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My dear Miss and Kinswoman,

Your letter just received

and perused with care. I know you are of the same family for I never knew anyone to spell the name as y ur Great Grand Mother did who were not of the Genuine Stock! I cannot place your Great Grand parent, because I regret exceedingly to say that we have never kept a Genealogical table of our family however all of the pure blood came from Virginia originally (as to this country) we are (the Moorman's) English, My family history is as follows as near as I know it, viz: two Brothers came out from Virginia to Kentucky sometime in 1780 to 1800. Their names were William and Jessee Moorman. One settled in the back part of Breckenridge Cou ty, Ky. ^{this was} ~~on~~ ^(over) the Ohio River, from these two there sprung quite a family of Moormans On my side they intermarried with the Webb's and Owens. Uncle Jessee ^{and family} family with the Stiths and Herndons. And these two families reside now principally in Jefferson, Meade, Hardin, Breckenridge, Grayson and Daviess, counties, Kentucky. The Webb's were English and the Owens were Welsh. We are also mixed up with t e Allin's of Mercer, Coupty Kentucky. The Pendleton's, Grants and Venable's, of Virginia. And then there is an innumerable host of them in Virginia. We are also related by marriage to the Quissenberries of Virginia. Then there were other families of Moorman's all however of the same original family scattered around in these counties named also in Bullitt and I think Shelby by refer-

ence to the Western Recorder of last week. You will see that Rev. J. H. L. Moorman was the Moderator of the Salem Association of Baptists of Ky. from 1914 to 1916, he was ~~related but of a different branch of the family~~ ^{He was} a considerable man (preacher) in his day. He was the Grand Father of Capt. James M. (Moorman) White, ^{who was the most} ~~Three of~~ ^(over) the finest and fastest steamers on the Mississippi also J. W. Flannigan father of the noted J. Webb Flannigan was a son in law of Rev. J. H. L. Moorman. J. W. Flannigan was ~~one~~ at one time shortly after the War United States Senator from this state but it was while this state was under military rule and dominated by the Republicans and he was rather ^{disreputable} ~~disrespectable~~. But your old aunt told you the truth Moorman is a good ^{NAME} ~~name~~ and it is one of the oldest, finest blooded and most respectable families in Ky, while not many of them attained to political preferment such as did acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their constituents. I have a cousin who declines a Brigadier Generalship in the Confederate service which was tendered him because of his ^{serve} ~~unfitness~~ (as he conceived) to so well ~~serve~~ the cause he loved as he could in a lower and less responsible position. So when he was exchanged he accepted the position of of Colonel, and commanded his regiment for 18 months ^{or} ~~of~~ two years up to the close of the war. He is now the ~~will~~ Aide-camp and Chief of Staff of General. John B. Gordon in the Ex-Confederate veteran's organization which meets at Nashville, Tennessee this summer. This Cousin now ranks as and has the title of a Major General. His name is Gen. George Moorman and lives in New Orleans or did I believe however that ^{here told me that} some of the officials of the Veterans ~~of the~~ he had moved

and was now living in Chicago, Illinois. Also by reference to the novel - Surrey of the Eagle's Nest you will find that there is a stream in Virginia known as Moormans River. Then again one Mr. Samuel Clemens whose nom de plume is Mark Twain is of the same family his mother being a Miss ^{Moorman} ~~Morman~~. You know he is quite a literary celebrity. This is about all that I know of the family history my uncle, Dr. Thomas O. Moorman of Glendearne, Breckenridge Country Ky. might tell you something more but if you will write to Mr. Moorman (I do not remember his name but he is of the ^{firm} ~~family~~ of Ford Moorman and Co.) in care of Ford Moorman and Co. of Lynchburg Virginia, he can tell you of the book giving the Genealogy of the family for one or two possibly 3 or 4 centuries back in England. Well it traceable back to the beautiful Anne Bolyn of England who was a wife of Henry the 8th, so you can see we brush royalty itself. The family are principally Baptists though we have some black sheep in the family who went to the Methodist. Presbyterians and Cumberland Presbyterians but they are comparatively few. Then I have a cousin living in Louisville who is one of the wealthiest men there and who made his fortune in the wholesale liquor business, he lives on West side 14th Avenue between Chestnut and Broadway streets, he is a presbyterian. I would be glad to hear from you again and will take pleasure in giving you any additional information in my ^{possession} ~~profession~~ which may have escaped my memory. We have kept a William Moorman in our branch of the family all the time. The name has within my knowledge furnished 3 good preachers 2 of them

Baptist and one in Tennessee a Cumberland Presbyterian.

Wishing you success in your search for the family history.

Permit me to subscribe myself, your distant relative.

Clifford Moorman

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