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Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am writing to you for several reasons:

1. I would like information on the cost to subscribe to your newsletter.
2. I am seeking information on some ancestors.

The first is self-explanatory. As to the second matter, let me say that my father, William McCoy, was born and raised in Jackson. His father, William Creighton McCoy, was the youngest son of Franklin McCoy and Mary Graham; his mother was Emma Mae Higgenbotham. Franklin McCoy's parents were Michael McCoy and Elizabeth Elvira Mercer. Mary Graham's parents were John Graham and Catherine Rickabaugh. Michael McCoy's parents were John McCoy, who was born in Ireland, and Mary Miller (no info known). John Graham's parents were James Graham and Mary Buffington; I am not sure who Catherine Rickabaugh's parents were.

Some of the information that I seek:

1. Some information that I have indicates that John McCoy originally settled in Lawrence County, Ohio, moving eventually to Jackson County. I would like to eventually find the approximate year he arrived in America, through what port, and from where in Ireland. He was born abt 1760, married abt 1780, died in Jackson County, 1822. How many children did he have, and is there any proof that you know of which would show is birth, arrival in America, etc.?
2. John Graham and Catherine Rickabaugh were married 2 Feb 1810 (marriage contract reads 21 Jan 1810) in Scioto County. John was born 1 Oct 1782; Catherine was born 21 Jan 1791. Is there any proof anywhere that lists their birthplaces? I have never found any for John; the 1870 Jackson County Census states that Catherine was born in Virginia; in a book, Pennsylvania was listed as her birthplace. They are both buried in the Grahamsville cemetery.
3. Similarly, I have never been able to find where James Graham was born, or where he married Mary Buffington, daughter of John Buffington and Sarah Evans. James Graham was born 14 Dec 1753; he died 14 Jun 1830 in Grahamsville.

I have hoped to be able to drive down to Jackson and check out the courthouse information, but I have been unable to get time off work during the week. I have also planned on coming down to try to find the abandoned Grahamsville cemetery and also to check out the McCoy cemetery by Hamilton Church, just south of Jackson. Is there anyone you know who would be knowledgeable enough to either direct me or accompany me to find the Grahamsville cemetery? It is located on a hill, and is probably on someone's farm now; the last information I have on it dates from the early 1970's, and it was in pretty bad shape then.

Also, if you could put me in touch with persons in the Jackson area who are decendents of my ancestors, it would be very exciting to contact some of them. They may have information which you do not have access to. I'd especially be interested in contacting anyone with the name of Rickabaugh or Graham.

Thank you for your help. I will be looking forward to subscribing to your newsletter.

Sincerely,



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