

Houston, Texas,
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Mrs. Nancy H. Ball
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Dear Mrs. Ball:

I hope that all is well with you and yours. We are fine here. It is beginning to look like spring and even feel like spring. My back yard garden is beckoning.

Mrs. Ball, I have found just about what I was looking for in the way of Tom's work files and correspondance files to find out where he was in his research of our BALL family and the progress he had made and where he had left off. Rather, I have found the attached letters in the GA State Archives in Mr. Leon Hollingsworth files. Mr. Hollingsworth was the foremost genealogical researcher during the times that Tom was doing his research and Tom and Mr. Hollingsworth corresponded quite a lot. This is not all of Tom's working files but it is enough for me to get a good idea of where he was in his research and the problems he faced in his research.

I am very proud of these letters and I am sending a copy of them to you. In my research I am faced with the same problems of getting the right child or children paired with the right paretns as Tom did. O being unable to trace the BROWN family to determine what degree of relationship they were to our BALL family. To determine just which Bartholomew Ball was the administrator of the estate of John Brown because there were three Bartholomew Balls. These letters have opened up a whole new field of research for me. I know that Tom must have had a rather large working and correspondance file at one time but these letters of inquiry of his pertain to the South Carolina and Georgia area of where our Ball family lived and that is where I am doing all of my research at this time.

I am very proud of these letters and I am so thankfull to Tom for his research efforts for if it had not been for him, the history and genealogy of the family would still be wrapped in mystry and doubt and still lost in the shelves of the archives of SC and GA. I know that Tom would have cleared up all questions in time. I just hope I can carry on in a manner that would please him. I know I cannot match his drive and enthusiasm and expertise but I can use him to enspire.

Have a nice day, Mrs. Ball. These letters have sure made a nice day for me.

Sincerely,

RC Ball