

5404 N. Okemos Road,
East Lansing, Mich., 48823,
September 29, 1971,

Mr. R. Griffin DeLaMater,
259 Scenery Drive,
Weirton, W. Virginia,
Dear Mr. DeLaMater;

I will finally get this letter off to you altho I do not know where to begin.

I might say first that I am a fifth cousin of your grandfather, Robert Griffin DeLaMater, born in 1833. I might also add that one of our senators from Michigan, is Robert Griffin. How about that?

A few Delamater families came to Mich. in 1834 and settled in Jackson County, but my family did not come until after the Civil War. Other Delamater families came between 1834 and 1900 so that we now have a fair sprinkling of Delamaters over the state.

As to the Ysselsteyn family. Yes, I would like xerox copies of this family as they are connected with our family.

The DeLaMater Iron Works. They built some of the ships used in the Civil War. It was located along the Hudson River I think. A second cousin told of seeing it when he was in the Navy during World War I. I think it was Cornelius Henry DeLaMater who was at the head of this.

You mentioned about your father's records. I am sure that the Mich. State Library would like them, especially if they were typed.

I have a copy of my genealogy there and also Delamaters in Mich., a 46 page book of many Delamater families in Mich. as well as a few hundred which I found in the Mich. census of 1840-1850-1860-1870 and 1880.

I also have a book there of Delamaters in New York state. This consists mostly of Delamaters in the census of 1790-1800-1810-1820-1830-1840 and 1850.

I have copied off some of these on another sheet, which pertain to your family.

You will notice in the 1850 census that Griffin Delamater 16 was living with a family and learning the blacksmith trade. Did you know of this?

I just reread your letter and noticed who Griffin married so I held your letter up another day so I could get to the library and look up and see who he was living with. I will put what I found on the sheet with the census.

Your father certainly had a lot of genealogy records on several lines. I wish you had a H. of H. as I am sure you would enjoy it. This one that I got shows a little water damage but otherwise it looks new.

I am enclosing a sheet dated May 1, 1971, which is a correction of an error in my genealogy. This should be on the back of page 8.

I am enclosing 8 sheets which I copied from H. of H. which cost 10 cents each. I hope this is what you wanted. You will notice "Cloudis's Point" on one map. That belonged to our Glaude le Maistre.

I must close and get this in the mail.

Yours Sincerely,