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516 EAST JONES STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27601-1138

17 July 1992

Dr. William M. Mann, Jr.
613 Glenview
Enfield, NC 27823

Dear Bill:

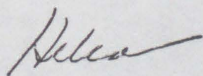
Thank you again for the elegantly-arranged dinner in Halifax. I particularly enjoyed the chance to get to know you and meet your lovely family—how proud you must be of your children, and rightly so!

The gentleman I spoke to you about for membership in the Order is:

Lloyd D. Bockstruck
Dallas Public Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, TX 75201.

He is one of the top genealogists in the United States, a much-sought-after lecturer, and the pre-eminent genealogical librarian, having developed an extensive, well-balanced genealogical collection at the library there. As I mentioned in Halifax, he has expressed an interest in the Order and has two qualifying colonial ancestors already identified. Lloyd would be a wonderful "catch" for us—I'm enclosing a photocopy of his biographical entry in *Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry*, which illustrates the point.

Best regards,



Helen F.M. Leary, C.G., C.G.L.

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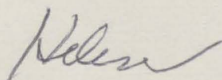
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Dear Lloyd:

I'm writing today to Dr. Mann, again urging him to send you an invitation for the Order of the First Families of North Carolina. He's a tad disorganized, so he may not get to it right away.

See you in Phoenix?

Sincerely,



Helen F. M. Leary, C.G., C.G.L.

P.S. Just in case, his address is:

Dr. William M. Mann, Jr.
613 Glenview
Enfield, NC 27823

Order of First Families of North Carolina

Post Office Box 8605
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804
October 19, 1994

Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck
Dallas Public Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

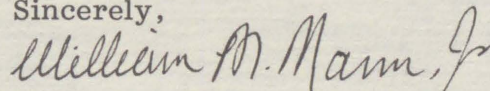
Our mutual friend, Helen Leary, proposed you for membership in the Order of First Families of North Carolina.

Although our Order was instituted and incorporated in 1992 we only recently began inviting others to become members since it was not until a few weeks ago that we obtained tax exempt status from the IRS.

It appears that our Order will be a successful one. On the day it was organized we had about 56 people to become Life Members. In addition to that we are in correspondence with the College of Arms in London in hopes of having the College of Arms grant to our Order honorary armorial bearings. If that cannot be done, we will then have the heraldic devices to be used by our Order designed there. Our having our heraldic devices and membership certificate designed at the College of Arms will be in keeping with North Carolina's heraldic history, for at one time during the proprietary period there was a "Carolina Herald" at the College of Arms to handle all matters relating to heraldry and pedigrees of colonists in the Province of Carolina. That is a little known part of North Carolina's history.

When we have finalized the organizing plans for our Order and have our insignia we will then have the invitations and acceptances engraved.

Sincerely,



William M. Mann, Jr., M. D.
Genealogist, OFFNC

Order of First Families of North Carolina

Post Office Box 8605
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804
October 19, 1994

Mr. Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

Enclosed you will find an invitation to submit for registration with the Order of First Families of North Carolina a pedigree establishing your descent from a colonist who was in North Carolina on or before July 12, 1729 and thereafter upon confirmation of your descent from such an ancestor by the Order become one of its members.

Enclosed also is information about the Order and an acceptance of the invitation with your name inscribed on it.

If you accept the invitation to register your pedigree, please validate the acceptance which is enclosed by signing it and return it to us as soon as possible.

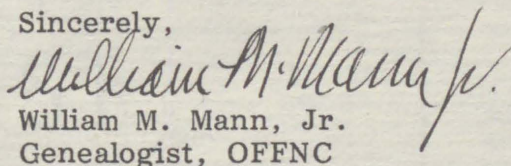
After we receive your acceptance you will then be sent a Worksheet Pedigree form with instructions explaining how it should be completed.

Please do not send any money to the Order at this time. Life Membership in the Order is \$200.00. That amount should be sent to the Order when you return your completed Worksheet Pedigree form along with evidence establishing descent from the North Carolina colonist through whom you derive eligibility for membership in the Order.

If for some reason the evidence does not prove the descent and if after extending you additional time to supply the needed documents, your descent from a qualifying ancestor is not proven, the \$200.00 will be returned to you. The Order does however keep possession of all records sent to it. We therefore recommend that you retain copies of all records which you send to the Order.

If you have any questions about this invitation or this Order please contact us.

Sincerely,



William M. Mann, Jr.
Genealogist, OFFNC

*The Officers and Members of the Council
of the
Order of First Families of North Carolina
cordially invite*

LLOYD DEWITT BOCKSTRUCK

to submit to this Order

prior to the 9th day of May 1995

a Pedigree establishing his Descent from an Ancestor

who was a Colonist on or before

the 12th day of July, Anno Domini 1729

in that part of the

Province of Carolina

which later became the

State of North Carolina

and upon Confirmation of that Pedigree

by the Order

become one of its Members

Order of First Families of North Carolina

1 John Langston _____ Katherine _____
b _____ b _____
m _____ d post 6 June 1699
d ante 20 April 1694

2 John Langston _____ _____
b _____ b _____
m _____ d _____
d post 19 December 1747

3 John Langston _____ (2) Elizabeth _____
b _____ b _____
m _____ d inter 1790 and 22 November 1794
d inter 27 January 1789 and 11 November 1790
Greenville Co., S.C. Greenville Co., S.C.

