To whom it may concern:

The attached fourteen pages, photostated by the Nebraska Historical Society and certified by the author (seven showing the proven descent of Mary[6] (Adamson) Colbert and her Cousin Charles[5] Fremont Cather from Jasper[2] Cather [1739-1812] of Fredrick Co. Virginia, four giving pertinent data on the D.A.R. application of the said Mary[6] (Adamson) Colbert [now deceased]; and three pages a letter from Charles[5] F. Cather to Mrs. W. W. Ray [Blanche[6] (Cather) Ray, 4-21-27) are presented to clarify and correct the erroneous application and geneology of Mary[6] (Adamson) Colbert, National D.A.R. membership # 164593.

Jasper[2] Cather, died July 30, 1812, near Winchester, Fredrick Co. Va. aged 72 years and is buried in nearby Gainsborough Cemetery where his tombstone (original) still stands. Jasper Cather, and Sarah Moore were married by Christian Streit, Mar. 27, 1786, Book 1, p. 25, line 8 Fredrick Co. Va. Marriage Records. From the will of Jasper[2] Cather, signed Apr. 13, 1812 and proved Aug. 4, 1812, Book 9, p. 161, Clerk's office Fredrick Co. Va. Thomas[3], John[3], Jane[3], and Mary[3] (shown by the date of deeds, and the dates of their births, To be the children of a first wife Catherine), and William[3], Robert[3], David[3], James[3], Hannah[3], and another Mary[3] (the Mary of the first family had married Robert McKee and was dead before the birth of the second Mary in 1806) children of his second marriage (this alignment proven by a combination of the will, deeds, birth, Bible and Census records as well as the recorded marriage with Sarah) A deed shows a wife Barbara (also borne out by tradition) between Catherine and Sarah, but all records show the children to be in two families the first by Catherine and the second by Sarah - none by Barbara (by tradition Catherine and Barbara were Lawrence sisters).

We have complete or nearly complete records to the middle 1930's of all the above listed 10 children of Jasper[2] Cather, except the daughters Hannah[3], and Sarah[3]. In 55 years of searching, we have not been able to trace these two past their marriage.

Some have thought there was still another daughter Margaret (she was definitely raised in Jaspers family) but we do not think she was Jasper's daughter, and although we can trace her family and a Cather connection, we have not as yet been able to prove her ancestry.

Deeds, tax lists, records of military service, the will, petition and other historical information show that Jasper Cather, and Joseph Cather could not possibly be the same individual.

The revolutionary record (page 10) of Joseph Cather, used by Mary[6] (Adamson) Colbert, is thought to be the first of several of Joseph Cather who served until as late as Oct. 11, 1784, then was in Bucks Co. Pa. in 1785 and 1786, and finally died intestate in Clarion Co. Pa where ("Letters of Administration were issued to Thomas Cathers and Robert Cathers (his sons) in the estate of Joseph Cathers deceased. Letters were issued June 29, 1846. No will.")

We have had the records of one branch of Joseph Cathers family since Dec. 1908, and within the past year have received the records of several other lines. We presently expect to be able to definitely prove the relationships of several of the other older branches of the Cather family (Generations [2] and [1].)

It is also our hope, as a result of recently acquired new information, connecting with some we have had for years, to finally trace and prove the ancestry of Jasper[2] Cathers wives as well. This research was started over fifty years ago, and for the first time we have some definite leads.

This entire presentment is prepared (and a copy is on file in the Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska) in the hope that some one can force a correction and change in the National D.A.R. records, so that the legitimate records of the descendants of both Jasper Cather, and Joseph Cather can be recognized, by the National D.A.R. (Mary (Adamson) Colbert is certainly a proven descendant of Jasper Cather and her record should so show), and that the clouds over the claims of Mary (Cather) Wood, as the daughter of a revolutionary soldier (so listed on her first grave marker, and at her own request) and the D.A.R plaque dedicated by my grandfather George Perry Cather March 19, 1936, can be completely removed.

If sufficient time is allowed, and the expense underwritten, similar certified photostatic records can be supplied for nearly any branch of the Cather family, from our thousands of pages of records.

February 4, 1961

George Cather Ray
Box 6.
Grand Island, Nebraska.

