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Dear Mr. Jackson

Your letter reached me yesterday. I am only too glad to give you the information you have asked for. The first house was built in Shelby, W.Va. built by my own father, Thomas Telford Jackson. It was a store in front with home in the back. My father married the youngest daughter of Samuel Baily, living near the Old Zion Baptist Church five miles above Shelby and they went to live in their home a bride and groom. The
Next house that was built there was built by my uncle, John Jackson. He was a merchant. I have a sister living now who was born in that house in 1857. She had a birthday two weeks ago and is 84 years old but in very ill now, not expected to live but a short time. I have only one brother living. He is in Atlanta. His name is J.W. Jackson. I knew there are the facts, and I hope one of you Jacksons will go to the Court House and make these records. The old home was preserved until
A few years ago, I have been told that the house had been torn down and a church built on it. I have this in true. My father was a consecrated Methodist, and I am sure that this would please him. If he could, I visited in the home of uncle Henry Weather about twenty-five years ago. and I found me to see the old home stead. He also told me that all the building material of all the old homes in and around Shelly were bought from my father, who built and en the store. Some here.
The old home was not called by my father’s name, but by the man that bought it. Please see that the Jacksons get credit. Jim Shelby was founded by the Jacksons. Uncle Abner, Jackson, who was my father’s brother, lived around and on Shelby all his life. Now I am sending you a record shot of myself. I have always been called a Jackson and if anyone on Shelley is near there should check this information. Let them get in touch with me. I am the only living niece in the Jackson generation. That is the older lot, and I am.
In love and to my dear beloved,

Please send word of your health and how you are. We are all well here. I am writing to let you know I will write you soon. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
P.S. I have many relations in Shelly—some very dear friends, one Dr. W. A. Roberts and wife who pastor a church there. Who knows one quite well.

Yours ever,

M. L. W.

In need not see the picture if you think best. I want it known that Shelly was founded by the Jacksons. It is a beautiful little city and I am proud of it.