

August 16, 1995

Enclosed, please find an interesting and revealing response from the Archival Services Branch of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. This group will conduct a genealogical search for the nominal fee of \$8.00 per request. On July 23rd, I sent them a request to search for the marriage certificate of Emily Tolbert (Burns). The results of their search is attached. They were able to find a marriage certificate between one Emily **Talbott** and Manzer Burns dated Aug. 29th 1860. Based on previous unsuccessful efforts to locate the marriage records of Emily Tolbert, my "gut" feeling is that the researcher is correct...please note her comments. According to the researcher Tolbert and Talbott should be considered synonymous for purpose of conducting genealogical studies. I now believe "unknown" Burns listed on our family tree is one Manzer Burns (my great-great-grandfather). And, I recommend we shift the focal point of our research efforts to the surname of Talbott with Tolbert functioning as a surrogate.

I have sent each of you an ample supply of forms to request a genealogical search. There is an \$8.00 fee per request and they will only search for one piece of information at a time. The person who performed my request is Jane Julian...her phone number is listed in the comments section of the reply. I believe these forms are the least expensive and most effective manner of tapping a very knowledgeable source of information. I have sent another request seeking information on Emily Talbott's siblings and parents. David, you should consider getting a copy of the marriage certificate between Caroline and George Scott. I will leave the Scott side to you. We should plan on working our way up the tree to be able to identify exactly who Talbott or Tolbert is (I told

my kids he was a slave owner in sneakers)wouldn't it be great to locate the plantation where all of this started. That would really be the place to hold a reunion.....I truly believe our "unknown" slave woman ancestor can be identified through the African-American Genealogical resources sent to me by the genealogical search group. I have attached a copy of their recommended sources most of which cannot be accessed with the \$8.00 fee. This will possibly require a personal visit.....Charlie you are on point on this one!!

In any event, we need to stay in touch to preclude sending a proliferation of request forms for the same information. As soon as I receive a response to my request on siblings or parents of Emily Talbott, I will share what they find. By the way, please note, according to the records old Emily was listed as white on the marriage register but the actual document listed her as **f.w.c.** - free woman of color. This is both fun and addictive ..because this is the first piece of potentially useful information I have uncovered in over 20 hours of frustrating research.

The above is my paltry contribution to the yeoman effort put forth by both of you.....

July 23, 1995

*Archives Research Room
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
PO Box 537
Frankfort Ky 40602-0537*

Researcher,

Enclosed please find a request for a genealogical study on one Emily Tolbert (Burns) who was an African-American born into slavery in Clay County (Ky.) in the year 1823. We would like to know as much as you can find...particularly who she married and siblings.

I have been given the task of presenting this information at the first Emily Tolbert Burns family reunion scheduled for the weekend of Aug 3rd..

I apologize about the timing but I only recently discovered the availability of your research service. Please feel free to call me collect 708-820-4190 if you discover any data before Aug 3rd.

Thank you for any consideration given this request.....

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
Public Records Division
Archival Services Branch

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GENEALOGICAL REFERENCE REQUEST FORM

DO NOT WRITE BELOW - SPACE IS FOR OUR REPLY TO YOU

Enclosed is a copy of the information you requested. Please remit \$_____ . Please note reference number _____ with your remittance. Make checks or money orders payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer. This account must be paid before we can respond to further requests.

Insufficient information provided. Request cannot be completed. Resubmit with appropriate information.

No index available. Records cannot be searched by Archival Services Branch staff.

A list of professional researchers is enclosed.

Contact the repository or office indicated on the enclosed information circular.

We were unable to locate the record you requested.

xxx **Comments:** I think I may have found Emily's marriage record in Boyle County. This is an interesting situation, because on the index it says their race is "W" for white, but on the actual marriage record you will notice three letters written after the names of the bride and groom. "f m c " after the groom's name means "free man of color," and "f w c" after the bride name means "free woman of color." The date of 1860 is a little late, but I think this is the couple you want. I think that Talbott is simply a variation of Tolbert. When you do genealogy you need to be flexible and accept variations in dates, names, etc. If you have questions about this, please call me--Jane Julian, 502-564-8300, ext. 346.