From the Geneological Records of the
Robert Cather -2, Jasper [illegible] (Family)
collected and compiled from research since 1861, in family, diary, letters, tombstone, public, Bible, and printed historical records by George Perry Cather, Blanche Cather Ray, and George Cather Ray.
Certified to be a true copy
George Cather Ray
George Cather Ray Feb. 13, 1961

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 13 day of February 1961

Notary Public Helen D Boehmer
My Commission expires Jan 13. 1967

1-b. Robert[3] s. Jasper[2] and Sarah (Moore) Cather, ba. Feb — 1787.
b. Rosannah Johnston, April 12, 1788.
m. Robert[3] Cather, and Rosannah Johnson, April 7, 1813 in Winchester, Va. Book 4, page 264, line 26. See Bond Book - William Johnson, Surety.
d. Robert[3] Cather, da. May 1843, aged 54yr. 3mo. 16da.
d. Rosannah (Johnston) Cather, wid. July 5, 1857 Near Anderson, Indiana

7 - Children

1- b. Sarah[4] Ann Cather, born Jan 11, 1814, in Virginia
d. Sarah[4] (Cather) Morris, Apr. 18, 1857, died wife of John Morris, in or near Anderson, Madison Co., Indiana. (6 chi)
2- b. Rebecca Caroline[4] Cather, born Feb. 18, 1816. In Virginia.
d. Caroline[4] (Cather) Myers, May 10, 1839. died wife of Samuel Myers, near Anderson, Indiana. Samuel Myers then married her sister Elizabeth (2 chi)
3- b. Jasper[4] W. Cather, born Nov. 3, 1817. In Virginia
d. Jasper[4] W. Cather, died June 4, 1837 age 20, drowned while swimming in the White River, near Anderson, Indiana.
4- b. Elizabeth[4] D. Cather, born April 10, 1820. In Virginia.
d. Elizabeth[4] (Cather) Myers, May 16, 1894. died wife of Samuel Myers, former husband of her sister Caroline, in Anderson, Indiana (9 chi)
5- b. Robert[4] William Cather, born May 4, 1823, in Virginia
d. Robert[4] W. Cather, July 25, 1906, age 83yr. 3mo. 21da., at the home of his son Charles[5] F. Cather, near Anderson, Indiana. (11 chi)
6- b. Sarepta[4] J. Cather, born Oct. 6, 1825, in Brownsville, Penn. near Redstone
d. Sarepta[4] J. Cather, died Aug. 13, 1837, age 12, of fever within a few hours of her brother George, near Anderson, Indiana.
7- b. George[4] W. Cather, born July 24, 1829, near Wilmington, Clinton Co. Ohio.
d. George[4] W. Cather, died Aug. 12, 1837, age 8, of fever within a few hours of sister Sarepta, near Anderson, Indiana.

Before leaving Virginia Robert[3] lived for a time in the old Jasper[2] home on "Flint Ridge", Robert[4] Jr. is known to have been born there. It is thought Robert[3] looked after the home place, and his younger sisters[3], while his brothers David[3] and James[3] served in the War of 1812. In 1823, Robert[3] moved to Brownsville, Penn., by tradition[3] to be near his uncle, Robert[2,3]. In 1826 to a farm near Wilmington, Clinton Co. Ohio, and in 1836 to a farm 4 miles west of Anderson, Madison Co. Indiana, on the White River.

Family Historical Information

Robert[3] Cather was the oldest child of Jasper[2] Cather and his wife Sarah (Moore) Cather. He was born about the middle of Feb. 1787 in Fredrick County, Virginia. It is not likely that the family was settled in the house at "Flint Ridge" until after this date, but undoubtably Robert grew up at "Flint Ridge"

Robert had what has been called "the Cather fondness for horses" and at an early age became a teamster, doing long distance hauling at a time when the railroad was non-existant. He hauled grain from the Shenandoah Valley to the Baltimore market and brought back goods from Baltimore to Winchester, and on up the valley. He drove a four horse team to a Winchester wagon. He considered the style and finish of the Winchester wagon much superior to that of the Pennsylvania wagon, and he always took great pride in the appearance and efficiency of his outfit.

