

Dear Dr. Peebles,

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I would like to thank you for your prompt response to my inquiry. It would really be nice if others could be like they say they will. No matter, I was delighted to hear from you.

Let me see if I can explain where I fit in on the Copeland line. Your Sarah Copeland is the sister of my direct descendant, Isaac David Copeland, who was born March 1, 1805 and died October 19, 1881. He married Eva Platts on November 29, 1832. Eva was born January 1, 1816 and died January 16, 1897, and she was the daughter of John Platts Jr. and Susannah Mole.

I know what you mean about the Copeland family being "more complicated". I really haven't had much luck finding a great deal of information at the Archives here in Columbia. I've been trying to locate exactly where the family landed. Nor do I know how the family name was spelled. There are some Copelands in the Clinton area above Newberry, but a couple of leading genealogists say they are a different Copeland family altogether. I haven't completely ruled that out.

Another very interesting piece of information I noticed in your letter was the Francina Counts that married George Riser. Have you seen any information concerning her or her family? I have a Counts line, and I know about Johannes Cuons (John Counts) land grant petition. I can't however, locate any information or anyone that can shed some light on bettering her and her families identity.

If you don't already know, David Sease in Newberry, has done an awful lot of research on the Sease family if you are interested. I know him personally. My knowledge of the Sease line is "0". As for the Copeland family, I'm learning. The Bishop family book is the most updated source I know of, so I'm not going to be able to tell you if all that info is correct. I can tell you I have seen a few small errors, typo's on birth and death dates. As for as some of the documents and things you mentioned in your letter, I have them in my files. I too have the same question in my mind as you. I think Jacob (1758-1836) served in the two different Regts. Right now I'm not sure what to believe!

No sir, I'm not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I have been considering joining the Sons of the Confederacy or something like that. Shows you how much I know about it. I know a lot of my direct ancestors fought in the Civil War. If you would like, send me some information about it. I'll be happy to look it over.

Forgive me for not being able to add to our quest at this time. I hope next time I can share some more positive information with you. Happy hunting!

Sincerely,

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