

Rev. Robert E. H. Peoples,
St. Marys, Fla.

Troy, Ala.
Apr. 28, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of March 30, 1963, and the inclosures therewith, and shall attempt to answer your questions with reference to Stephen Cater as soon as I can get around to it. I am drawing to do a lot of digging into my very old notes and can not do much of that at a time. They are badly mixed.

The Stephen Cater, who mentions his wife and child in his will was accused. He denied the charge and the case was pending when he died. He was wealthy and prominent.

You inquired as to my given name. The "G" is for "Graph" and the "J." for "John". My father's name was John and the "Graph" was, I am told, the family name of Grandfather of my grandmother in South Carolina. The first year of my grandmother's married life was spent in Charleston, where her husband was employed. I have noted that there was about that time a mercantile establishment "Graff & Company" in Charleston. I have guessed that this may be the origin of the name, but this is only a guess.

Essentially, I have located a Fure family in Coral Gables, Fla. and Decatur, Ga. and have written you information. The given names are the same as those of the Barnum family. I hope to hear from them in due course.

Yours very truly,

Graph John DeLoach