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On April 7, 1813, in Winchester, Va., Robert married Rosannah Johnston born April 2, 1788. Unproven Tradition has her a cousin of Confederate Gen Joseph E. Johnston. The first five children were born in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Before leaving Virginia they lived for a time in the old house on "Flint Ridge" and Robert Jr. the last child to be born in Virginia was known to have been born there. In 1823 they moved to Brownsville, Penn., where the old National Road crosses the Monongahela - the Redstone of earlier times where Jasper, the father, had spent some early years. Here they lived for almost three years, moving on to Ohio in 1826 and locating on a farm near Withington, Clinton County. Here Robert built a brick kiln from which he furnished the brick for a Quaker meeting house, and he built himself a substantial brick home both being in good repair and in use in the late 1920's. After about ten years in Ohio Robert sold out in 1836 for a substantial profit and moved on to the newer country and the cheaper land in Indiana. He bought land about four miles west of Anderson, in Madison County, on the White River. To his original purchase he added from time to time until he had a large acreage. He drove his stock through from Ohio and brought his family and household goods in his four horse Winchester wagon. He still did long distance hauling after moving to Indiana at a time of no railroads, carrying stock and freight between Anderson and Cincinnati.

Robert was possessed of a friendly, sociable disposition and he seems to have been a great favorite with his Virginia nephews several of whom visited his home both in Ohio and in Indiana.

It is said he had never been sick a day in his life before his last illness. He was stricken with what would seem to have been appendicitis after returning from a trip to Cincinnati. He died at the age of fifty-six years, three months and sixteen days, while his son was on a trip to New Orleans and other Southern points. He was buried at Anderson, Indiana. The head stones was broken and the exact date of his death could not be read, but his son Robert was married June 9, 1843, right after his return from the southern trip he was on when his father died.

Robert's widow Rosannah Johnston Cather lived on in the home in Anderson until her death on July 5, 1857. She left the family record written in her own hand on the fly-leaf of a Copy of Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress that was published in 1828.

The oldest son Jasper died in his twentieth year. Whereon a fishing trip, he tried to aid others, was siezed with cramps and drowned in the White River, near Anderson, Indiana. The two youngest children died of fever within a few hours of each other - George in his eighth year and Serepta in her twelfth year.

2- Caroline[4] (Cather) Myers, d. Robert[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather.
b- Rebecca Caroline[4] d. Robert[3] and Rosannah (Johnston) Cather, Feb. 15, 1816.
b- Samuel S. Nathan [?] and Providence (Mills-Elmore) Myers, Nov. 4, 1812.
m- Caroline[4] Cather, and Samuel Myers, Sept. 13, 1835. Clinton Co., Ohio.
d- Caroline[4] (Cather) Myers, May 10, 1839. died wife Samuel Myers, near Anderson, Ind.

2 Children

1- b. William[5] Ralph Myers, June 12, 1836 - died Apr. 18, 1907 (married 2 sons)
2- b. Jasper[5] Cather Myers, Dec. 24, 1838 - died Dec 13, 1918 (married 3 ch.)

4- Elizabeth[4] (Cather) Myers, d. Robert[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather
b- Elizabeth[4] d. of Robert[3] and Rosannah (Johnston) Cather, April 10, 1820.
m- Elizabeth[4] Cather, and wid'r Samuel Myers, Feb. 16, 1843
d- Elizabeth[4] (Cather) Myers, May 16, 1894, died wife of Samuel Myers, Anderson, Ind.
d- Samuel Myers, Feb - 1895, age 83 yrs. died in Anderson, Indiana.

9 Children

1- b. Therisa[5] C. Myers, Dec. 12, 1840; died Sept. 27, 1841.

2- b. Mary[5] Rosanna Myers, born May 6, 1842, near Anderson, Indiana
d Mary[5] Rosanna (Myers) Adamson, Aug. 5, 1874, in Holton, Kansas, age 34 yrs. died wife of Dr. Valantine V. Adamson (3 ch.)
3- b. Sarah[5] Caroline Myers, Jan. 27, 1844, died July 7, 1869. (married no ch.)
4- b. George[5] Washington Myers, Dec. 7, 1846, died Sept. 1, 1923 (married 2 ch.)
5- b. Oliver[5] Cromwell Myers, Mar. 30, 1849, died Oct. 13, 1902 (married 2 sons)
6- b. Martha[5] Tomson Myers, Feb. 18, 1851, died July 20, 1851.
7- b. Frank[5] Myers, born, Sept. 19, 1853, (married - 6 ch - was alive when record comp.)
8- b. Eudora Kate[5] Myers, June 12, 1856, died Dec. 25, 1890 (mar. 1 son - divorced - mar. No ch.)
9- b. Jessie[5] Fremont Myers, born July 17, 1858 (mar. William Melville Crean, 2 ch. alive when Jessie[5] and Frank[5] both alive when records were compiled

