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Route # 4

Sevierville, Tenn.

Mrs. Amy Lowery Worrell

Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Worrell:

I am interested in obtaining ancestry data on FLAYL NICHOLS, who married NANCY HATCHER, and served in Captain Adam Clement's Company, Virginia militia, during the Revolution. He migrated to this County (Sevier) about 1790, and served in the Tennessee State Senate in 1803-1804. NANCY HATCHER is said to have been a cousin of HENRY CLAY, and FLAYL is said to have been in the battle of King's Mountain, but I have no proof of either claim. They had the following children: Sarah, Martha, Rhoda, John, Jesse, Simeon, William, Robert, Edward. I have the families of Sarah, Martha and John, but know very little about the others except that some of the sons migrated to Missouri before the Civil War. FLAYL NICHOLS died in 1823, and is buried at old Shiloh Cemetery near here. I do not have the date of his birth and would like to obtain it.

The Bedford County Court records might contain wills, deeds, etc., that would give information about the ancestry of these two. I would be glad to exchange data, or would pay a reasonable amount for such information. I have no record of their marriage and know nothing about the HATCHER family. Most of our early people came from the Valley of Virginia, but the courthouse here burned in 1856 with the loss of our early court records, which makes it very difficult to trace our first families. I shall appreciate any assistance you may be able to give me.

Yours very truly,