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Miss Marilyn Bell, Archivist
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Dear Miss Bell:

Replying to your letter of March 9th.
about having Dr. Abraham Jobe's Memoirs
xeroxed - I see no reason why this
descendant of his cannot do this. I am
happy to know that a descendant wants
to do this - would like to know who it
is.

Dr. Jobe was my great-uncle and
I am always delighted to have history
preserved, especially for families.
(Come to see Rocky Mount!) It

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explains, far better than I can, my
dedicated interest.

The original copy of Dr. Jolie's Memoirs
was hand-written (by him) and is owned
by a granddaughter, who lived in
Charlotte, N.C. I believe. Several had
copied from it before I even knew it
existed (this was 1952). I was so excited
I offered to print it, just to preserve it.
(with proper footnotes added.) The owner
didn't want this done so I gave it
up. However, her brother, who lived
in Johnson City (has since died)
gave his permission — I am truly
sorry that I gave up so easily —

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but the purchase, restoration and -
preservation of Rocky Mount
was "falling into my hands", I
suppose that was my reason - as I
am not a "giver-upper"!

I had a few copies made for
myself - and gave the one you have
to Doctor White.

As far as the legality goes, I have
no "rights" - but, as I haven't had any
trouble since copying it, (must have been
1952 or 1953), I will take the risk!

With many good wishes,

Sincerely -

Pauline Massengill De Fricce (Mrs. Frank W.
De Fricce, Sr.)

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Bristol, Tenn.

a grand-niece of Dr. Abraham Jobe - he was a brother of my grandfather, Lipton Jobe - one of the founders of Johnson City, Tenn.

Dr. Jobe practiced medicine for many years, around Elk Park, Spruce Pine, Burnsville, N.C. Later, he moved to Elizabethton, Tenn.

He had four daughters and one son. His oldest daughter, Hattie, was married first - to Nathaniel W. Taylor, brother of the famous Port & Alf Taylor. Her second husband was Nathaniel E. Harris, Ex-gov. of Georgia. Other descendants include many prominent names in Tenn. history - the Millers, Hunters, Jobes, etc.

Dr. Jobe was a man of unusual capabilities, varied interests, excellent personality, popular and well-liked. He had many business interests but made little money - always lending, helping others - serving his Master and his fellowman - and always serving his beloved country.

He came from a distinguished ancestry (his surname was not very important) who came to Watauga settlement from Shenandoah County Va. 1777 - He had four grants of land from N.C. and this farm is now the present Johnson City. His mother, Ruth Lipton Jobe, was a grand daughter of Col. John Lipton, famous in early Tenn. history.

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Dr. Abraham Joke was always deeply interested in the welfare of the Indians, as you will see by reading this. In 1836 - aged 19 - he volunteered to protect whites and Indians - and to help remove them, safely, to Okla. (However, this is a dark blot on U.S. history)

Graduated from Transylvania University - Lexington, Ky - 1849. Served 31 years as special agent for post office in N.C. + S.C. Was at bedside of Andrew Johnson when he died, near Elizabethton - Note what he says about a picture made of scene - this was a Currier + Ives print (made them of prominent people, but usually from imagination or photographs - Uncle Abe's so good, must have had photograph. I now own two of these but he never saw one.

Practiced medicine wherever he was and wherever needed. Spoke three Indian languages fluently - Cherokee, Creek (spent 2 yrs. with Creeks, I wonder why?) and Chippewa. Was sent to northern Minnesota to make treaty with Chippewas for U.S. Gov't, interesting account here - detailed one in Washington.

My mother and father used to give me a compliment years ago (they did not consider it one!) when they found I was so interested in so many things - they would say, "you are just like Uncle Abe" Bless his heart! I hope I am. I am deeply grateful -

By Pauline Massengill De Friece
his great (or grand?) niece