Family Historical Information

Rebecca Caroline[4] Cather was the daughter of Robert[3] Cather and his wife Rosannah (Johnston) Cather. She was born on February 15, 1816, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and there spent the first few years of her life. After about 3 years (1823-1826) near Brownsville, Penn., she moved with her family to Clinton County, Ohio. On September 13, 1835, in Clinton County Ohio, she was married to Samuel Myers, the son of Nathan? Myers and his wife Providence (Mills) Myers (In his biography, he says that his brother Ralph was named for his father.) Samuel Myers was born November 4, 1812. He was the second son, in a family of four children, his mother's second family, and was born, either in Clinton County, Ohio, or in Newberry District, South Carolina, from where his parents moved their family to Clinton County, Ohio. The children were left orphans, and the only mothering he remembered was from his half-sister Mahala Elmore. After the father's death Mahala managed to keep them together for a year or two, and then Samuel was apprenticed to a weaver named Allen, until he was sixteen. After completing his apprenticeship his half-sister persuaded him to go to school. He passed through the cholera epidemic of 1832; went down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans on a flat boat, and made a trip back to Clinton County, Ohio as a peddler. In Ohio he taught school for two winters at a wage of $30.00 for three months.

The next year after marriage, in the summer or fall of 1836, they moved to Madison County, Indiana and settled on the

Cather homestead.

Rebecca Caroline Cather Myers, died on May 10, 1839, near Anderson, Indiana leaving two sons William Ralph Myers, and Jasper Cather Myers. The next year Samuel Myers married her sister Elizabeth D. Cather and raised a second family.

Elizabeth[4] D. Cather was the daughter of Robert[3] Cather and Rosannah (Johnston) Cather his wife. She was born April 10, 1820, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, spending her girlhood in western Pennsylvania and Clinton County, Ohio, and her young womanhood in Marion County, Indiana. These years as well as those of her early married life were spent on the farm.

On February 16, 1845 she married Samuel Myers, who had been left a widower by the death of her sister Rebecca Caroline Cather Myers, his first wife.

Elizabeth and Samuel Myers had nine children, two of the children died in infancy, the first Theresa, died at nine months on the farm near Anderson, and Martha died at five months in Anderson.

Samuel Myers was a substantial thorough business man. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Madison County, coming from Clinton County, Ohio in 1836. He moved onto the homestead of his father-in-law Robert Cather, located just east of the present site of Anderson, Indiana; and stayed on the farm until 1848, when they moved into Anderson.

Elizabeth D. Cather Myers died May 16, 1894, and Samuel Myers died less than a year later in February 1895, both died in Anderson, Indiana.

5- Robert[4] William Cather, S. Robert[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather
b- Robert[4] William, S. Robert[3] and Rosannah (Johnston) Cather, June 25, 1806.
m- Robert[4] W. Cather, and Maria White, June 1, 1843.
d- Maria (White) Cather, Mar. 16, 1846 died wife Robert W. Cather, when John Wesley was two weeks old.

2 Children

1- b. Lorenzo Dow[5] Cather, born June 4, 1844.
d. Lorenzo Dow Cather, died Feb. 5, 1924. at Lagrange, Indiana.
(married, no children raised a foster daughter Addie Cather.)
2- b. John[5] Wesley Cather, born Mar. 2, 1846.
d. John[5] Wesley Cather, died Nov. 25, 1912. at Anderson, Ind. (married 2 sons)

b. Elizabeth Jane Arbogast, born Apr. 7, 1832.
m. wid'r Robert[4] W. Cather, and Elizabeth Jane Arbogast, Nov 15, 1849.
d. Elizabeth (Arbogast) Cather, Sept. 4, 1896, died wife of Robert W. Cather.
d. Robert W. Cather, died July 25, 1906, age 83 yr. 9 mo. 21 da.

