From: Btylin@aol.com Subject: Re: Deese Family Date: October 10, 2011 To: afbowie@cox.net

Thought you might enjoy reading this letter from Culpepper Deese. Written on lined note book paper in pencil. Has some family information but most of all I got a sense of family pride and a sense of humor. I also doubt that he ever won a Spelling Bee.

Betty Ann Christopher Lincecum.

Tulsa, Ok 74133

Letter from C. W. Deese congratulating Ned and Nadine Christopher on birth of first child, Betty Ann Christopher, born March 23, 1931.

Austin, Ark. April 28th 31 Rout 1

Hellow Ned & Nadine Grandchildren

Glad you are alive hurra for the Deese family. Another Great grand Daughter You are making a good start for seventeen like gran dad. I was uneasy about you. Got a letter from Mag. Said you was sick and was uneasy about you. I answered her letter the next day. Paid her taxes on her land and never have gotten an answer yet. Don't know whether she ever got it or not. Whats the matter with her. Well we are up that's about all that can be said. I have been all in for the last month. Nan is as fat as a hog but barely can go sometimes. All the rest of the connections are well so far as I know. I rote Mag about Susie's death Bill wife that I don't know if she got the letter. She died the 21 of February. What has become of Rotha and Sceicle. I never here from them any more. I never see Carry anymore. She never comes to see me and I seldom ever go anywhere only when some one carries me. I am nearly blind and deaf so I stay at home. Will be 89 years old the 4th of May. I cant see to wright. Read it if you can and answer. I will ring off with mutch love to you all good By. Tell Mag to wright me if she got her recipt.

(signed) C W Deese

(Nadine Meridith Christopher is Maggie Deese Meridith's daughter - referred to in letter as Mag (C.W. Deese daughter). Rotha and Carry (Carra) are Maggie's daughters by first husband Luther Reed. Sceicle (Cecil Smith) is husband of Rotha. Nan is C. W.'s second wife Nannie Bryant. Susie is wife of C. W. Deese's son William Henry Deese.)