

Wellsbury January

My dear Marnie

When I started off to old Virginia one of my many plans was a letter to you and Aunt Mollie, that I thought could surely be written in that quiet slow part of the World: but there like every where I go my hands were ever full. Amongst other things I tried to hunt up the family tree, but either our ancestors were very careless about

dates and very Democratic and  
 wished to obliterate all traces of  
 any aristocratic blood in their  
 veins, or fate was against my finding  
 what they did do for their country  
 and posterity. I finally did write  
 to the grand son of Patrick Henry  
 and he referred me to an old  
 law suit in 1807. He also stated  
 that what he had put in the  
 appendix of the life of his grand  
 Father was what the Flemings  
 had given him as the correct list

of the decendants of their ancestor  
John Lyne Jr. <sup>half</sup> (brother of Patrick  
Henry) Some time when I get  
all the dates possible I am going  
to get Pat to have it type written  
and send it to you to put in the  
old Bible - My greatest trouble  
now is to find out when & where  
grand Mother was born, and  
the name beyond controversy,  
of her Mother. I wrote to cousin  
Bettie Garland but she insists that  
great grand Mothers name was

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Lally Overton & she married  
the third John Lyne and had  
only two children a fourth John  
Lyne & Mildred Meriwether, but  
the law suit said Mildred Meriwether  
married the second John Lyne  
(half brother of Patrick Henry)  
and died leaving two children  
the son only three years old and  
the daughter <sup>Mildred</sup> was married to William  
Bochrane. As far as we can  
count grand Ma was fifty eight  
years old when Uncle Will was born.

Letter to: "Mamie" - Mary Hamilton Cochrane (1868-1909), Atchison, KS

Letter from: Nannie Meaux (Cochrane) Campbell (1849-1933),  
Wellsburg, WV

Date of letter unknown. People mentioned in the letter:

Aunt Mollie: Mary Davis (Stewart) Cochrane (1838-1919)

Uncle Will: Dr. William Winston Cochrane I (1820-1899)

Grandmother: Mildred Meriwether (Syme) Cochrane (1782-1843)

Great-Grandmother: Sallie (Overton) Syme (?-?)

Cousin Bettie: Elizabeth Morris Garland (1837-1912)

Pat: Patrick Cochrane Campbell (1871-1937)