9 Children

1- b. Sarah[5] Elizabeth Cather, Sept. 17, 1850, died April 26, 1936.
died widow of James L. Webb (9 children)
2- b. Jefferson Cather, born 1852, died in infancy

3- b. Martha[5] Jane Cather, Aug. 23, 1854, died May 20, 1922., died widow of her cousin Jasper Cather Myers, Bakersfield, Calif. (3 children)
4- b. Charles[5] Fremont Cather, Sept. 29, 1856. died Sept. 29, 1937. died near Anderson, Indiana (no children, but raised several orphans)
5- b. Isaac[5] M. Cather, Dec. 4, 1858. died Dec. 17, 1900. died unmarried at home of sister Mattie in California.
6- b. Oliver[5] C. Cather, April 19, 1860, died Oct. 13, 1903, at San Jose, California (married no children)
7- b. William[5] S. Cather, May 16, 1862, died Dec. 19, 1927, at Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo Co., California (married 2 children)
8- b. Clara[5] Belle Cather, Aug. 23, 1866, died Sept. 6, 1896. died wife of Monterville Elliot, at Anderson, Indiana (3 children)
9- b. Margaret[5] E. Cather, April 9, 1870, died
married Marshal Gwinn (4 children)

Three brothers, Oliver - "Dick" - Will, lie side by side in the cemetery at Bakersfield, California.

Family Historical Information.

Robert[4] William Cather was the son of Robert[3] Cather and his wife Rosannah (Johnston) Cather. He was born May 4, 1823, in the old Cather home "Flint Ridge", in Fredrick County, Virginia. He lived successively in Virginia, at Brownsville, Penn.; near Washington Clinton County, Ohio; and finally on the farm in Marion, County Indiana. Here he lived the greater part of his long life, and here he raised his large family. He was twice married. On June 1, 1843 he married his first wife, Maria White. She was the mother of Lorenzo Dow, and John Wesley Cather, and died on Mar. 16, 1846 when John Wesley was two weeks old. On November 15, 1849, Robert William Cather married his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Arbogast. She was born on April 7, 1832. Elizabeth was the mother of the nine children

in the second family. One of these children, Jefferson died in infancy.

Elizabeth Jane Arbogast Cather was a very pleasant, agreeable woman, never too busy or tired to give a visitor, whether a stranger or relative, a cordial and hearty welcome. She died September 4, 1896, and her death was mourned by the entire community.

After the death of his wife Jane, Robert W. Cather lived on in his old home with his daughter Maggie for about three years, then he went to California, where he lived with his son William for about a year and then with his daughter Mattie and her husband Jasper Cather Myers. He went into partnership with his son Oliver raising bees. In 1905 he returned to Indiana and spent some time with his children there.

Rev. Flavius J. Cather, a cousin's son who visited him, in his home near Anderson in 1895, described him thus; "He had the rugged compact frame, the solidity of character, the agreeable speech, the pleasant manner, and the cheerful, hospitable spirit so characteristic of the earlier Cathers."

Robert William Cather died at the home of his son Charles F. Cather near Anderson, Indiana on July 25, 1906 at the age of eighty three years, nine months and twenty one days. He was buried beside his wife Jane in the Cemetery at Anderson, Indiana, about ten years after her death.

D.A.R. Membership # 164593 in National Society

Mary[5] (Myers) Adamson, d. Elizabeth[4] (Cather) Myers, d. Robert[3] Cather, s. Jasper[2] Cather

b Mary[5] Rosanna, d. Samuel, and Elizabeth (Cather) Myers, May 6, 1842

b Valentine, s. Thomas, and Elizabeth (Stockton) Adamson, ca. 1834.

m Mary[5] R. Myers, and Dr. Valentine V. Adamson, April 24, 1862, in Anderson, Ind.

d Mary[5] (Myers) Adamson, Aug. 5, 1874, age 32y. Holton, Kans., wife of Dr. Valentine Adamson

d Dr. Valentine V. Adamson, Aug. 3, 1928, age 94y.

3 Children

1-b Maggie[6] Caroline Adamson, born Apr. 1, 1863.

m Maggie Adamson, and Moses S. Tousey, June 10, 1879.

d Moses S. Tousey, Jan. 9, 1906.

a-b. Thomas[7] Stanford Tousey, May 28, 1883.

b-b. Mary[7] Moivre Tousey, Aug. 2, 1887, died Sept. 15, 1891.

