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My dear cousin

I am always glad to hear from my relatives, and will furnish you with any data I have. My uncle Spencer Clack gave me the record I have as my father died when I was quite small- The Clacks came from Wales in the early part of the 18th century- There were five brothers who settled in Albermarle Co Va. Maj John Clack and his brother Spencer Clack fought through the Rev- War- In 1796 both John Clack the father and Spenceh Clack the son were members of the first constitutional convention from Sevier Co. Spencer Clack sat as Representative from Sevier in the first assembly 1796. In the second assembly 1797 John Clack was senator and Spencer Representative from Sevier Co. In the third assembly 1779 (?) Spencer Clack was Representative, as in the fourth assembly, 1801. On April 22, 1796 John was elected a Justice of the Peace in Sevier by the assembly. John Clack represented Giles Co Tenn in 1819 and 1823- they represented their Co as long as both lived- You will find it in Ramseys History of Tenn. Maj John Clack was my great grandfather- he was born 1757 lived at Abbingdon Va- moved near Paint Rock East Tenn. he afterwards moved to Giles Co Tenn- he dcd on his farm at Mt Moriah six miles west of Pulaski 1833- I should have told you he married Sarah Standifer in Abbingdon Va- ~~Sarah~~ he had 1 son and nine daughters- My grandfather Spencer Clack was a volunteer in the War of 1812. he was born 1783 married Lucy Jones she was a daughter of Wilson Jones of Nth Carolina- and a sister of Judge Thomas M Jones of Giles Co- an eminent lawyer and a member of the Confederate Congress- his son Col Calvin Jones Clack was an officer in the third Tenn. was one of the finest regiment s either the Nth or Sth. I find that Maj John Clack fought in the battle of Cowpens- Guilford Court House, and other battles. I also see that one of his brothers was named Thomas- he moved to Nth Carolina and they were sons of Thomas Clack- Excuse my not connecting it as I should- but I keep finding more- The Clacks are one of the finest old families in the state- Yes I am a member of the D.A.R. but went in on my mothers side. She was a Miss Hadley- grand daughter of Capt. Joshua Hadley of Nth Carolina he was one of the original members of the Cincinnati- My daughter also is a member of the D.A.R. her husband Sen J Washington Moore is one of the most talented members of the bar- he is now assistant city attorney and has had the chair of criminal law in the Vanderbilt Un years. I think I shall fill out a paper to put in the D.A.R. on my Clack side- You see I would have no trouble as I can go right up to it- My husbands middle name is Blair they are from Va. but I don't (sic) any thing about it- Those old Va families are all connected I believe- I hope this will be of some benefit to your children-

Yours sincerely

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