly thereafter yet the network was still in place when Booth, working with earlier instructions, seemed to have altered them (probably because of the fall of Richmond) and knew he could get away because of the people already in place. What he didn't seem to realize was that some, like Dr. Stuart, were smart enough to realize that there was no government to back them should they be implicated, and therefore refused to help him. Mosby's Rangers were stationed in the Northern Neck at this time and Booth was trying to reach them. I also found the relationships of the various individuals in the network to be a genealogists goldmine.

You asked about Cousins Jim and Edna Arnold who lived in Fredericksburg. From what I can find out, when the government moved into King George County (for Dahlgren), and the Arnolds sold the property, they moved to Fredericksburg. I have in my notes that Edna may have moved the family cemetery from Cloverdale to the main cemetery in Fredericksburg or might have established a monument in Fredericksburg, probably because they would not longer have access to the property. I need to review the court records again to see if there is any reference to the cemetery.

Speaking of an Arnold cemetery, I have some very sad news to report. The Willow Hill cemetery is about wiped out by vandals. One can't get in the gate anymore and I was only able to see a few stones still standing. I'm sick over this but don't know what can be done about it without identifying myself to the community and perhaps being made responsible for the area. More homes are being built closer to the corner lot which may help keep what is there (the fence still seems solid around all sides) and it probably was a concerned citizen who made an effort to help by nailing a heavy board across the gates from the inside. I've been thinking about making up a booklet to be placed in the library in King George which will provide information I have so far on the Arnolds of King George and Willow Hill along with a chapter on the cemetery. I would include copies of the pictures I've taken over the years. There is a King George Historical Society I plan to contact but the library didn't seem to know when they planned on contributing any materials for the public's use.

As I've probably mentioned before, working in the Computer Center at The American University has given me the opportunity to keep up with new technologies. From my desktop I have a window to the world, as you may have been reading, through the Internet. Years ago colleges and universities around the world started having their computers talk to one another (mostly for research projects) and that exploded so now anyone (businesses, governments, organizations, and individuals) can join in. Pictures are transmitted by computer and look about as good as a TV picture. Transmission of TV signals over the computer lines has started and while the pictures come through fairly well, the movement of people is very slow. It won't be long before the TV, telephone and computer industries are really tied together and I'll be able to visit with my new granddaughter (the other pictures enclosed) from my desktop. I find this idea mindboggling.

Each morning I arrive at work and open up my electronic mailbox to receive messages left for me from others in my office and from around the world (I've contacted several for genealogical reasons). I then switch over to a package known as Netscape where I can tie into anyone with a "Home Page" on the World Wide Web. If I want to learn something about flowers, for instance (or even order some by computer), I have an indexing package search the entire Internet and give me a listing of all Home Pages relative to "flowers". After picking a company and seeing what they have to offer, I can call them by phone, send a fax, or even order something via the computer. Here is where I find the method of payment (by credit card number given them over the computer) to be scary. Since it seems easy to some (called hackers) to get into people's computers and pull out information such a credit card numbers, the whole world is working to make this safer yet it doesn't stop some companies from going on-line with the method. Gambling by computer is in the works and I suspect it too will use credit cards.

Well, from my computer one morning I found myself looking at old Civil War pictures the Library of Congress has put on their "Home Page" and came across the enclosed group picture taken at Falmouth, Va. in April 1863. Keep in mind that this was after the battle of Fredericksburg and one month before Chancellorsville. I have a project for you. It is the same one I gave to Julia and my Aunt Agnes. I ordered a glossy copy from the glass plate in the Library of Congress and have also sent you a photocopy that gives a closer view. Using the female as a point of reference, **please let me know if you recognize anyone.** I'll tell you what the three of us have seen in a future letter. By the way, **do you have a picture of Dr. Tom or know if any were taken?**

