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Dear Ruth Kershner,

Thank you so much for your information. I did not know about the Maryland Hall of Records. I had planned on spending time in Hagerstown & possibly Frederick during the summer, but my dau. had 2 operations & I spent 2½ mo. with her in Norfolk Va. Now I am behind. But I want to follow up your suggestions soon. Philip d. in Washington Co. Pa. in 1801. But I know nothing back further than him and maybe some of his children married in Md.

Jacob is a name used in Philip's sons families. So I'll pursue all possibilities.

Thanks again.

Sincerely
Mrs. Pauline Friend F24

24 Sept. 1973

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Dear Mrs. Friend:

Your query in the Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin for May 1973 mentions your interest in members of the Friend family of Washington Co., Md.

In the course of our research there on the descendants of John George Kershner (Johann Gorg Kirschner), who patented land in 1739, we have noticed a number of mentions of the Friend name. I enclose a number of file cards with references. These are all somewhat earlier than the Philip Friend land transaction, or, rather, pertain probably to older members of the family.

We have found land records to be very fruitful in this area. The cards suggest that Charles Friend was a very early settler, that he had at least three sons, Gabriel, Jacob, and Charles, that Gabriel died 1769. There is then another Gabriel mentioned in 1792 and 1794, so there are at least three generations by then. In 1803, the first Charles' land is still in the hands of the family, suggesting that Jacob Friend and Robert V. Friend are direct descendants.

All of the tracts mentioned are on the west side of Concococheague Creek. Salisbury lands were on the east side and, I think, south of U.S. 40 on the map, and west of Williamsport and Hagerstown. You surely could find the origin of the Philip Friend Salisbury tract, probably in Frederick Co. records, and might discover quite a lot about the family. There may be other wills: we just looked up Gabriel's because of his dealings with Jacob Kershner. The Maryland Hall of Records also has excellent indexes on administrations, inventories, and accounts, which are not found in the counties, and they too provide data. Also in the Hall of Records are the 1783 Assessments, which list all taxables and give the names of the properties they owned. These have proved inheritance of land and thus descent. Then there are the patents and land grants, and the certificates of survey, both patented and unpatented. All the land records are especially helpful in distinguishing between different individuals with the same name.

Best wishes in your search.

Sincerely,

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1783 Assessment -
Jacob Friend - Several Tracts - 5394 acres 1 slave - 8
1 F. Sl 14-36

Jacob Friend #47.00 1778
John Streit just
Hagerstown

30 July 1979

Dear Mrs. Shingleton:

At last someone has begun to publish genealogical material in a way that I felt sure would come. I think you would be interested in this, and urge you to write to Barton J. Howell without delay.

A California correspondent wrote me that he was seeking such material, and would not only microfilm it, but furnish a copy and pay you a commission on future sales. This sounded too good to be true. Instead of writing to him, when I was in Washington D.C. in June, I phoned him at College Park Md. and had a long talk with him.

Mr. Howell is seeking to build up a file of genealogical subjects, preferably unpublished, and offer them for sale. Although he hopes to make expenses, his primary employment is as librarian of the local (I I suppose Silver Springs) LDS library, and he will supply a copy to the LDS archives at Salt Lake. There could hardly be a better way to make your research available to the interested public, in my opinion.

His requirements are that the material be in typewritten or printed form, and that it must be indexed. Manuscripts are fine. He is interested, not only in family research, but also in the kind of thing you did for the Maryland Historical Society, the Ballance Books of Washington Co., which I think you wrote me they had never finished' publishing. I am also thinking of your work, for which you told me you finally had found a typist, but were keeping only in notebook form.

Mr. Howell would probably want to see it, or a copy of it, and if you want it returned, you should send return postage. If it is copyrighted, he needs permission to reproduce in microform. This means either microfilm positives, or prints in book form, which are considerably more expensive. He estimated that our Kershner books, some 850 pp., which are now out of print, would take a whole reel of film and retail for around $16 for film and $50 for bound books. I have sent off to him two volumes which I had spirally-bound especially for the purpose of copying. When--and if--anyone orders from him, he pays us 15%. The best part is, that I now have a source to which I can refer people who want copies.

As a bit of unsolicited advice, I would suggest you copyright your material yourself, not just to protect yourself from having someone else pick up and publish your manuscript without your knowledge or permission, but to give you the right to revise it if you wish. To do this, on the title page or the verso thereof, place a copyright notice, "Copyright 1979 by Verna J. Shingleton," or however you wish to style your name. It does not have to be printed or published, but must bear this notification. Copyright costs $10, and the Copyright Office in Washington D.C. will send forms and instructions. They are slow, but if the notification is placed on your MSS before you let anyone have it, you have at least three years to complete the paper work, and should go ahead and apply for the copyright.