*2-b Mary[6] Adamson, born Aug. 20, 1868. - b. George H. Colbert, Oct. 31, 1862

m Mary Adamson, and George H. Colbert, marriage 1890.

a-b. Herschel[7] Myers Colbert, Oct. 23, 1891.

b-b. Jules Philip[7] Colbert, Oct. 28, 1898

c-b- Edwin Colbert[7], Sept. 28, 1905

3-b Samuel[6] T. Adamson, born July 25, 1870, died Sept. 15, 1891 - No other record

June 21, 1928

m. a. Thomas[7] Sanford Tousey, and Alvina Grimm, Aug. 9, 1911.

a'-b Alberton[8] Caroline Tousey, b. May 27, 1912, died June 1918.

b' b Dorothy[8] Mary Tousey, b Mar. 25, 1914.

m. a. Herschel[7] M. Colbert, and Fanny Marie Schutta, Nov. 25, 1920

a' b. Alfred[8] Colbert, Feb. 7, 1922.

b' b. Frances Colbert, June 3, 1923.

m. b Philip[7] Colbert, and True Jack, Aug. 1924

This is as far as records have been written up on this family.

Copy of a letter from Mary A. Colbert. D.A.R. Membership # 164593
[Mary[5] (Adamson) Colbert, d. Mary[3] (Myers) Adamson, d. Elizabeth[3] (Cather) Myers, d. Robert[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather] to Mary Cather Brohard, [b Alma Mary[6] Cather, May 9, 1874 - d. Sept. 7, 1932, m. Thomas W. Brohard, Aug. 17, 1904; and was in the D.A.R, but was trying to establish lineage through Jasper Cather], she was d. of Fabricius Augustus[5] Cather, s. Thomas[4] Cather, S. John[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather. Also Fabricius Augustus[5] Cather (a full brother of Flavius[5] Josephus Cather, who wrote the early Cather History, referred to by Mary A. Colbert, as Uncle or Cousin Charlie's History) was also a son of Barbara[4] (McDonald) Cather, d. Mary[3] (Cather) McDonald, d. Jasper[2] Cather.

(Copied by George Cather Ray)

223 East 7th St. Maryville, Mo.
Feb. 16, 1926.

My dear Mrs. Brohard:

I am so sorry to have allowed so long a Time to slip by without answering your interesting letter. I fully intended to give it my attention as soon as the Christmas holidays were over.

Instead of referring you to me, Mrs. Creasy should have referred you to Cousin Charles Cather, from whom I get practically all my information regarding the Cather family. Frankly you know far more about them than I do. Cousin Charles is a "whiz". He is a semi-invalid and has spent a great deal of Time tracing the Cather ancestry. He has been compiling the "History of the Cather Family". Not being well himself he asked me at one Time to take charge of the publishing of it - but I did not feel equal to it. I think it has never been published.

When I suggested to Cousin Charles in 1920 that we try to establish a Revolutionary descent through the Cathers, he became enthusiastic. From the history which he had compiled he gave me the data which led back to Jasper Cather. I am descended through his son Robert, who married Rosannah Johnston. In the Penn. archives I struck a snag. The name Jasper had been recorded Joseph. If you will notice how similar the names are, it will help you to understand how it could happen. We spent some Time getting additional proof. According to Cousin Charlie's history there was a Joseph Cather but he did not come to America until after the close of the Revolution. I got the record of the Cather military service and sent it in to Washington explaining the confusion over the names Jasper and Joseph, and they granted me my papers. According to Cousin Charlie, Joseph was the younger brother of Jasper and there was a clerical error in recording the names. I wish we could get it corrected.

I am going to enclose some of Cousin Charlie's correspondence with me as I was working upon this, with the request that when you are through with it you return it to me, as my information is so very fragmentary. I am going to refer you to him for help on the questions you asked me and which I am unable to answer. Should you desire me to do so I will send to him your letter written me so as to save you writing it again. His address Charles Cather, Anderson, Indiana. R.R. 6.

Sorry I could not have been of more help to you. Perhaps sometime in the future we can get together on it. If time permits, Cousin. Charlie and I are planning to work out the descent of the Johnstons.

Cordially, yours,
(Copy) Mary A. Colbert.