Another project I am working on is trying to learn why my great grandfather, John Humphries Arnold, was put in Old Capitol Prison here in D. C. during the War. I know that he was put into jail (probably the local one at Stafford Court House) because he wouldn't sign the Union pledge that many civilians were required to sign (and that many didn't). I'm trying to find the records for Old Capitol to see if it will tell me if he was incarceration and the reason. From what I've read about the type of people put in Old Capitol, he must have done something more than not sign the pledge. *Come Retribution* mentions a lot of things that were going on in that part of Stafford County where he was living and if the story of General Doubleday staying in the Arnold home is correct (and I've seen some good references to show that he was in the area of their home at the time of the picture), then perhaps John was caught passing along information to others in the King

George area. Since John had been a waterman at one time, he may also have been called on by the Confederacy to help plant mines in the Potomac River. The Union Navy had a flotilla on the river near where he lived.

I think I have run on long enough this time but wanted you and Page to know how things were going and get your feedback on the 1863 photo.

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ann', written in a cursive style.

Enclosures (2 1863 photo, Corrie, Oldroyd's book, 2 KG maps & Cawood's list

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October 3, 1995

Ms. Peggy Kokernok  
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Dear Ms. Kokernok,

Cousin Kathryn Herbert has forwarded to me your address and told me you were raised by Frances Arnold Byfield.. I am the great half-grandniece of Dr. Thomas Arnold of King George County, Virginia, brother of Frances. My great-grandfather, John Humphries Arnold, was half-brother to Dr. Tom and Frankie. After a 1990 Arnold reunion held at Willow Hill, Dr. Tom's home, Mr. Manning (the present owner) told me a very interesting story that was relayed to him by Frankie back in the 1950s. It has peaked my curiosity so much that I've been trying to determine if it could have been true.

Frankie explained that she had been keeping a big family secret - *Dr. Tom Arnold provided aid to John Wilkes Booth during his escape across King George County in 1865.* There is a five-hour period on the morning of Monday, April 24, 1865, in which there was a window of opportunity for such a visit. That morning Booth and Herold were within one mile of Willow Hill and Booth had been very agitated the night before when he took over the house of William Lucas, a free blackman. Booth wrote in his diary of his need for medical assistance after being hunted for a week in Maryland and hiding in the woods and crossing the Potomac River. Charley Lucas, son of William, took Booth and Herold to Port Conway on Monday morning and so far all I've been able to learn is that it took 5 hours. There is no way it would take that long even in those days.

I've been successful in learning a little about the covert activities of some of the residents of King George during the War of the Rebellion. I've also been looking at the genealogical side of Samuel Arnold (one of the accessories tried after the assassination of Lincoln). He was from Baltimore but I believe he may have had closer ties to the Arnolds of King George County than anyone knows. I also have learned that Dr. Tom and Frankie's 1/2 nephew, Benjamin Arnold (son of James Arnold) was part of the Lincoln kidnaping plot.

All this now brings me to the reason for this letter. Did you ever hear any of this story from Frankie? If so, can you add any more to what I already know? I understand from Kathryn that you have a sister Betty. Would you please share this letter with her and let me know what she knows of this incident. In addition, I would appreciate knowing when Frankie died, and where she is buried. Also, do you know when and where she and Jack Byfield were married?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Arnold Hennings

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Jan 30, 1996

Dear Ann,

Please forgive me for being so long  
in answering your very interesting letter - I  
don't know where the time has gone!

I was in Maryland for Xmas, caught the  
train - first thing Pope & Part did was to  
give me a pair of "snow walkers that  
fit over shoes." a welcome gift as the  
snow <sup>near</sup> left the ground while I was there,  
beautiful on the trees and ridges.

We have had very little snow in Norfolk  
and that was enough!

In looking over your letter and  
articles about Brown, Booth and others  
really takes one back in History -

I did not recognize anyone in the pictures  
and wish I had a picture of grandfather  
Arnold - I remember me large one that Mama  
had but can't <sup>find</sup> no trace of it.

You have done a wonderful job of  
collecting information etc and I am  
most grateful to you for keeping me  
informed - I love it!!

Love,  
Lathyrn

So sorry about the Cemetery



