

TRANSCRIPTION
OF
LETTER TO BENJAMIN T. LEUZARDER FROM SOPHIE HORTENSE LUZADDER
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Shoals, Martin Co., Ind.
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Mr. Benjamin T, Leuzarder
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Kind Sir—

Your letter to my father was received last week. Through his request and by his dictation I shall answer it for him, since he is somewhat incapacitated for writing for the present, by a wounded finger.

We were very glad to hear from you and, like you are anxious to learn the history of our early ancestors. My sister Flora, aged 14 has written several letters which were published in the WIDE AWAKE and the METHODIST CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Most likely they were the same, which your little girl read. My father has been in the mercantile business for the last 35 years. We have been living here for the last ten years. Our former home was in Bloomington, Indiana. I shall give you the sketch of our lineal ancestors as my father gave it to me. The name was originally spelled Lieuzader. Aaron Lieuzader my great great grandfather came (it is thought) from Lorraine Alsace in France. The time was during the persecution of the Protestants. He fled to England, thence to America. His family joined him here afterward. In appearance he was dark skinned and black eyed. He married twice. Of the first marriage Abraham and Isaac were the fruits. The latter it is thought settled on the Wabash. Abraham my great grandfather served in the Revolutionary War. He was in Col. Clark's Division which did such grand work in taking Vincennes, Kaskaskia and Cahokia from the British. Dillon's "History of the US" gives a full account of these picked men their wonderful exploits and how they were rewarded by the government.

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My father's belief is that the ancestors were Jews. When a boy he remembers the time that a Jewish priest or Rabbi with beard descending almost to his feet visited his home and claimed them as belonging to his fold. It is also stated that Aaron Lieuzader was quite wealthy when he left France. So the probabilities are that a fortune will befall some of us yet.

To see my family one would believe that we belonged to the original stock. My father is very fair skinned with sandy beard and blue eyes. Two of my sisters are married and two single. One brother has been in the store and one is studying Medicine. One is a farmer and the youngest

has not selected his occupation being a mere boy. I am a schoolteacher. I graduated at the State University several years ago. A State License to teach was given to me five years ago. For the ensuing I will teach in the southeastern part of the state. I declined a position which was offered to one in the other part of Indiana several days since.

There is a tract of land in the southern part of Indiana called Clark's Grant that was originally given to the men who formed Gen. Clark's Division for their services, 200 acres was given to each man. As this land, at the time, was in the wild, far west, my great grandfather did not avail himself of possessing his share. So none of it has ever come to his descendants. One thing is certain that the name, weight, height and general appearance of each one of those braves were recorded before starting from Virginia and the records are now in Washington City.

Many anecdotes are told of their marvelous exploits. At one time they were encamped by a ditch 16 feet wide. The British surprised them. Their only way of egress being taken by the enemy, and in such a plight the commander with desperation told them to jump the ditch, which was performed by each one taking their gun with them. A volley of shot upon the enemy compelled them to leave. When the braves returned to their rendezvous, they found many brass buttons strewn around and a magnificent dead horse. If any British were killed they were surreptitiously carried away. My great grandmother afterward received a pension.

Father does not know of any of our relations living in Maine. We were told last summer that a Mr. Luzadder was running a big hotel in Maine. His folks came from Virginia. No doubt your ancestors and ours are closely related and that your name like ours has undergone a change from the original.

Probably we can trace the relationship. Father wants to know if you are not dark eyed with black hair and tall of stature as those are the general characteristics.

Hoping that you are not wearied with this lengthy letter I will close, trusting that you will be interested enough to write to us again and give us the history of your family. Probably Father will be able to answer you next which will be more satisfactory to you though I shall be at his service if needed for no one is more interested than I in trying to find our history.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Name:	Alexander Luzadder	
Birth Year:	abt 1825	
Age in 1870:	45	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Home in 1870:	Perry, Monroe, Indiana	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Bloomington	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Alexander Luzadder	45
	Margaret Luzadder	39
	Teresa M Luzadder	17
	Franklin B Luzadder	16
	Sophie P Luzadder	13
	Maggie J Luzadder	9
	Ulysses S G Luzadder	7
	Sillie J Luzadder	4
	Horner Luzadder	2
	Eddie Luzadder	5/12

UNITED STATES CENSUS DATA
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Home in 1880:	Center, Martin, Indiana																		
Age:	50																		
Estimated birth year:	abt 1830																		
Birthplace:	Ohio																		
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (<i>Head</i>)																		
Spouse's name:	Margret																		
Father's birthplace:	Pennsylvania																		
Mother's birthplace:	Pennsylvania																		
Neighbors:	View others on page																		
Occupation:	Dry Goods Merchant																		
Marital Status:	Married																		
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SOPHIE HORTENSE LUZADDER, BORN DOVE HILL. RESIDENCE, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.
EDUCATED AT GRADES SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA. DEGREE,
A. B. OCCUPATION, TEACHER, IN THE COMMON AND GRADED SCHOOLS; ALSO, IN THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARRIED

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FLOYD
IN
1909

All Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books

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Mrs. Sophie H. Luzadder Floyd.
DAR ID Number: 90844

Born in Martin County, Ind.

Wife of Benjamin Z. Floyd.

Descendant of Abraham Lieuzader, as follows:

1. Alexander Luzadder (1824-1907) m. Margaret Askins (b. 1831).
2. Isaac Lieuzader (1799-1866) m. Deborah Lawyer (1801-60).
3. Abraham Lieuzader m. Leah Hogue (d. 1850).

Abraham Lieuzader (1757-1826) served as a private, 1778, in Col. George Rogers Clark's regiment and, 1779, was in Colonel Montgomery's regiment. His widow received a pension. He was born in Pennsylvania; died in Ohio.