

Good Shepherd's Church, at Pennick,  
R. F. D. #1, Box 99, Everett City, Ga.

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My dear Mrs. Taylor:

Ere now I know you <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ I  
have forgotten my promise, but first  
I was thinking what you want most  
and too, what to say, there are so many  
good things to say about Mr. B.

My daddy's mother nursed the two  
children viz. Messrs. John Butler and  
Pearce Butler, who was the younger of the  
two. Mr. John's wife was a Miss Ga-  
bra-  
Ella Morris of Charleston, S. C. May  
I pause by saying that, these boys  
were born at Butler Place, about 10  
minutes ride from Philadelphia,  
Pa. Logan Station, since then it was  
change to Station G. My daddy's mother  
name was Hannah Ellison Butler her  
daddy was an Indian, she was given  
her freedom after nursing the two boys.

later she wanted to come South (near Aiken,  
S.C. in Charleston, she + my grandfather  
were married, "James Monroe Alexander"  
a Blacksmith + also a Fiddler, He could  
read + write. I think nearly all of their  
children were born on St. Simon's Island,  
Ga. Grandmother was a fine pastry cook  
(bake things) my dad was born on St.  
Simon's Island, Ga. James, but Mr. B.  
called him Alex, and therefore he was  
better known as Alex, + not James. When  
he was 10 yrs. old, <sup>"the judge - 42-2"</sup> Mr. Rosewell King,  
took him in his house with his (Alex's)  
mother, where he grew up + trained  
to serve Mr. B. - He was Mr. B's Page until  
his (Mr. B.) death, <sup>1841</sup> He was a carpenter,  
Coachman, Cook, and an oarman (at  
the helm of Mr. B's boat in later da.)  
His clothes were bought from stores  
where Mr. B. got some of his. (Charleston,  
S.C.) He + mother got married in 1841.  
They have 11 children, 6 boys + 6 girls, of

them I am the youngest. (Another name was Sofarney; her mother & her folks came from Newbern N.C. Their ancestor came from the Madagasker Island, East of Africa in the early days. Some of mother's people helped to settled St. Simon's Island. Both daddy and mother, said that Mr. Pearce Butler and his brother were very sympathetic toward their slaves. They were not allowed to have 2 wives or 2 husbands. All of their clothing came from England, "woolen goods", double & single blankets. The food came from Philadelphia, Pa. & Charleston S.C. in boats load. Mr. B. had on his Plantations, men with trades, viz. Carpenter, Mason, Blacksmith, Engineer, Shoemaker, Cooper, (barrel, pail & tubs) Cook, Nurse, Seamstress, Laundress, Teamsters or horse: as they were called. He (Mr. B.) gave his people not only the Bible, but worship with them and gave them the Fiddle too.

Messrs. Butler practiced what they preached,  
 They did not have any "children" by their  
 slave women, and they did not approve  
 of the Over-seeer to take advantage  
 of their negro women, several of them  
 were turn off his plantations for such  
 doings. About 1840 Mr. P. Butler sent  
 a Doctor M.D. from Philadelphia to care  
 for his people. (S. O. Wilson his name)  
 He was known as Dr. Wilson, he was  
 in Mr. B's - services until the War  
 between the States. Before then 1840  
 Mr. B. employed Doctors from Darien,  
 + other places My lady often spent  
 spoke about the St. Simon's Island  
 white folks, & how kind + friendly  
 they were, up to his death, he + mother  
 never get tired talking about them  
 + the Episcopal Church, Christ Church,  
 The Rev. Mr. Merridith + Bishop Elliott +  
 others who conducted services in that Church  
 This is written by, Anna Ellison Butler Alexander  
 (negro) a deaconess in the Episcopal Church.