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The Editor  
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Dear Sir:

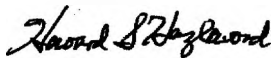
I started receiving your Newsletter for the Genealogical Society of Anson County in 2003. Since I have researched families in this area for over twenty years I find the articles interesting.

Betty J. Carson and I published a small book (86 pages), *The William Ratcliff/Ratliff Family of Maryland and Anson County, North Carolina* in 1987 (\$15 included postage and handling). We sold approximately 100 copies to relatives at approximately the cost of publication. We later published a smaller book (27 pages), *William Thomas 1741-1800 of Richmond County, North Carolina* in 1991 (\$10 including postage and handling). This followed our book on *Ancestors and Descendants of Tristan Thomas of Maryland* in 1993 (90 pages, \$18 including postage and handling). We sold over 160 copies. This was our best book.

I was a charter member of our Victoria County Genealogical Society and served as President, Treasurer and Director. We have one of the best quarterly publications in Texas. My health is now very poor and I am trying to stop my research but wish our Ratliff relatives to know about additional proof for the family of Robert Ratliff and Mary Touchstone Ratliff not included in our book in 1981. The Ratliff, Touchstone, Hamer, Curtis and Tarbutton families had relatives that moved to Anson County.

Enclosed is a family group sheet for Robert Ratliff and Mary Touchstone Ratliff. I hope you can publish this record in your newsletter with any additional information you wish to include. The notes on John Hamer (the younger) supplement the group sheet. If there is some interest by the Hamer researchers, I could furnish you a group sheet for my recent research on John Hamer, Jr. (son of John Hamer the younger) and Mary Hicks Hamer. Hamer researchers have lots of research on William Hamer (brother) but very little on John Hamer, Jr. and his children John, William, Daniel, Charles, Mary and two unknown daughters. I have not typed in two years and would hope you can write an article suitable for your newsletter.

Sincerely,



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