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Dear Cousin Robert,

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter. It is such a delight to finally have some contact with some of my South Carolina cousins. I am a member of several South Carolina genealogy societies and I never have come across any of my family names before in these groups. All of the Martins, Bosticks, Maners and Villards must have left South Carolina or know as much as they want to know about their families. I am certainly glad that the Lawton and Robert descendants have an active group.

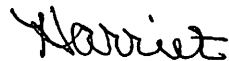
Thank you also for your help with membership in the Society of First Families of South Carolina, 1670-1700. I will send the card you were so kind to fill out for me on to Charleston. I am also interested in the National Society of Magna Carta Dames and Barons. As you surmised, my mother was my father's second wife. His first wife died of cancer in 1925. His full name is Villard Martin (no middle name). He married my mother, Rose Somervell Gibson, in 1931. Since he was the youngest child of a second marriage and I am the youngest child of a second marriage, there are ninety three years between the birth of my grandfather (1842) and myself (1935). Not too many people around now have a grandfather who fought in the Confederate Army for South Carolina. I feel very lucky to have that distinction. If you need any more information about my family for the Magna Carta Society, please let me know. I can (hopefully) give you anything that you need.

Your help with a reference to the marriage of John Robert and Elizabeth Dixon is a great help. Copies of the South Carolina Historical Magazine are probably available at one of the libraries on the University of Missouri campus or if not I will order the article from PERSI. I am trying to collect as much supporting data for my family line as possible.

I am enclosing a check for the new copy of "Our Family Circle." You are correct, we all do owe a very large debt of gratitude to "Cousin Annie" as she called herself in her book. When I hear that people are struggling with their family lines I really appreciate what a great service she did for us. I am also enclosing a copy of a picture of Landgrave Smith and his Coat-of-Arms that were among my family papers. (Isn't Kinko's wonderful!) You may already have copies of these. The note describing the picture was clipped to the picture and is quite old. The paper has yellowed and the ink turned brown. I don't understand the "Ishmal Smith" but maybe you can cast some light on that for me.

Thank you again for your letter and your help.

With sincere best wishes,



Harriet Martin Riggs