4 Mary Langston _____ Joel Smith _____

m by 1788 Greenville Co., S.C.

d post 1830 Caldwell County, Kentucky

d inter 17 May and 18 October 1824
Caldwell County, Kentucky

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Aaron Smith

b 4 February 1789 Spartanburg Dist., S.C.

m 26 August 1824 Caldwell Co., Kentucky

d 12 October 1851 Bond County, Illinois

(2) Mary Laughlin

b 26 January 1796 Pendleton Dist., S.C.

d 12 April 1859 Bond County, Illinois

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Joel Rondeau Smith

b 12 October 1826 Caldwell Co., Kentucky

m 23 July 1853 Bond County, Illinois

d 27 December 1892 Bond County, Illinois

Charlotte Ann Hasting(s)

b ca. 1836 Bond County, Illinois

d inter 1859-1860 Bond County, Illinois

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Ellen Jane Smith

b _____ 1859 Bond County, Illinois

m 27 March 1879 Bond County, Illinois

d _____ 1881 Bond County, Illinois

William Henry Blankenship

b 1 September 1856 Bond County, Illinois

d 23 July 1936 Bond County, Illinois

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Pedigree of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

8 William Edward Blankenship
 b 28 May 1880 Bond County, Illinois
 m 16 July 1902 Bond County, Illinois
 d 8 June 1942 Bond County, Illinois

Bertha Elsie Austin
 b 17 November 1880 Bond County, Illinois
 d 1 October 1955 Vandalia, Illinois

9 Olive Elsie Blankenship
 b 2 December 1916 Bond County, Illinois
 m 2 December 1940 St. Louis, Missouri
 d _____

Harry Earl Bockstruck
 b 13 February 1911 Bond County, Illinois
 d 19 September 1969 Greenville, Illinois

10 Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
 b 26 May 1945 Vandalia, Illinois
 m _____
 d _____

b _____
 d _____

11 _____
 b _____

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Order of First Families of North Carolina

Post Office Box 8605
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804
November 25, 1994

Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
The Bristle Cone
3955-C Buena Vista Street
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

Thank you for your letter of November 8th, and this is to acknowledge receipt of your Worksheet Pedigree, the accompanying evidence and your check for \$200.00 for life membership in the Order of First Families of North Carolina.

Furthermore, I have examined the pedigree and evidence and have confirmed the descent as established by you. You will therefore find enclosed the worksheet pedigree and two official pedigree forms which should be completed incorporating the minor changes noted on the worksheet pedigree.

I have also enclosed another copy of the small fictitious pedigree on which I have noted in red the adjustments or changes with respect to style when the official pedigrees are typed. Please make the changes noted, especially with regards to the use of capital letters.

The changes noted on the worksheet were noted in pencil since it was beautifully done and did not have to be defaced by my remarks.

Under current genealogical information, I recommend that you give more complete information on your siblings and their descendants - dates and places of births, marriages, etc. and such other biographical information as is appropriate so that we will have available for publication that information should the Order publish chapters on the families of early settlers which chapters extend the family down to the present. It is not necessary to send supporting evidence for that information since we accept the certification at the end of the pedigree as proof of that information.

The thoroughness of your work with respect to the pedigree and evidence made checking your information

a pleasure.

Sincerely,

William M. Mann, Jr.

William M. Mann, Jr.
President & Genealogist
Order of First Families
of North Carolina

P.S. Please return the worksheet with the official pedigree forms. In the past members have forgot to do that.

Order of First Families of North Carolina

Post Office Box 8605
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804
December 27, 1994

Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck
The Bristle Cone
3955-C Buena Vista Street
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

It gives me great pleasure to hereby inform you of the approval of your membership in the Order of First Families of North Carolina.

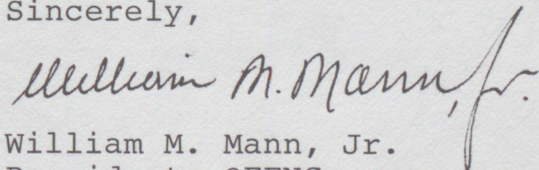
At this time the Order does not have an official certificate to send new members notifying them of their acceptance to membership in our Order.

As of this date you now have the privilege of proposing for membership others to whom you wish invitations sent. Obtaining endorsements is not required as members of the Council of the Order have the privilege of proposing and/or endorsing others for membership in our Order. We therefore use that provision of our Statutes for endorsements since we feel that we can rely totally upon the recommendations of our members.

When one proposes someone for membership, we like for that person's complete name to be submitted if the person is a man. If the person is a married woman we like to have her complete maiden name as well as the complete name of her husband. That is because our invitations as worded are formal. On the other hand, it is not an absolute requirement, and we leave the final decision as to whether or not that is done with the member making the proposal.

Your Pedigree forms were beautifully completed, and we hope that you will be able to attend some of our meetings.

Sincerely,



William M. Mann, Jr.
President, OFFNC



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27603-8001

JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

September 11, 1995

C O P Y

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Mr. Thomas Woodcock
Somerset Herald
College of Arms
Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4BT
England

Dear Mr. Woodcock:

As Governor of the State of North Carolina, I approve of the Order of First Families of North Carolina's request for a Grant of Armorial Bearings from the College of Arms.

We in North Carolina are extremely proud of our rich tradition and significant heraldic history during the proprietary period. I believe that it would be most appropriate for the Order to receive a Grant of Armorial Bearings.

I deeply appreciate your consideration of the Order's request.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hunt".

James B. Hunt Jr.

JBH/acp

