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Ellenboro, N.C.

Dec. 27 1938

Mrs. O. Max Gardner
Shelby, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Gardner:- After so long, this is a sort of a report of stewardship. We have your family burying ground cleaned up after a fashion, we cut the brush and briars and burned such of them as would burn and piled the ones that would not burn. Later I will go over there and burn these and smooth the ground and remound the graves. It does not look so good now but will look much better after I have burned the rubbish and cleaned the ground.

Your money left with me to get the graves cleaned up made five school boys very happy. They did the work and earned themselves some spending money for Christmas, pop bang boom Yes I think it went for firecrackers.

Gaston Harrill was up from Charlotte visiting his sister during the Xmas, Gaston tells me that Housen Harrill, the father of Samuel owner of the vest, came to North Carolina from Suffolk Va. His wife was a Street, he is buried near Beaver Dam church, he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain with the Virginia Troops his name appears as H. Harrill on the roster, he represented Rutherford County in the General Assembly in 1804,

Thought you might not have this information so am sending it along. Am hammering along on the church history, it seems more like a family history, for after all our people made
This confounded typewriter jamed and made that blur. As I was saying Aunt Drusilla was tickled pink or some other happy color with your present. She wanted me to include her thanks in this letter, but I have about persuaded her to let me type her a note of thanks and let her sign it, not many people have relatives in their ninety first year that can yet write their names and I thought you might like to have her signature. She speaks of you often and wonders if you will come again.

Pardon the length of this letter, I started and it seemed that it wouldn't stop, maybe I ought to change typewriters.

To you and yours a Happy New Year and may you see many of them.

Yours Very Truly

Henry C Duncan