Dear Brother,

It is long, very long since I had the pleasure of hearing from you. We are all well at present. Me and my family wish to go to that country to live. My sons are nearly grown up now and are fine workers and are able to assist us all they can. But having no money to take us there we feel at a loss. I would wish you to write and let me know what part of the country you live in as my oldest son Beroni does intend paying you a visit this summer or fall. If you will be kind
enough to assist us from Wheeling we will struggle and get there this fall. My family in all are seven children and our two eldresses. I wish you to write as soon as possible and let us know if you will adjut us or not. As the time is short we do intend to move to a new country shortly and it is our wish to go to the part you live in if we can get it accomplished if you will give us any encouragement the land in this part of the country is very stive and gives poor people no encouragement to stay. If we could get there the boys perhaps could get a piece of land of their own through time by their industry as they have no prospect here but struggling through difficulties as I have from all my life.

Sister Mary (Bryant) is living and well and doing well. She has five children she lives about 12 miles from us.

Our mother is dead about 10 years ago. I have no more to say at present but remain your affectionate sister

April 27, 1824 - Nancy Burns
P.S. Direct your letter to Harowings post office - Cecil County, Maryland.
Addressed
William Buchanan
Care of Robert Caldwell
Banks of Big Sandy.

I have copied errors and all as it is. Grandfather sent her money and went to Wheeling to meet and assist them to his home but never heard from her or of her afterwards.
Walla Walla, Wash., January 19, 1916,

Dr. J. L. Miller,

Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Doctor Miller,

I have been able to gather the following information regarding the Hampton family, and while it does not seem to be much after I got it all together, I hope it may prove of value to you. As to old family bibles, I would suggest that you write to Mr. Benjamin W. Hampton, 7204 kedren Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. He may also be able to give you other information which you may wish. He wrote me that he had several leaves of the old family bible, part of which he was unable to decipher.

William Henry Hampton, Born (about) 1820, Died (about) 1881 at the Soldier's Home in Lexington, Ky. (My mother says the disease he died of was brought on by excessive drinking, a habit he formed while serving in the Civil War). In 1847 he married Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of Benjamin Weaver of Pittsburgh, Pa., High Sheriff of Allegheny County in 1840. (Elizabeth Weaver was born at Elizabeth, Pa., Nov. 8, 1828, and died October 4, 1903). The following extract is copied from Bate's History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers: "William Henry Hampton, Co.H., 156th Reg. Pa. Vol., enlisted at Pittsburgh, Aug. 23, 1862. Mustered out with Company May 29, 1865. Battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, also Muddy Road. Did much guard duty at Washington during the 2nd Battle of Bull Run."

William Henry Hampton and Elizabeth Weaver Hampton had seven children, as follows:

David Holmes, born in 1851 at Pittsburgh, died 1852.

William Anthony, born in 1853, Pittsburgh, died 1876 (unmarried).

Annie Barbara, Born in 1856, Pittsburgh, married William Marvin Gartley, a carpenter, April 8, 1875, they having seven children, as follows:

William David, 1874-1881

Lidie Annie, 1878-1887


Elizabeth Weaver - 1886

Annie Esther - 1888-1897

Wilfred Alexander, 1896

Laura Margaret, 1900
Benjamin Weaver, born in 1857 at Cattletsburg, Ky., 1857; married Annie Welsh, 1875; 2 children, Catherine, who married Walter Fleming of Springfield, Ohio, and William; Annie Welsh died in—married second time, to Elizabeth Balfour; they have five children, but the information he sent me is not complete, and it will save time for you to write to him as I suggested than for me to do so. Three of the children are Ethel Carol, 1891; Samuel Balfour, 1895; Lois Warden, 1898.

Mary Elizabeth, born in 1859 at Durant, Iowa - Spinsters

Susan Love, born in 1861, Pittsburgh; married William Ault, farmer, 1890; no children. Her present address is Murdocksville, Wash. Co., Pa., R.F.D.

Harry Augustus, 1863, Pittsburgh; married Agnes Carol about 1892. No children. If you could get in touch with my Uncle Harry, he could furnish you quite a bit of information, I am sure, but I do not know his address now. Benjamin W. Hampton can perhaps give it to you.

I shall be glad to help you in any way I can in getting the material together. I wrote you last summer, and not receiving a reply, I concluded you had perhaps dropped the matter for awhile, so I decided to wait until I could make my mother a personal visit before going ahead. She was able to give me most of the information herein.

I shall be glad to have a copy of the genealogy when finished and will pay any expenses there may be connected with it; or if you have but one copy, if you can lend it to me I will make a copy of it.

What part of England did the Hamptons come from? Were they Pilgrims? You said they came over in 1620. How did they come? As that is the date of the landing of the Mayflower, I have been wondering if they came on that famous old vessel. Why did they settle in Virginia?

If you have time to answer these numerous questions, I shall be glad to hear from you. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Bailey