K. J. J.
COMPLETE SECTIONS 1, 2 & 3
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Archival Services Branch staff will conduct a search for ONE PERSON in ONE RECORD listed below. Use a separate form for each search request, and submit only one form at a time. Out-of-state patrons must also enclose an \$8.00 non-refundable research fee with each request. A copy of the complete correspondence policy is available upon request. Mail completed form to: **Archives Research Room, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537.** Please allow up to eight weeks for a response.

1. Your name _____
Address _____

ATTACHMENTS AND ENCLOSURES RECEIVED WITH THIS FORM WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU.

BE SURE TO COMPLETE SECTIONS 2 & 3

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Remains - Boyle - Danielle
Boyle - marriages
1867 -

2. Required information. (If additional information is required, it will be noted below beside the specific type of record.)

Full name of person to be searched Emily Tolbert (Burns)
SPECIFY IF PERSON IS AFRICAN AMERICAN YES (MANY EARLY RECORDS WERE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY BY RACE.)

County or Agency Clay / Boyle

*Date of record 1823 - Birth (Slavery)
*WITHIN 5 YEARS, ALTHOUGH EXACT DATE IS PREFERABLE.

1850 - No Tolberts

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3. Type of record to be searched.

CHECK ONLY ONE RECORD FROM THE LIST BELOW.

Local Records -- Provide citation, if known: Book _____ Page _____

Deed -- *Grantee _____ *Grantor _____
*SPECIFY NAME OF GRANTEE [BUYER] AND GRANTOR [SELLER], IF KNOWN.

Marriage -- *Groom _____ *Bride _____
*SPECIFY NAME OF GROOM AND MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF KNOWN.

Tax List
Will

Holdings list -- Specify county: _____ and record type (if applicable): _____

Other record type Any Record will do - Slave Owner records preferred.

Judicial Records -- Specify copies required: Entire case _____ Final judgment _____ Indictment _____ Other _____

Divorce -- *Names _____ vs. _____
*SPECIFY NAMES OF BOTH PARTIES, IF KNOWN.

Civil Case File -- *Names _____ vs. _____ *Case number _____
*SPECIFY NAMES OF BOTH PARTIES, AND THE CASE NUMBER, IF KNOWN.

Criminal Case File -- *Case number _____
*SPECIFY CASE NUMBER, IF KNOWN.

Other record type _____

State Records -- Availability varies by county and date

Birth (1852-1910 only) _____ Death (1852-1910 only) _____

Census Records for Kentucky -- Name of head of household required.

Federal Census (Index and schedule search) --
Specify year: *1790 _____ *1800 _____ 1810 _____ 1820 _____ 1830 _____ 1840 _____ 1850 _____ 1860 _____ 1870 _____
*TAX LISTS

1890 Census of Union Civil War Veterans and Widows

Soundex (Index) search -- Specify year: 1880 _____ 1900 _____ 1910 _____ 1920 _____

Federal Census (schedule search only) -- Specify year: 1880 _____ 1900 _____ 1910 _____ 1920 _____
*Required information: Enumeration district _____ and Sheet or family number _____
*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH A SOUNDSEX SEARCH (SEE ABOVE) WHICH MUST BE REQUESTED SEPARATELY.

Military Records for Kentucky

Civil War Service Record -- *Union _____ *Confederate _____ *Unit name and number _____
*SPECIFY, IF KNOWN

Confederate Pension Application -- *Wife or widow's name _____
*SPECIFY, IF KNOWN.

Adjutant General's Report --
Specify war: War of 1812 _____ Civil War (Union) _____ Civil War (Confederate) _____ Spanish-American War _____

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