

## DARIN'S STORY

My name is Darin Lott, the great grandson of Clara Segler Pelham. I live in Charlotte, North Carolina. I wanted to write and let you know that I read the Segler Family Tree and Photo Album that you worked so hard on. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and appreciated the opportunity. I have always enjoyed history, particularly family.

I read about the shotgun and wanted to share that I have Mack Moten's pocket watch, which I treasure. I received it from Florence Pelham, Clara Segler's daughter and my grandmother, about 25 years ago. When she gave it to me the face had been crushed and it was not in working order. Through a friend, I was able to locate a watchmaker and had it repaired to working condition. Its a gold filled Elgin watch in a hunting case. The cover is missing, presumably lost when the face was crushed. I was able to track, using the serial number, that it was made in 1909. One of the things that I found most interesting is in a photo of Mack Moten on page six of your album. In the photo, Mack Moten is in a suit and you can see a pocket watch chain attached to the vest. When I enlarged the photo, you can plainly see that the chain matches the one attached to the watch I have.

Florence clearly loved her grandfather Mack Moten. She told me of visiting him while he was living in the tent behind the house due to TB. When I returned for a visit a few years later and showed her the watch and that it had been repaired, she burst into tears. She couldn't believe that it had been repaired. She told me of a time when she took the watch to see if she could have it repaired. The person at the jewelry shop told her it was not repairable and offered her some token amount of money to use the watch parts and jewels as scrap. For some reason, she was convinced the person at the jewelry store had removed the jewels.

I remember as a young man riding in the car with my grandmother, driving past a wooded location and her mentioning that the old home place was "back there through the woods." We didn't stop, although I always wish we had done so.



This is the photo Darin is referring to.



This enlarged view of the chain shows it is the same.

