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*Founded October, 1929, to Study and Commemorate the
Transylvanians Movement, Members and Associates.*

August 13, 1941

Miss Ida Tarbell
Bethel Connecticut

Dear Miss Tarbell,

I do not know whether you change to remember me from years ago when you had me to lunch with you at the Samuel Tilden Mansion. We met through the suggestion of Judge Igleheart of Evansville, Ind. You asked me at that time to send you any material I could find on the Rutledge family of Henderson, Kentucky. A friend investigated for me and I sent you the little I could find. It was insignificant.

I am enclosing to you a court house record that was given to me. Probably you already have it.

I am also sending you a folder of the Audubon Museum here. I would be delighted if you could come as my guest and have a look at it. The experts tell me it is the largest collection in existence, certainly it is the only Audubon Museum. In it, one room is devoted to the Transylvania Company - it is known as the Transylvanian Room. There you will find portraits, papers and articles that have come down from the nine men of the company, from Daniel Boone and others.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Susan Starling Towles
Susan Starling Towles

SST:zw

Monument over the grave of Mary Ann Rutledge who died in 1878- and her son John Rutledge who died 1879. This monument is in Bethel M.E. Cemetery, three and one half miles from Birmingham, Iowa. Picture taken May 1921.

Inscription on one side : Mary Ann Rutledge, wife of James Rutledge, died Dec 26, 1878, aged 91 years, 3mos, 5 days.

O Mother dear a short farewell
That we may meet again above
And roam where angels love to dwell
Where trees of life bear fruits of love.

Inscription on opposite side: John Rutledge died May 17, 1879, aged 68 years, 5mos, 18 days.

Hard is it from thee to part
Though it rend my aching heart
Since an heir's to Glory's gone
Let the will of God be done.

Picture taken May 1921.

House occupied by Mrs Mary Ann Rutledge from 1837 to 1878-the year of her death- near Birmingham Iowa. A well built house of five rooms, veranda in front, covered porch in rear, still standing on original foundation over original walled cellar. The house now used as a garage by the present owner of the farm , who has built a modern house in front of it.

Picture taken May 1921.

Two pictures of "Missouri Harmony," a Psalm and Hymn Book with the Patent Notes, used in the Rutledge family by Lincoln and Ann Rutledge in New Salem, Illinois. This precious heirloom fell into the hands of Mrs Nancy C. Prewitt- Ann's sister- and has been sacredly cared for by the Prewitts to this day. Open page at "Legacy," the song that Lincoln sang to Mrs Prewitt when she was a little girl in the Rutledge home. (See Lincoln's Courtship," by Mrs Prewitt and Rev. A. M. Prewitt's letters in "Memories of the Rutledge Family of New Salem, Illinois." Donated to the Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection by Rev. A. M. Prewitt. January 20, 1922.

HENDERSON COUNTY COURT RECORDS.

DEED BOOK, C. Page 147.

This indenture between Thos. Rutledge and Sally, his wife, both of state and County aforesaid of the one part and Peterson Parks of said County and state, the part witness-
eth that we the aforesaid Thos. Rutledge and Sally, his wife for the and in consideration of, the sum \$400,00 to us in hand paid etc. do here-by acknowledge receipt and have
Granted Sold and Bargained and Confirmed etc. and doth convey unto said Peterson Parks a tract of Land containing 200 acres on waters of Canoe Creek, etc.

Described to a stake in Wm. Fincklin's line etc. Location of John Hancock's, being a tract of land granted to Thos Rutledge at Frankfort, January 20th, 1814, who was assignee of John Reedy, who was assignee of Archibald McCallister. From Thos. Rutledge and Sally his wife together with premises etc. shall warrant and defend, etc.

[signed] Thomas Rutledge.
Sally Rutledge.

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Oct. 18, 1814. Deed Book, C. page 214.

This indenture made 25th day of May 1818, between Robert Rutledge and Susanna, his wife, of County of Henderson, state of Kentucky, of the one part and John Grantham of the other part of County and State aforesaid, Witnesseth that

the said Robert Rutledge and Susanna, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of thirteen dollars current money of the state, the receipt whereof we do acknowledge have bargained and sold and by these presents Grant Bargain and confirm unto said John Grantham his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of land, situated in Henderson County on waters of Canoe Creek and waters of Bever Dam, containing six acres, more or less, etc. described etc.

