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Dear Cousin

The receipt of your letter was most welcome. I am sorry for delay in my answer but I gave your letter to my nephew and it was mislaid by mistake. I am Sarah Jane (O'Shields) married Magaugh - I was born May the 12, 1857 and the names in your letter being memories of long ago. My grandparents was dead even before my parents married, but I know of them, Catharine and John O'Shields were brothers and yes they fought in the Revolution war together. My grandfather John O'Shields and my grandmother was a Paschal or raised by the Paschals as some might say - she was Elizabeth Lucretia O'Shields but commonly called Lucretia by the family because there was several Elizabeth O'Shields in the family. My mother addok one more you see - she was Elizabeth Heaton called Betty you see. My father was William Paschal O'Shields, married 2 times, first wife Elizabeth Ann called Eliza or Lizzy but my mother Elizabeth called Betty. My father died

he died when I was a girl at one or just after Civil
 War, Papa started to Georgia to help my brother's
 widows. She had wrote for help. This was my
 half brother Leonard O'Shields. My father was killed
 when he went to trade or sell a horse to get provisions
 for us and Leonard's widows, in Georgia, if he fell from
 his horse or was killed we were never told but both
 horses were never found. We had it at hard being
 my mother left a widow with so small children not
 able to work the fields. We almost starved and I remem-
 ber going with my mother to a neighbors smoke house to
 scrape dirt to bait for salt. If my mother were yet
 living she could tell you much more. I will ask my
 brother J. A. O'Shields to write you, if he will - for he has
 Papa and Mamma's Bible with the family Record
 will close with Love, Yours O'Shields cousin

Sarah Jane Bragg