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Dear Mrs. Camin:

A lady in Virginia is writing a book on some of our Williams, Turley, etc. ancestors (Willis, too), and many of these married into the Battle family. I am told that the N.C. State Library has 8 genealogies of the Battle family, and I have a thousand questions to ask, but they are just so slow, and they can only answer one question at a time, etc., so I have decided to contact you, in hopes that you can look through these books at the State Library ("The Battle Book," "Americans of Gentle Birth," etc.) & extract this information for me more quickly.

(I need to know how all of these Battles were related, because they or their descendants married into my family, or families related to mine; I am supposed to help supply this lady with details of my branch of the family, so I consider this vital information, and need to have this info. as soon as possible.)

I think that I have narrowed my research down to specific requests, so it wouldn't take you long to go through the Battle genealogy or genealogies & ~~xerox~~ the necessary pages - or give me the addresses to the more recent researchers of this family, if those books give them.

Please write back & tell me the cost of the ~~xeroxes~~ copies & your time. Or let me say now that I'll accept your fee sight-unseen, since I doubt that this research would take you over an hour, or possibly



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two hours. So if you want to get started on it right away, please do.

I'd appreciate having this done as soon as possible, if you can bill me for the charge.

If it doesn't sound like enough work for you, you can just work in an hour or so of this work if some other job takes you to the State Library.

I have other questions that need answers, too, but I can send them later, if you agree to do this for me.

See if the Library has a genealogy of the Spears or Willis family. (Willis Spears, b. 1809 S.C., was supposed to have descended from the Willis family that intermarried so often with Battle, Turley, Williams, & the Presidential Washington, Madison, Monroe, etc. families.)

A Genealogy of the Champ(e) family that intermarried with Willis, etc. ? Also, their EVANS descendants; Eliz. Evans, b. c. 1810 S.C., married Senator James Wier (Weir) Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Miss. - (she was supposedly a Champ descendant or relative.)

What about the 1930 edition of "The Ten Tribes of Wier" by Wm. S. Wier?

~~163~~ What about the Presidential Tyler family and their Smelley descendants? or an Ogletree genealogy?

I am enclosing a letter I'd intended to send to the State Library. It contains my main questions about the Battle family, which I hope you will answer for me.

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If you will send me ~~xxxx~~ copies of the pages  
necessary to answer my questions, I'll of course pay for  
the cost, plus your time & expense, etc. Or, if  
you think it would be cheaper <sup>(for me)</sup> for you to just copy  
down the necessary names, dates, & places tracing all of  
these people back to a common ancestor, then please  
do that for me. (You'd have to be a pretty fast writer,  
though, for that!)

I'm sure you can understand what I need.

Thank you very much, and I hope you'll  
accept my proposition.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Isbell

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Dear State Library:

Enclosed is the \$1.00 you requested for the last copies you sent me.

Now, will you please search your Battle genealogy until you find the following people? I will explain to you what I need, and will you please tell me all of the page numbers I will need to Xerox?

- (1) the address of the author of the more recent Battle Genealogies
- (1) From the Index - all "Turley," "Williams," and "Willis" surnames
- (2) Ancestry of <sup>(u)</sup> Lawrence Battle who married Anna R. Proctor 625
- (3) Ancestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Battle who married Mary Willis ~~Ø~~  
(look up Mary Willis Battle in Index); also, their children
- (4) Ancestry of Wm. Battle who married <sup>ANN</sup> Charity Horn 449-452  
(it would be easier to look up "Charity Horn Battle" than look up all the William Battles)
- (5) Ancestry of Wm. Battle III who married Chloe Cruddup Boddie  
(look up Chloe C. Boddie Battle) ~~Ø~~ 675 Chloe Boddie Battle
- (6) Ancestry of Rev. Joseph John Battle index 720
- (7) Descent of John Sharp Williams from Patty Battle Fort Sharp (e) index 759  
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What I mean when I say I need to know their "ancestry" is that I need <sup>all</sup> the pages that show these people traced back to a common ancestor.

Since they are all supposed to be close relatives, it shouldn't take much work.

Please send me as many of these pages as the \$2.00 allows, and the page numbers for remaining pages necessary to ANSWER the questions above. THANK YOU!

Sincerely yours,  
Ray Isbell