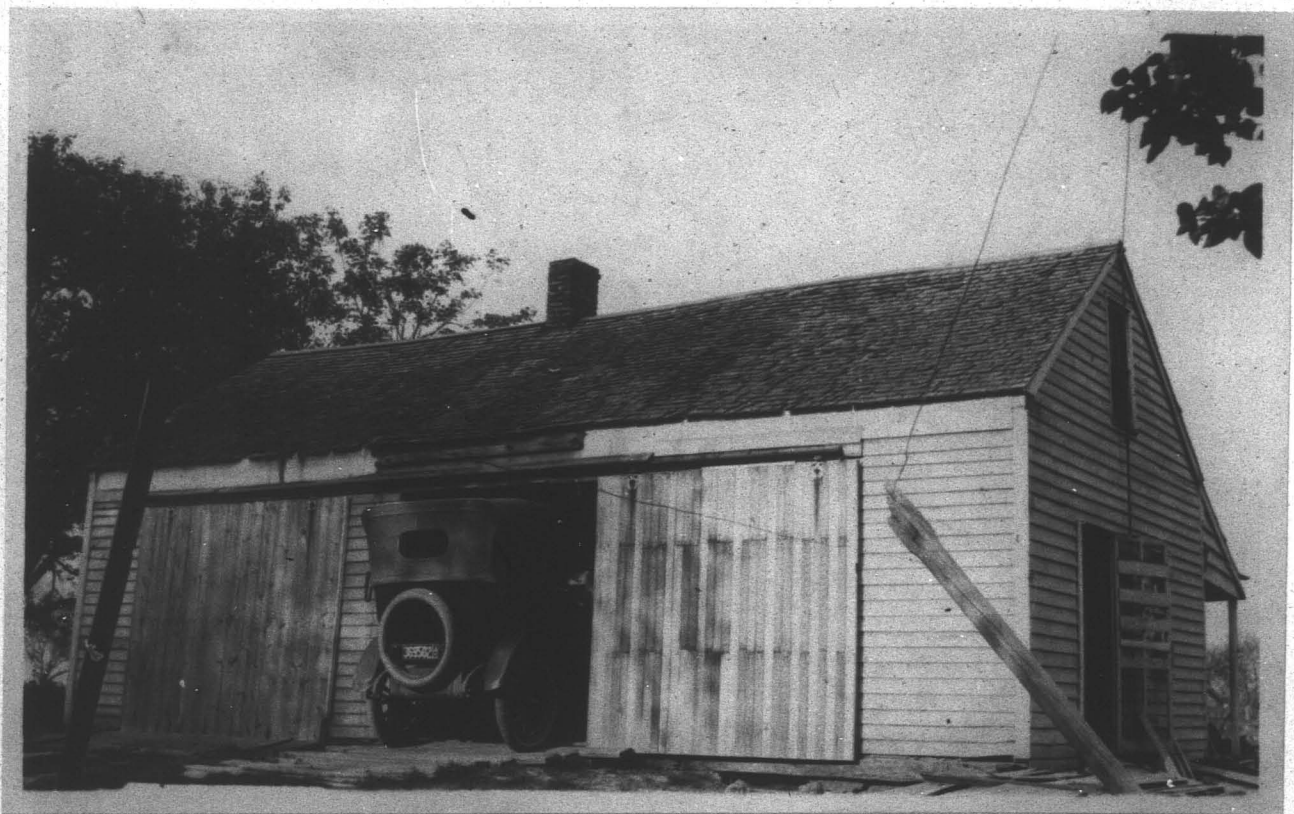
To have and to hold said land etc.

[Signed] Robert Rutledge.
Susanna Rutledge.

Teste, John Savage,

Admitted for record May 26th 1818, Henderson County.

Records from first Marriage Book, James Rutledge and
Marianna Miller, April 23, 1808.



2. With Rutledge monument

Jane Hamand

See Letter of 12/1-'23. Jane Hamand.

Garage made from home in which

Mary Ann Rutledge, mother of Ann Rutledge
lived for 40 years. near Birmingham Ala.

RUTLEDGE FAMILY RECORD

OF

NEW SALEM, ILLINOIS

JAMES RUTLEDGE, Born May 11, 1781

Died December 3, 1835

MARY ANN MILLER, Born October 21, 1787

Died December 26, 1878

Married. January 25, 1808, by Rev. James McGrady, in Henderson County, Kentucky.

BIRTHS

Jean Officer Rutledge.....November 23, 1808
John Miller Rutledge.....November 9, 1810
Ann Mayes Rutledge.....January 7, 1813
David Hamilton Rutledge.....August 22, 1815
Robert Brannon RutledgeFebruary 23, 1819
Nancy Cameron RutledgeFebruary 10, 1821
Margaret Armstrong Rutledge.....June 21, 1823
William Blackburn Rutledge...November 29, 1826
Mary Anderson Rutledge.....June 5, 1827
*Sarah F. Rutledge.....October 20, 1829

DEATHS

Mary Anderson RutledgeJuly 25, 1827
Ann Mayes RutledgeAugust 25, 1835
David Hamilton Rutledge.....June 7, 1842
Margaret A. RutledgeMay .., 1864
Jean Officer RutledgeAugust 24, 1866
John Miller RutledgeMay 17, 1879
Robert B. RutledgeMay 6, 1881
Nancy C. Rutledge.....January 16, 1901
William B. Rutledge.....July 6, 1917
Sarah F. Rutledge.....May 1, 1922

*Still living January 1st, 1922

The Family Record is absolutely correct, verified by
living members of the family."

Jane Hammond Letts $\frac{12}{5}$ -2