

Subj: Re: What next?  
Date: 1/29/00 6:36:21 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: Clattyboy  
To: marpjimh@concentric.net

Hi Margaret,

Good to hear from you.

You do not always have to show an actual marriage. Marriages that are implied in Court of Equity documents will often suffice. What kind of evidence did Jerry Teague have on the marriage of Silas M. Cater and Eliza Porcher? The material from the Garrett-Sharpe book may be enough.

When I joined, I had no documents clearly stating that my gg Grandfather Nathaniel Henry Rhodes had married Susan Julia Hagood. I had a very good circumstantial case. I later found a Barnwell County Court of Equity document stating that they had married. That was after I was already in FFSC. There are also no Bible or church records that show the marriage of Nathaniel's father Thomas Rhodes to Mary Cater. Their marriage was mentioned in other accepted genealogies.

Silas McPherson Cater is in the Thomas Cater family Bible so that part is easiest. As for Francis Bohun Cater it is more important that you show him as a son of Silas McPherson Cater than it is that you show the maiden name of his wife. Doesn't the 1850 or 1860 census show Silas living with Francis? You will need to show that your great grandfather Richard Bohun Cater was the son of Francis P. Cater and that Colona Cater was the daughter of Richard Bohun Cater and that you are her daughter.

I am going to send a copy of your e mail to Robert Peeples. He may have some suggestions. There may be something in the Huguenot records. He will probably write you when he gets my letter.

You have done well so far. Do not be discouraged. I don't think you will have much of a problem.

Keep in touch and let me know what else I can do. Hope to see you in April.

Clayton

Subj: **What next?**  
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Dear Clayton,

This is what I have done so far :

I have my marriage and birth certificates plus Pete's death certificate.

I have the following :

- ~~My parents marriage certificate :~~
- ~~Colona Cater and Clyde T. Ellison~~
- ~~My grandparents marriage certificate :~~
- ~~Richard Bohun Cater and Fanny Jinks~~

I can base my membership on your application from Thomas Cater on back.

However, so far I have not been able to find a marriage date or place for Francis Porcher Cater and Ann Caroline Anderson. Nor, for that matter, my g-g-grandparents, Silas McPherson Cater and Eliza Maria Porcher. I may be able to find some kind of land records for Francis in Alabama and I know he died before Ann Caroline – so maybe a will. Would that do? Unfortunately, Silas may be more difficult – Eliza predeceased him – so she wouldn't be in a will. Because I am so new to this genealogy business I have great difficulty finding women – probably everyone has at least some for all the various reasons – but I really do get frustrated with not finding out too much about the distaff side of the family, i.e., Mary Unknown – end of story!

Should I ask someone at FFSC what other types of information I should try to find? I want my application to be as iron clad as I can get it – no nasty surprises like, "start over" and through those people out! I have become rather fond of Frank and Ann, Silas and Eliza. As you may remember I did talk to someone at the historical library in Charleston who looked and found neither of the gg- or ggg-grandparents. Maybe they didn't even get married in South Carolina? Maybe I will try Talladega, Alabama for Frank and Ann's marriage. I have no ideas about Silas and Eliza. Do you think Census records after 1850 where you have names would suffice?

Any advice – even if it is "keep digging" would be greatly appreciated.

Fondly,  
 Margaret

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