

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 2, Subseries G, Box 7, Folder 17

Query Letter Concerning Fearn, to Roberts, Frances C., 1978

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Query - Fearn

Horace E. Gath  
1811 Westwoodland Ave. SE  
Huntsville, AL 35891

July 18, 1978

Dear Frances,

Kindly overlook the impertinence of this  
uninitiated Mr. Pollard, from the  
University library, picked up the book of  
Dr. Fearn late yesterday, and thought to  
send the enclosed information which I have  
on my mind.

The Fearn cemetery lot is enclosed by  
an old iron fence, located toward the NW  
corner of Maple Hill, very near to Wall  
Avenue. His tombstone has the inscription

DR. THOMAS FEARN  
BORN  
IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA.  
NOV. 15, 1789  
DIED  
IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.  
JAN. 16, 1863

As I recall, he was imprisoned here  
by the Yankees, contracted pneumonia or  
something, and died soon after his release.  
Aunt Marie will probably know.

I have a yellowed old piece torn from  
an old newspaper. Don't recall it is source,  
but had a copy made showing the front and  
back sides of the strip. Perhaps you will know  
or be able to identify the person and date of  
publication.

Dr. Fearn was also a rock collector.

**Names:**

, Aunt Marie

Fearn, Thomas, Dr.

Pollard, Mr.

Roberts, Frances

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

University Library

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Jan 18, 1978

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Jan about 1972 we turned over to the Burritt  
Museum a box or two of rocks from many  
different locations (some to me some  
of the Western Territories). Some of them  
were still wrapped and unidentified. We  
have never heard of them since - no letters,  
no nothing.

Please don't let the ~~same~~ remnants  
of that old box by Mr. Betts get  
away from you. I'd like to have it back.

Very very best regards to you,  
Sincerely,  
Horace

**Names:**

, Horace  
Betts, Mr.

Burritt Museum -  
Fearn rock

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# Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection

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**Collection Scope and Content:** The Collection of 114 Linear ft. includes a total of 156 Archival Boxes. The Frances Cabaniss Roberts collection covers the historical records of the Cabaniss Roberts family. This collection contains extensive correspondence records of the Cabaniss Roberts family circa 1830 to 1930.

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