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Dear Lemsters,

Since I wanted to write to so many Lemsters and tell them all the same thing I am being lazy and using carbon paper for the first part of this letter. I am a poor and slow typist so that is my excuse. This is my 79th letter since Sept. 4 so I know you will excuse my being lazy.

I have contacted a Howard Lemaster, 412 College Ave., Carlinville, Ill. He is connected with the college there but spent last summer doing research on the Lemaster family. He printed a booklet "LEMASTER FAMILY U.S.A." This deals mostly with his own group, which is descended from John Wilhelm Leymeister of Penna. In 1960 he hopes to add other families. I have already sent him my line for his booklet. As he places this in libraries, historical societies etc. I believe this will really grow into a big project. He will send his data to any interested person. His main idea is to get all the Lemsters into one family even if he has to go back to Europe to do so.

He has undertaken a big job and will appreciate all the help he can get. You will not only help him but will help get your own line in a good record. This is not a money making idea but something to leave for future generations. So send him your line as far back as possible with birth, death, marriage dates and places of birth and residences, any historical data etc. He will put it in a form for pages in the booklet and give you credit for it.

Let's all help get this work started.

Dear Virginia,

I really believe this is a good idea.

We were in Henry Co., Ky. this summer. Stopped in New Castle and saw some of your relatives, an Arnett LeMaster, Sr. He has a beautiful old colonial home - 25 rooms - 5 baths - beautiful floors, woodwork, huge hall, colored maid etc. Perhaps you have been there. He was quite interested in the coat of arms. His grandson, age about 12, is a very good artist and planned on painting the coat of arms. Arnett's daughter wasn't home. He said she was quite interested in the family history but I never heard from her. I believe Zachary was Arnett's grandfather.

Margaret

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