

Lindan Wood, near  
 Saint Charles, Missouri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 1851.

W. W. Sibley, Prince Edward Co. House Virginia.

My Dear Sir -

You wrote me from Shelbyville Ky. 2<sup>d</sup> January 1834, enquiring whether or not I am related to Leonard Sibley, Prince Edward County & Robert Sibley of Matthews County Virginia. Also Gabriel Sibley South Carolina, & Elijah Sibley Georgia. Among whom, as you state, are your Father, Uncles and Cousins. Your letter is now before me; and I find it noted thereon, that it was received by me on the 20<sup>th</sup> and answered on the 23<sup>d</sup> of the same month (Jan<sup>y</sup> 34). My letter was addressed to you at Shelbyville; and contained the best information I could then give you on the subject of your enquiry. In your letter you say you were intending to visit Missouri, and in mine I warmly invited you to come and see me. But as I heard nothing further from you, I concluded (and still conclude) that my letter never reached you, and that you returned to Virginia without visiting Missouri. For several years past, I have been trying, & on, to collect authentic information relative to the Sibley family in the United States, and have recently re-commenced my enquiries. I have gathered from various sources quite a mass of very interesting detail; and am frequently receiving additions to my collection. - Some few weeks ago, a young man called upon me, hastily, to sell me a Wheat Drill. He asked me if I was related to the Sibleys of Virginia. Said his name was Smith, and that his mother's maiden name was Sibley. That his mother knew much about the Sibley race, their ancestry &c. that he had often heard her speak of the tradition or record of two brothers emigrating from England, to what is now New England, namely 200 years ago, from one of whom she and her family are descended. Mr. Smith was in great haste, and sat with me only a few minutes. I did expect to see him again and to introduce him to my family. I was taken sick and unable to go out, and he left this part of the country without my ever seeing or hearing of him again. I was very desirous of obtaining from him some leading facts in relation to his family & connections in Virginia. -

You may probably conclude from what I have written, that it is a sort of preface to an effort on my part, to break up this old subject again - it is even so; and I trust it may not meet with any hindrance or disappointment - It is not by any means an unfit or unworthy object, for a man to seek some knowledge of his Ancestry & family Relations -

The fact mentioned to me by young Smith, of his Mother's descent from one of two Brothers who came to America from England about two hundred years ago, is proof to me that she and her Sibley kindred, are also of my kindred. - I am in possession of authentic documents, from which I am able to gather the following facts. -

In the year 1637 John Hampden, John Pym and Oliver Cromwell, with many other Puritans, weary of the tyranny of Charles 1. and Archbishop Laud, determined to emigrate in a body from England to North America, and here form a free Community. But the enterprise was forbidden and prevented by the King's Order - John and Ebenezer Sibley, natives of Middlesex County near London, were among those who were thus baulked in their purpose of escaping from Civil and Religious oppression - They did escape however, a few years afterwards, and arrived safely in what was then called "North Virginia", now called "New England", and located themselves in or near the Town of Salem. - I have

no further account of Ebenezer the younger brother. - John, from whom I claim descent, lived to the great age of 96. He married late in life. Nothing known of his wife, who she was. He had 5 Sons and 2 Daughters - John - Joseph - William - Martha - Saml - Sarah - Ebenezer - The dates of none of their births known except that of John the eldest, who was born in Salem in 1659 - This second John married in Salem, in 1710, his wife's name was Terrimah. He died in Sutton in 1754 in his 95. <sup>th</sup> year - He and his Wife Terrimah had six children -

John. born in Salem 13 Nov. 1714.	Ebenezer. born in Salem 28. Feby 1717.
Stephen. born in Salem 1. Octo. 1720.	Bethiah. born in Sutton 2. Octo. 1724.
Timothy. born in Sutton 2. Nov. 1727.	Mary. born in Sutton 19. Feby. 1730.

Timothy the younger son of the second John, married Anne Waite 16 Octo: 1753, by whom he had 15 children - this Timothy was my Grandfather. He died in Sutton in 1819, in his 92<sup>d</sup> year. He always to the last, dressed in the costume of the "olden time" - Cocked Hat - powdered Wig - Small cloth Silver knee and Shoe buckles - long Vests with flaps - Ruffles &c. -

The issue

The issue of the marriage of Timothy Sibley & Anne Waite is as follows

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| Timothy. Born 19 July 1754. Died in 1829. #                              | 9. Jonathan. B <sup>n</sup> . 8 May 1766. Died 19 Feby. 1826. #                 |
| Joshua. B <sup>n</sup> . 16 Nov. 1755. Died 29 Sept. 1774 #              | 10. Benjamin. B <sup>n</sup> . 29 Apr. 1768. Died 2 <sup>d</sup> . Octo. 1829 # |
| Sohn <del>born</del> B <sup>n</sup> . 19 May 1757. Died 8 April 1837. #  | 11. Solomon B <sup>n</sup> . 17 Nov. 1769 - <del>Died in 1837</del> #           |
| Stephan B <sup>n</sup> . 19 May 1757. Died 20 June 1759. #               | 12. Mary. B <sup>n</sup> . 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1771.                           |
| Stephan 2 <sup>d</sup> . B <sup>n</sup> . 10 Nov. 1759. Died May 1829. # | 13. Artemas B <sup>n</sup> . 9 July 1773. Died 10 August 1777 #                 |
| Ebenezer. B <sup>n</sup> . 7 April 1761.                                 | 14. Nahum. B <sup>n</sup> . 11 Sept. 1775. Died 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1796. #  |
| Annes. B <sup>n</sup> . 15 Dec. 1762. Died 2 <sup>d</sup> April 1784. #  | 15. Sally. B <sup>n</sup> . 6 June 1779. Died 20 <sup>th</sup> Mch. 1833. #     |
| Asa. B <sup>n</sup> . 29 Mch. 1764. Died 26 Feb. 1829. #                 |   |

All born at Sutton - Those M<sup>d</sup>. # are dead

Sohn Sibley, the 3<sup>d</sup> son of Timothy & Anne, was my Father - My mother's name was Elizabeth daughter of Rev. Samuel Hopkins D.D. of Rhode Island, town of Newport. I had only one free Mother, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hopkins, who died in Louisiana in 1823 - my father was married 3 times.

The foregoing details must suffice for the present - You will very much oblige me if you will furnish me as full a statement as you can, of all you know and can find out, about the Sibleys in Virginia, Georgia & South Carolina, or any where else - I do not know the residences of those in S<sup>c</sup>. Car. and Georgia - As to myself - I was born in 1782 - brought up, educated in North Carolina at Fayetteville - Came to Missouri in 1805 under an appointment from Pres. Jefferson - quit the public service in 1827 - and since the year 1828 have resided here on my farm at Linden Wood, one mile from the City of St. Charles, & expect to spend the remainder of my present life here - I have been married 35 years, but have no children - My wife and I have for many years been professors of the Religion of Jesus Christ, and members of the Old School Pres<sup>b</sup>. Church - We have plenty and to spare, and having good health, content ourselves among our numerous kindred and friends in and out of the Church. -

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain Yr. very truly  
George C. Sibley -  
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I direct this letter to Mrs. S. Sibley or Leonard Sibley, or Sh<sup>r</sup>. they be  
absent, to any one properly representing either of them - This I do  
not knowing the present locality of any of the Connection -

I trust some of you will take charge of this Communi-  
cation, and do me the favour to comply with what is  
asked as far as possible. G. C. S. -

George C. Sibley