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Mr. Stephen Mudge 735 St. Louis Street Edwardsville, IL 62025

Dear Mr. Mudge:

I'm enclosing the paperwork that your son loaned us when we were back in Grantfork visiting the property on Monday of this week. As you may know, Robert S. Coulter, is my gr gr great grandfather and built the rock house in about 1817 on the property. I had stopped by your property a number of years ago and had gotten permission to photo the rock house and visit the Mudge Cemetery at that time. This time your son and his cousin were working on the property and allowed us to again photo the rock house and visit the cemetery. Robert died in 1821 and I thought there was a chance he might be buried in the cemetery. He is a Revolutionary Patriot who served in South Carolina under Swamp Fox and I had hoped the D.A.R. would have located his grave and put a Patriot Memorial on it. At any rate, I sincerely appreciate your kindness in letting me have a copy of this material on my family.

I understand from your son that you are the family historian and may have additional information on my Robert Coulter (and/or) his brother Archibald who purchased this property in 1817 in Madison County. Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated. I've spent many years researching the family. I would have assumed that Robert would have been buried on the land when he died in 1821 leaving wife Margaret and 11 children. No one seems to know. Any chance you have other information? I doubt Mudge Cemetery was there until your family moved there in 1835 or later. So if there ever was a stone or place on the property you thought he might have been buried, please let me know. Again I thank you for your kindness and would be happy to share information. I am an accountant and had a class (seminar) at S.I.U. campus on Tuesday all day. We arrived home late last night-its about a 5-6 hour drive. I wanted to return your paperwork right away and would love to contact you via phone or mail if you have further information on my family.

Sincerely yours,

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