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Route # 4

Sevierville, Tenn.

Mr. Floyd M. Mullendore

New Holstein, Wis.

Dear Mr. Mullendore:

Mr. J.B. Waters and others told me of your recent visit to Sevier-ville and of your interest in the Mullendore family. I shall tell you what I know about the Sevier County Mullendores. The first one of the name to settle here was Abraham Mullendore, b. 1762, d. 1831. His wife was Susannah Layman. I do not know the state from which they came, but think it was Virginia and they probably settled here between 1790 and 1800. The reason I think they lived in Virginia was the fact that Jacob Layman, Revolutionary War veteran, and brother of Susannah Layman, came to this County from Virginia. Also, she had a sister, Elizabeth, who married Jeremiah Compton, another Revolutionary War veteran, and they lived in Virginia before coming to East Tennessee. I have no Bible record of Abraham's children, but can give you the names of several who I am sure were their children. These follow: David Mullendore, b. 1799, John Mullendore, b. 1800, Susannah Mullendore, Mary Mullendore, Nancy Mullendore, b. 1794, William Mullendore, E. Mullendore, b. 1802, d. 1805. David Mullendore married Caroline ? . This family was listed in the Sevier County Census record of 1850 as follows: Mary, b. 1835, Abraham, b. 1840, Newton, b. 1842, George, b. 1844, Margaret, b. 1847, John, b. 1849. This family left this County after 1860, and I have heard that they moved to Greene County, Tennessee, about 60 miles northeast of this County. John Mullendore, my great grandfather, married Dialtha Rogers, daughter of Elijah Rogers, an early settler here and a prominent Baptist preacher. The following record of this family is from the family Bible, now in the possession of Mr. Roy Massey, Atlanta, Georgia: Abraham Lafatette Mullendore, b. June 11, 1830, d. 1914, m. Laura Enloe, Mary Amanda Mullendore, b. April 26, 1832, m. Elijah Brown, William Wallace, b. Feb. 21, 1834, m. Mattie Tipton, Elijah Leonadas, B. Dec. 15, 1835, Robert Bruce, b. Jan. 26, 1842 (Confederate soldier and killed during the Civil War in Blount County, Tennessee), John Newton, b. Feb. 6, 1840, d. young, Susannah Katherine, b. Feb. 25, 1842, d. 1904, m. W.W. Montgomery (Captain in the Union Army during Civil War. They were my grandparents), Nancy Matilda Mullendore, b. April 17, 1844, Jane Elizabeth Mullendore, b. April 16, 1846, d. March 16, 1916, m. Aaron Marcus McCown, Malvina Caroline, b. Jan. 29, 1847, David R., b. March 8, 1851, d. 1926, m. Minnie McCown, Dialtha N. Mullendore, b. May 31, 1854, Sally Josephine Mullendore, b. June 24, 1855, m. Dr. Z.D. Massey, well known local physician, served one term in Congress. Most of this family remained here in Sevier County. Susannah Mullendore, dau. of Abraham, married John Wear of this County. He was a son of the famous Col. Samuel Wear, one of Sevier's Captains at Kings Mountain and the most prominent early settler here. Mary Mullendore, dau. of Abraham, was living with her brother John in 1850, according to the Census record. I know nothing more about her. Nancy Mullendore, dau. of Abraham, married ~~Simeon P. Runyan~~ John Runyan. They left this County before 1820 and settled in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, where their son Simeon P. Runyan, was born, June 26, 1821. They later lived in Rhea County,

Tennessee, and Hamilton County, Tennessee. She died at the home of her son, Simeon P. Runyan, August 27, 1875. Information about this family was obtained from Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, page 960. William Mullendore, son of Abraham, served as a private in a Sevier County militia company from Sept. 23, 1813 to Dec. 23, 1813. A William "Mulindore," believed to be the same man, is listed as the head of a family in the Shelby County, Alabama census of 1820; his family consisted of himself, wife and four children, one male and three females. The child, E. Mullendore, ~~is~~ is buried at Shiloh Cemetery, by the side of the graves of Abraham and Susannah Mullendore. The inscription reads: "E. Mulletdore, Age 3, ~~was~~ d. 1805. This is believed to be their child. In Wilson's Knoxville Gazette, dated Nov. 8, 1813, there is a reference to one Charles "Mullendow," who may have been a son of Abraham and Susannah. The reference is as follows: "Notice, dated 29 Aug 1813, Camp ten miles from Knoxville: James McCartee was mistaken when he wrote his wife in Sevier County, stating he had sent her \$18 by Charles Mullendow. It was only \$7 and I owed him \$1. Witnesses: Jacob Pearson, James Patterson, David Waddle, Miles Riley, John Johnson, Joshua Atchley, Daniel Atchley."

I have been interested in this family because there are so few of the name in this country. There is a tradition here that it was a Dutch family, or more likely German. I have searched the Pennsylvania records and the Virginia records, and have found nothing that would explain the origin of the family in the United States. If you have records of your family it might be possible to make some connection. I shall be glad to dorrespond with you.

Yours very truly,