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Prof. C. L. Wilson

Dear Sir

Having
from Mr Jos. A. Waddell
that you are a descendant
of John Matthews I take
the liberty of addressing you
on the subject of my fore-fathers
I have but recently become

interested in ancestry - now
I am quite eager for infor-
mation pertaining to the
family - My grand-mother
Margaret Matthews (Fanger)
was the daughter of H. Mat-
thews who was the son of
John Matthews - An Aunt
tells me that there was a
Matthews coat-of-arms - She
remembers a pair of sugar
tongs with the crest of the fami-
ly engraved on the top - This
piece of silver was in her home

which alas! got lost - Now I very much
desire to dig out of oblivion this same
cost - Can you help me in any way?
You are descended from Sampson
Macturns are you not? Do you know
whether or not - From Macturns served
in any way in the Revolutionary war?
He, for many years, used entches (my
uncle has one of them now) to our might-
infer that he was wounded in said
war - Mr. Praddell has kindly told me
many interesting things, among them,
the funny part of John M - 's will -
Can you tell me the exact location
of the old Macturns house? Can I
secure a photograph of it?

Hoping that you will not consider this
a very troublesome communication
& trusting that you will let me hear
from you at your earliest convenience
believe me yours truly
Margaret M. Patchiff
Miss F. M. Cummins R.



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