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Dear Miss Cowing:-

I was very pleased to receive your letter requesting information about Miss Elizabeth Coleman White. I felt privileged to have been with her the last nine and a half years of her life.

In response to your request, Miss White attended Friend's Central School in Phila. It was located at 5th. and Arch Sts. After graduation in 1887, she returned to the family property, later known as Whitesbog. Here she lived in a small cedar board building which also served as an office. Miss White directed the work on the construction of the Cranberry Bogs.

Her Father, Joseph J. White worked in Camden during the week as an engineer. When time permitted he researched the ownership of adjacent properties until three thousand seven hundred acres were acquired. Of this acreage, five hundred were developed into cranberry bogs and three hundred were planted with blueberries.

Joseph J. White wrote the first book on Cranberry Culture.

Being an engineer he located the Cranberry Bogs along the streams leading from a cedar swamp on the acquired property.

Miss Elizabeth, as most folks called her was the oldest of four daughters and the only one that remained unmarried.

Joseph J. White, traveled from the farm at New Lisbon to the property east of Brown's Mills by horse and buggy on weekends to review work completed and give Miss Elizabeth the coming weeks work. This work consisted of hard labor to remove stumps, digging ditches and make dams between bogs, where wagons and later cars could be used. Axe, pick, shovel and wheel barrow were the main tools used.