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Mr. J. Quince Kirby  
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Cousin:

I received your letter yesterday in regard to the history of our family, here goes for your side.

Skinny Sam Kirby was your great grand-father, the father of Musty Sam Kirby, first born, second born Nancy Kirby, 3rd, born Jesse L. Kirby, 4th, born Turkey Dave Kirby, 5th, born Coon Len Kirby, 6th, born Thomas Jefferson Kirby (Swamp Republican). Jesse L. Kirby died in two story log house like your granddads, the house was built in 200 yards of where D. Boon killed a bear in Alvaton. There was two sets of Kirby's, Toe heads and black heads, ~~my grand-mother~~ your people were blackheads, my grand-mother ~~my grand-mother~~ Nancy Kirby married big Len Kirby, he was a toe head so I am half toe dead and half black head.

Our great grand fathers first settled in the Lee Harris Bend, and were buried on top of the hill from the Lee Harris house, go out some time and look it over, it will be interesting to you if the vandals have not destroyed their head stones. Our people were Scots. ~~Scots~~ landed in Charleston and settled Ashville North Carolina, on the *Yadkin*. Our people all started from there and spread all the universe. They were healthy lassacs and bred fast. I am better posted on my ~~my grand-mother~~ people on my ~~my grand-mother~~ side for they were Boons, and I know more history of the Boons family than all the modern historians. Johnie Boone my great grand father was <sup>a</sup>borther to Daniel and Ratlif Boone, the first Fort was built out



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at the Three Springs, some day go out and look at the stones in that spring, they were placed there by Johnnie, Ratlif and Daniel Boone, I was in the old Fort they built when it was perfect with my grandfather and he explained it to me, you can find the stones scattered all over that neighborhood for foundations ~~from~~ stones for houses and barns. It took the people in Kentucky fifty years after they were ~~dead~~ all dead to find out what they did for old Kentuck, The land grabbers drove them out of the State, Daniel Died in Missouri, and Ratlif and Johnnie died in Arkansas.

Skinny Sam Kirby was with the Boones in their long hunt in Kentucky, and got his name for skinning a deer so quick.

Skinny Sam Kirby and Jesse L. Kirby were brothers and were buried on top of the hill from the Lee Harris place, and Skinny Sam Kirby killed a bear within 100 yards of that grave yard with a butcher Knife.

My grandad walked from Kentucky to New Orleans and walked back after fighting the battle under Andrew Jackson, when he came back he kept on going and was in the battle when Tecumsah was killed, and kept on going until they drove the Indians in to Canada.

My Grandad Boone did not have much on my grandad Kirby when it come to fighting Indians, The Boones and the Kirby's came to Kentucky shoulder to shoulder.

There is a Daniel Boone society now, writing a lot of bunk about the lives of the Boones, and they don't know a cussed thing about the boone family. Let me hear from you,

Joe S. Kirby