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Lattimore N.C. Mt-1-
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Dear Chas- Webb- I write to give you a
sketch of our Pearson ancestors - They came
here after Revolution war from Gettysburg
Pa - 1790's Three brothers and six sisters
If their parents come with them - do not know
One brother in law William Gettys, Genders,
sold his farm where Gettysburg is located -
The other sisters married Louis-Lively-Gordon
Watson - Mr Arthur and Oliver, I don't know
how many of them married before coming
here - O D Price of Lattimore's mother was a
Lively - Rev A. G. Irwin's Grand mother Beane
was a Gordon They claimed to be American
Whigs - and have a tradition - that while their
father was in the army - a band of Tories
came and cut a web of cloth ~~cut~~ out of
the loom and their mother fought and
took it away from them while their 16
year old brother shot at them His name
was Walter He went to Indiana instead of
coming here, where he raised a large family
Two of his sons visited here and married

Two of their uncle Gen-John Carson's daughters
 and took them horse back to Indiana One
 of their sons visited here soon after Civil war
 and called on Judge V. D. Lathimare in Shelby
 The boys married after coming here. Brigadier
 General of militia John Carson married
 a daughter of Capt James Withrow who
 fought in the battle of Kings Mountain

My mother Barbara Rudisil Carson - born 1820
 died 1910 recollects seeing her great grand-
 father Capt. Withrow - said he lived 95 years
 I can recollect visiting my great grand mother
 Mary Withrow Carson - she had black eyes and
 weighed 400 pounds - she was the mother of six
 sons and six daughters - James W. John George
 Pinkney, Harrison and Oliver Carson - all
 raised families except Oliver who married a
 Jackson and had no children, Most of them
 moved west - Two daughters married Carsons -
 others to Wm. Getty, Hiram Smart, John Black
 and McArthur - Gen John - medium size blue
 eyes - redish hair He represented Rutherford County
 in Legislature - Sheriff William Carson married
 Dorcas Huey and got a good bunch of negroes
 with her - He had blue eyes - His wife dark complexion

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They raised 4 daughters - They married Rev -
Louis McCleury John Lattimore, John H -
Wills - and Samuel McGarland They were
mothers of the late C. D. Lattimore John H Wills -
Mrs Pink Alexander and the late Mrs J W Gandy
and the late John McCleury - Daniel Carson
the youngest brother married a McGarland -
I have heard of only one son James Carson
who furnished sons to Confederate army -
They were all Scotch-Irish Presbyterians
Sheriff Billy Carson served as Sheriff 20 years
or more with my grandfather James W Car-
son - as his favorite deputy ~~my~~ James W was
serving his second term as high Sheriff when
he died 1846 He was taking Typhoid fever when
doctors bled him to death at the age of 56 years
He married Catharine daughter of John Condit
They had 8 sons and 4 daughters - John L. Wm B.
Phillip L. Joseph L. Adolphus B. Thomas - L. James
died at age of 12 years - and Hall who died at 18 years
Dr. John a Presbyterian preacher married Mar-
garet - Gatis of Muraville Tenn. William married
Roxsana Withrow - Dr Phillip married Mary
Mauve - Lawyer Joseph married Mary Sloan
she is living in Kutherfordton the mother of
over

Lawyer James M. Pearson - Adolphus married
 Martha McFarland - and Edith Wicks - left one
 daughter by each - He died in Confederate
 Army at Petersburg Va Aug - 1864 - Thomas
 Pearson ^{was at Appomattox} married Lethia Harsil - James married
 Wm. Jones - They had two sons killed in Civil
 war John and James a third son Thomas & wounded
 him - he represent Rutherford in the Legislature
 Mary married Carvin Allen of Henderson Co -
 Their son Tom Allen represented Henderson
 in the Legislature in Senate with his cousin Jim
 Pearson Barbara married William M. Elliott
 She had one son James Pearson Elliott in the
 Confederate Army - And a grand son William
 S. Elliott of Ga - Register of the United States
 Treasury - Under President Wilson and Harding
 returned him one year - and then offered
 him a position at same salary - But he got
 a better offer from Wall Street Bankers and
 Took a position there -

Yours Truly James S. Elliott

P.S. Martha Pearson married Rev - William
 Rutherford They moved to Arkansas where he
 died soon she engaged to marry Lieut Tom Wilson
 who was killed in Civil war -