Write to Mr. Howell at Howell Microfilms, 3406 Marlbrough Court, College Park, Maryland 20740.

Affectionately,

May 25 1979.

Dear Mrs. Kershner,

Since it took 5 days for your note to reach me, I did not think an answer would reach you before you left for Connecticut, so, I am sending this there, c/o your son.

I have not been home long from Conn.! My son lives at Heritage Village, Southbury, Conn., which is about 50 mi. from New Haven, I think, maybe 45. That is the nearest Airport to them, and I used to fly there and he would meet me and then see me off there, but we found Hartford was better, and I was getting on and off these until this spring. My flight out of here to Washington had a horrible crash here recently and I didn't want to fly this April, so Bob and wife drove down Easter time after me! They took me part way home — to my other son's in Eastern W. Va. (8 hrs. drive), and after a weekend visit there, I came home by Bus

from Winchester, Va. (5 hrs.) I was 3 weeks in Conn., from Easter to May 5th. Too bad I wasn't there same time as you. We could have at least chatted by phone.

I tho't the Md. Hist. would have written you a letter. I can't locate mine now or would send it. However, I recently rec'd the "News & Notes" which I am enclosing. You may keep it. They were to give both of you as authors, so they did a poor job of reporting. (May be a printer's omission.) If I find my letter in acknowledgement, I'll send it to you. I sent you a copy of mine to them.

You really are "going places" with the Kershner lineage. That is wonderful, Vol. IV, by the Pa. German Society. When I worked on it I tho't the Berks Co. and the others were closely connected.

We are having a week of rain and cold weather for May. I hear West Va. mountains had snow last night.

I hope the dreadful plane tragedy at Chicago didn't frighten you into giving up your trip.

You probably would not go via Chicago. Conn. is a beautiful State, and I love to visit there, but my "Roots" are too deep in W. Va. to tear up and move there at this age, as my son and family want me to do. A number of my friends, alone as I am, have done just that, however, moved to other States near their children and have adjusted fine. Families get so scattered.

Best wishes, and I hope you have a good visit with your son. Do you have grandchildren?

Sincerely,

Verna Shingleton

(Bob's work is at Waterbary.)

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Aug. 5, 1979.

Dear Mrs. Kershner,

I have intended to write ever since your return from Conn., but time just gets away from me, and I don't have much accomplished to show for it, tho' I am "busy" always. It has been so hot here the last few weeks, I can't take it!

What a wonderful family you have, and how you must enjoy them and all those grandchildren. I was so interested to learn about them. I think I told you of my family.

My husband died in Feb'y 1942, and my two sons in College went into Service, and were overseas in Wars II, one 22 mos. and the other 2½ yrs.

I think I told you about my 4 grandchildren, and now the granddaughter & husband in Conn. have two, 4 and one year in Sept., my great-grandchildren. I've lived alone so long,

My youngest grandson received his Eng. Degree in Dec., and went straight to Texas and got a job with Burlebaurtin Services as a Field Engineer. He was interested in Petroleum Cos. & so sort of a mechanical "genius" He is living at Freeport, and last month he and the girl he dated at school several years got married. He has a lot of training in the Company for a year at first, for his special job.

I have just rec'd your Jul. 30th letter, and wish to thank you for all your good advice and information as to my Mss. It never occurred to me to copyright them,

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but I am sure you are right in the wisdom of so doing. However, I think it is a little too late for me to begin. I did finally find an excellent typist (middle aged) with patience with the records, and she is an employee of the best Xerox place I have yet found. So far, I have only made copies for the family, with no intention of placing them in any public place, except, recently I have considered placing a copy of my Shepherd Family Ms. in the Nat. DAR Library. My reason is that I think I am the only one who has really searched this line so far back, and it should be preserved. It is not complete thru' all lines

of descendants, by all means, but has valuable records to 1679, and to the 1500's on the Norris allied line. I know my sons will preserve the records, but who can predict future generation's interests? After the grandsons — yet unborn?

You two did a wonderful job in your Keoshner books. I presume you rec'd the data I returned for you to decide what to do about.

I shall keep your instructions and think it over again, and I do thank you.

Write when you can. I always like to hear from you.

I am still answering the queries rec'd by our Harrison Co. Hist. Soc. They keep coming.

Best wishes,

Affectionately,

Verna Shingleton.





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