Copy of letters and information, referred to in preceding letter, from Charles F. Cather (Charles[5] Fremont Cather, S. Robert[4] Cather, S. Jasper[3] Cather, S. Jasper[2] Cather), and Mary A. Colbert (Mary[5] (Adamson) Colbert, d. Mary[4] (Myers) Adamson, d. Elizabeth[3] (Cather) Myers, d. Robert[2] Cather, S. Jasper[1] Cather), copy of letter 11-22-20 (1920), with enclosure, and copy of letter 11-7-'20 (1920). (These were copies in our records made by my mother Mrs. Blanche (Cather) Ray, from the originals in 1926.)

(1920)

(Copied by George Cather Ray) R.b. Anderson, Ind. 10-25-'20

Dear Cousin Mary,

I can find nothing concerning the date of Jasper Cather's birth or death, or the name of his second wife, who was the mother of my grandfather Cather. His first wife was Barbara Lawrence and I would so state if I were you, as I am sure I must have had a great-grandmother if her name didn't happen to be Barbara Lawrence.

As near as I can ascertain he was born about the year 1730 and died about 1800. The only record of Grandfather Cather is that he died at the age of 55. I got the dates of his birth and death by knowing the age of my father at his father's death.

Jasper Cather fought thru the seige of Yorktown and was present at the surrender, altho there is no doubt that the Joseph Cather of Penn. means Jasper. There was a Joseph Cather who came from Scotland in 1793, but that was after the Revolution.

Push the thing thru and if you have to spend some money I'll see that the rest divide the expense. As I understand it our grandmother Cather was first cousin to Rev. Joseph E. Johnston. Sorry I have kept you waiting so long. Let me hear how you come out. With best wishes to all.

(Copy) Cousin Charlie

Enclosure with letter above of 10-25-'20 (1920)

Jasper Cather settled on a farm near Gravesboro, some eight miles West of Winchester, Fredrick Co., Virginia. Here he lived the remainder of his life and here his 10 or 12 children were born and raised, and here his youngest son James lived a long life and raised a large family and left the inheritance to his descendants, to whom it still belongs.

Jasper Cather and his brother Robert went through the French and Indian War together. Jasper went through the Revolutionary War and was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was present at the Sales when the army government property was sold. He was the founder of the Virginia branch of the family while his brother Robert founded the Pennsylvania branch. These two English-Irish Cathers were the

first to arrive in this country and were in Western Pennsylvania prior to the year 1753.

Ancestry

Jasper Cather - prior to 1753
Robert Cather (his son) b. 1784
Elizabeth Cather Myers (his daughter) b. 1820 d. 1894.
Mary Myers Adamson (her daughter)
Mary Adamson Colbert (her daughter)

or

Mary Adamson Colbert - daughter of
Mary Myers Adamson - daughter of
Elizabeth Cather Myers - daughter of
Robert Cather - son of
Jasper Cather - Revolutionary Soldier and original settler.

Joseph (Jasper) Cather - Appointed Apr. 27, 1779.
Drummer Capt. John McCulloch's Co. Artillerists, Philadelphia Militia.
Commanded by John Eyre - Esq. Colonel First
See pages 545-546 Vol. 1 Penn. Archives, Sixth Series
H. H. Shenk, Custodian, Public Records - Penn State Library,
Harrisburg, Penn.
(The above is in our records at this point - it seems to be a part of the above enclosure, but I am not positive.)

Enclosure with letter Mary A. Colbert To May Cather Brohard 2-16-1926.
- (copied by George Cather Ray) R.B. Anderson, Ind. 11-7-'20 (1920)

Dear Cousin,

Am sorry to have kept you waiting but have been so busy superintending some workmen at high wages and just couldn't take the time sooner. Now I'm so balled up I'm not sure but I have spoiled the blank. For fear you will have to make out a new one I'll give them dates here as far as I can.

Mary Cather b. 1775 m. 1795 d. 1863 mar. James McDonald

Robert Cather 1784 - 1842 m. Rebannah Johnston 1794 - 1859
Mar. 1812

James Cather 1795 - 1815 Nancy Howard --- ---

This name should come second.
Jane Cather 1781 Robert McKee

Nov. 1799

I hope I haven't spoiled the broth. If I can do anything more let me know. I hope in a few days I'll not be so busy.

with kindest regards to all,

Your cousin
Chas. F. Cather

(Copy)

(Originals of the foregoing letters and enclosures were sent to my mother, Blanche Cather Ray, by Mary Cather Brohard, in 1926 before she returned them to Mary A.

