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Mrs. Frances Jones
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Dear Mrs. Jones:

I checked the Southern Churchman and found the obituary of Benjamin Tasker Chinn in the issue of December 9, 1886, p.3 c.5 which is as follows:

Southern Churchman Dec. 9, 1886 p. 3, c.5

"Chinn At the residence of his son-in-law, R. N. Tyler in Prince William County, Va., Benjamin Tasker Chinn aged 79 years.

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And now has passed from our midst another Virginia gentleman of the old school-those who knew him best esteemed him most. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, yet he possessed those sterling traits of character that belong to his race. Descended on one side from the Yates and Takers and on the other from Councillor Carter, of Nomini, he kept pure and unsullied the blood that flowed through his veins. To his name belongs the merited encomium found in Bishop Meade's Old Churches and Families of Virginia. "From Raleigh Chinn descended those male and females of that name who have served to give character to our country." Raleigh Chinn appeared in 1706 and married Esther Ball, the half-niece of Mrs. Mary Washington.

Mr. Chinn, the subject of this sketch was from his earliest years a consistent Christian, and has left to his posterity an unspotted name - a legacy for more enduring than gold or silver, and which it behooves them to guard with watchful care."

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We hope this will be helpful and we shall look forward
to your visit in March.

Sincerely,

Katherine M. Smith

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