

Bartlettsville, Oklahoma
April 20, 1935

Mrs. Ethel A. LaMaster,
7603 So. Prairie Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. LaMaster:

While attending the World's Fair in Chicago last year, I looked through the city directory (as is my custom) for the name of LaMaster and found your name and address. My mother was Harriet LaMaster, and I am interested in learning all I can about the history of the family. I would judge, of course, that you are a connection by marriage, but thought that you might know someone of the name who might be able to give me some information.

Just recently I have been in correspondence with Slater LaMaster, the playwright and author of New York City, and he has given me some additional information. Through him I learned the name of my great-great grandfather, Joseph LaMaster. He is said to have gone into Kentucky with Daniel Boone. My grandfather, Hugh LaMaster, was born in Henry Co., Kentucky in 1798. He left Kentucky in 1822, and went to Ohio, then to Illinois, where my mother was born. He was the only member of this (his) family who went "up North", I believe. I am enclosing some copies of the family history, and would appreciate having you pass them along to anyone who might be able to give me any ~~form~~ information about the family. I am a member of the D.A.R. on my father's side of the house (Dorsey) and would like to know more about mother's side of the family. My grandfather, Hugh LaMaster, was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and a cousin (Hugh LaMaster) in Lincoln, Nebraska, (an attorney) has a dozen or more personal letters written to grandfather by Lincoln. They were both surveyors of adjoining counties in Illinois in the early days, and met through this mutual interest.

Any information that you may be able to give me will be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Grace E. Mahin

c/o YMCA