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A PERSONAL LETTER

Miss Elizabeth Mary Battle,
Tarboro, N. C.

My dear Relative:—

How to preserve family records for our own benefit and those who follow after we are gone, is of great interest to every thinking person. Formerly Family Bibles were religiously kept, but unfortunately few of them are now to be found. If the people of the present day fail to keep a permanent record of their own children and family, when these children grow up and realize its importance, they most likely will place the blame upon their parents who failed to think of the future.

The writer has been deeply interested in these things for many years. The Battle Book is the outcome of this interest and labor. The enclosed papers describe these plans. It will tell of the coming to America of John and Mathew Battle in 1653-54 to the colony of Virginia. Their descendants to the remotest degree are included. Many years ago one of them, **Jacob Battle married Penelope Langley Edwards**

From this union sprang your own branch, and there have lived and are now living numerous descendants.

kindly furnished your name. We wish to include a record of every one in The Battle Book. You are cordially invited to send the records of each of your family, on Record "D.D" as shown herewith. We believe it will be a privilege and an honor to be represented, and we trust you will take advantage of this opportunity.

No requirements are necessary to be included in its pages. If you so desire, we will gladly enter your name for a copy of the book to be paid for when printed, at a price far below its actual cost. There are already sufficient subscribers to insure its publication. Soon it will be too late to secure one at the pre-publication price, after which only a limited number can be had at an advanced price. Later on, the supply will be exhausted and copies will not be available to any one.

The Battle Book will contain much more than a mere list of the names and record dates of people. A history of the times in which our ancestors lived, what happened to them, and why they moved to newer lands and sought homes in far away territory, will all be included, the historical value of which cannot be estimated. Many papers, such as wills, deeds, letters and other things left by our earlier ancestors, will be shown. Along with it all, there will be hundreds of photographic cuts of persons and homes.

Our plans are such that we are sure you will be proud to own one of these books, and the present opportunity is open only for a little while. Whether you subscribe or not, we hope you will send your records at an early date on the enclosed Blank "D.D".

Very sincerely yours,

H. B. Battle
H. B. Battle

*We want to interest every one in this great work,
+ we want you in it. Love to you all*

Where do you keep your Family Records?
The Battle Book has a place for them.

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Affectionately,

Love from all of us,

so long before we have that pleasure again.
It was good to see you last Spring, and I hope it won't be

of the pie.
must be full, but I am so interested that I can't keep my finger out
I don't want to seem fault-finding at a time when your hands

grandchildren would like to have this correction made.
(as the Battle Book will be) I believe all of William S. Battle's
difference anyway. But if it is to be a permanent record of our tribe
as he was not very well at the time, and I didn't think it made much
when we received the booklet, but didn't say anything to Cousin Tom,
after it was burned by the Federal troops. I noticed this omission
ated the Mill through the bad years of the Civil War, and rebuilt it
Smith Battle is not mentioned in this connection. He owned and oper-
like to call your attention to the fact that my grandfather, William
If this is the same booklet that Cousin Tom Battle sent us, I would
In the Table of Contents, item 24, Rocky Mount Mills:

scended from Joel. We are all much excited over the lost Joel.
thought he was a son of Missie, in fact I thought Uncle Kemp was de-
I notice that Joel Battle is not shown on Chart 1. I always

see it.
much interest in the Battle Book that it makes me even more eager to
years, and for the past six weeks has been in bed. He is showing so
Rather, as you know, has been in bad health for about two

a copy.
I am delighted to know that the long looked-for Battle Book
is about to be published, and am attaching money order for \$7.50 for

Dear Cousin Herbert:

Parboro, N.C.
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Oct. 30, 1928.

Miss Elizabeth Battle,
Tarboro, N. C.

My dear Cousin Elizabeth:-

You must pardon my seeming negligence in not replying before to your kind letter of the 22nd. I have been much out of the office and pressed with other duties, so please excuse me.

I am very sorry to know of Octave's sickness. Our family of boys was always very close to him and all of his brothers in many, many ways. Our frequent visits to Uncle William and his family in Tarboro in the old times were always sources of great pleasure. So please give my love to him and tell him I am thinking of him often.

I am sorry you sent the Money Order for \$7.50 as we did not wish a preliminary payment. You must excuse my returning it, therefore, as I wish to hold these matters until the book is actually ready for distribution. *up*

Of course, we will arrange to mention Uncle William in connection with Rocky Mount Mills. We all know of course that he was the one to carry the business as owner and loser in the distressing Civil War times, and many losses he sustained subsequently thereafter. I do not happen to have the booklet you mention but will get one and see that this omission is corrected in THE BATTLE BOOK. Uncle William was more connected with the Mills than any one else and for a longer time, although originally it was built by Joel Battle in 1817. Of course I will tell you who Joel was. Uncle William, the son of James Smith Battle, was the grandson of Jacob Battle, the sixth child of "Elisha the Patriarch". The fifth child was William Battle, whose children were Joel, the one mentioned, Isaac, who moved to Tennessee in 1790 at which time he donated all of his lands to Joel and Anne Battle, who married Daniel Ross. Joel was the father of a numerous family, the eldest being my grandfather, Judge William Horn Battle. Some of these owned the Rocky Mount Mills property after the death of Joel but finally selling their interest to James S. Battle and subsequently owned by Uncle William *your* Grandfather. So there you have it and to keep you from losing it the chart herewith gives you the connection.

With much love to your father and mother and all the rest of the family, I am

Affectionately yours,

H. B. Battle

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