

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a genealogical tree of the Gals, which goes back to Christopher the grandfather of Christopher the guide of Washington in the Fort Duquesne Expedition,

Mr Charles Howard is I believe the lady who has the complete genealogical tree of the family. The ladies who married the Brothers just were ~~great~~ Aunt of John Eager Howard whose father was Columbus Howard, & his sisters Sarah May & Dorothea married respectively Christopher (my grand father) & John (my great grand uncle) & William another 99 uncle -

Columbus Howard (father of John Eager Howard) died at an advanced age in 1777 - There is a letter extant for Gal Washington to Mr Fairfax dated at Fort Cumberland 1758 in which he says, "your letter to Capt Gist (Christopher) I preserved by a safe hand the moment it came to me & this answer shall be

faithfully transmitted"

In a letter to Genl Washington she says "my sisters & Nancy Gist (Christa's daughter Anne) desire you to accept their best compliments".

Col Bay also forwards these extracts does not give the date of the last.

I shall be pleased to assist you in any way in your labors & thank you about to the result,

Yrs truly

W. Ward

Wash DC May 21 1873

My father & mother are gone and they are now at home in the country.