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Dear Mr. Peeples,

A friend of mine, Sarah King, referred  
letter, you had written her some time ago  
(1974) concerning Tennessee Ancestors of Mrs. Lisa,  
as one who might help you find out more  
about them.

The Families you were interested in are  
the McKenzie's and Shell's of Mc. Minn County,  
Wiams and Harris of Garden County and  
Shelby's of Tennessee. (you did not say when  
they lived.)

In reply to your letter, will say I have  
researched a few Mc. Minn County Records and  
there found marriage of Frank Mc. Kinsey  
(Mc. Kenze) to Nannie Shell 16, Oct. 1876.

Also, I found Frankie Mc. Kenze and  
Manda his wife. listed in 1850 Census  
Records of Mc. Minn County.

I am contacting friend of mine in Athens for names and addresses of present day Shells and Mr. Kenzie's. Will send them to you as soon as I hear.

I may make a visit to Hardin County, later on in the summer, and if I do, I will research records there for you. If I am not able to go I will give you name of some one else to contact.

I am familiar with the County as the County was named for my Revolutionary War Ancestor, Col. Joseph Hardin.

As to Shells, I would need to know who you are looking for. I would need to know place and date of birth, death and marriage (do you think?)

Was your family of the Ben Evan Shelby family? This is a prominent family. I could give you name of genealogist who could help you with this line. I don't know of a specialist who works on this line, however.

I will write you when I hear from Athens. Best wishes to you in your search.

Sincerely,  
Maude Grigg