Colbert - at this time Mother copied them for our records - from which in turn I am transcribing in full, May 14, 1960

George Cather Ray -

Neither Blanche Cather Ray nor May Cather Brohard, wished to cause any trouble to any one, because of the erroneous lineage submitted to support Mary A. Colbert's D. A. R. application. May Cather Brohard's uncle Flavius Augustus Cather, compiled the Cather History from which a great deal of the background information comes. My grand-father Geo. P. Cather was corresponding with Flavius as early as 1906, the the earliest original letters I have found recently are 1908 and are between grandfather, Flavius in California, Charles F. in Anderson, Indiana and R. D. Cather in Reiter, Indiana. My uncle G. P. (who was Claude in Willa Cather's - Pulitzer Prize Novel - One of Ours) bought a copy (typewritten) of Flavius Cather's History, for grandfather, from Flavius in Cal. when he (G. P. Cather) was mustered out of the Navy, following the cruise of the "Great White Fleet" around the world during Teddy Roosevelts administration. Grandfather carried a copy of this History with him for over 25 years when making visits all over the country and obtained a number of corrections. I found some carbons of a revised corrected copy of this History and I am putting it together to send to you. Grandfather's records go much beyond this however.

The lineage of Cather - Myers - before used by Mrs. C. H. Colbert (Mary A. Colbert) to enter the D. A. R. as given by her son Herbert Myers Colbert, so shocked my mother, Blanche C. Ray, that she agreed to make available these foregoing letters.

Joseph Cather (born in England 1720. died 1800) married 1765 wife Barbara Lawrence (born 1745 U.S.A. perhaps Penn. died?

Children

1 James born 1766
2 Mary born 1775
3 Jane born 1781
4 Robert born 1784

II Robert born 1784 died 1842 married 1812
wife Rosannah Johnston born 1794 died 1842

Children

1 Elizabeth born 1820 died 1894
(Elizabeth was the second wife of Samuel Myers born 1815 died 1895
his first wife was Rebecca Cather (Jasper's girl)
they had 2 children Jasper, and William)

This above organization is completely erroneous, and the only individual records that are correct are those ones I have underlined, the rest are completely false not erroneous, and some of them have been deliberately fabricated.

George Cather Ray

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P. 6, Anderson, Ind., 4-21-27.

Mrs. H. W. Ray
Grand Island, Neb.

Dear Mrs. Ray,

Your enclosed letter came to me from the Anderson Daily Bulletin. In regard to your question as to my grandfather Robert Cather's obituary there is little to say. At that time there was not a newspaper in Anderson, and records were not kept as they are now.

I think my grandfather died in the Spring of 1843, as he died while my father was away in New Orleans and other southern points and that trip was made in 1843. My grandfather was a teamster, during the years after he came to Indiana carrying stock and freight between Anderson and Cincinnati as there were no railroads then. He was sick only a short time. His tomb stone simply says he died at the age of 56 years. He had seldom been sick and the only medicine he ever took was turpentine. He was a wonderful talker and often on his way home from

town he would stop at my either grandfathers, my mothers father, and spend almost half the night in conversation. This I have from an uncle. My grandfather was a money maker and at his death owned 185 acres in the home place and 160 acres now in the corporation of Anderson. He was a man of toil and the hardships he endured and the malaria that prevailed ended his life all too soon. He was a member of church but I cannot say what the denomination was. My grandmother was the daughter of — Johnston, an uncle of Gov. Joseph E. Johnston. They were married in 1809 or ten. I think four of their children preceded my grandfather, leaving my father Robert Cather, Sarah Morris, ~~and~~ Elizabeth Rogers and Rebecca Rogers. I regret I cannot give a more extended sketch of his life and death.

I presume you are the daughter of Geo. P. Cather. We have had no word from him since he left, no last summer. We should like to hear from him. Our niece Daisy Cather,

whom we visited while your father was here died Dec. 13.

With many regards to yourself and family, I am

Sincerely,

Chas. F. Cather.

P. S. My grandmother lived to the age of 69 I believe.