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Edward Lacy
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Dear Mr. Lacy:

During a recent visit to Cookeville, Tennessee, I spoke with Mr. Lee Lacy regarding information about the history of the Lacy family, and their involvement in the Cookeville Pottery. Over the past twenty years, Sam Smith, Historic Archaeologist for the Tennessee Division of Archaeology, and I have been collecting information on the pottery industry in Tennessee. We published a book on the subject in 1979, A Survey of Historic Pottery Making in Tennessee, and are currently working on a second edition with new data gathered since then. I have enclosed copies of the section from Putnam County for your information. The data on the Cookeville Pottery is generally correct, but we realize some errors are present which we hope to correct.

Lee Lacy showed us a copy of your book on the Lacy-Whitson Family in Jackson & Putnam County Tennessee, and you should be pleased with the fine work. Information on the Cookeville Pottery was most helpful to our research, and prompted me to write you.

~~2. I extracted all pertinent info~~
It seemed from briefly reading the section on the Cookeville Pottery, you had available to you correspondence of your father and others regarding the operations of the pottery. Might it be possible to get copies of these letters as they might shed important light on the day-to-day operations of the pottery. I would also like to have copies of pages 166-176 from your book regarding the Cookeville Pottery and the Algood Brick Company. Finally, in this second edition we hope to include as many picture as possible. Your photographs of the Cookeville Pottery are the only photographs we have seen of the pottery, and would like to obtain clear copies if possible. I would be most happy to pay the cost for all copying.

I hope my requests will not place an undue burden on you. Your information and photographs of the Cookeville Pottery are very important to us. I hope you find the enclosed information on the Putnam County sites of interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Steve Rogers

Steve Rogers
Historic Preservation Specialist

*I sent him packages —
photos on 25 Mar 96*