

CATER

February 27, 2003

Dear Robert and Cora,

I wanted to send this letter to let you know that I have heard from Dr. Jim Taylor concerning his topic for the FFSC Annual Assembly. I had written to Dr. Taylor as suggested by Thomas Lockhart. His topic will be, as he put it, along the lines of "A modern expatriate's interpretation of Colonial and Revolutionary South Carolina—the view from Boston". Bess has this information and will be able to include it in the invitations to the Assembly.

I have a few more questions about the Cater family. There is a lot of activity by e mail by those of us who are Cater descendants and use the internet. What do you know of Thomas Cater of St. Simon's Island, GA? He is somewhat of a legend in that area and the subject of a ghost story. I am enclosing an e mail that I received telling some of this ghost story. I am sure that it is not new to you.

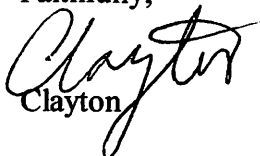
How does this Thomas Cater fit into our line. From my reading of the material in the Garrett-Sharpe book, to which you contributed, it seems that Thomas Cater of St. Simons would be the nephew to whom Stephen Cater left land along the Georgia coast in his 1784 will to his nephew Thomas Cater. Our Thomas Cater who married Rachel Miles was also the nephew of this Stephen Cater (according to Garrett-Sharpe) but was obviously not the Thomas Cater who inherited the land in GA. **What relationship do you think Thomas Cater of St. Simons had with our Thomas Cater (1751-1803).**

I asked Jerry Teague about this. He seems to think that the Stephen Cater that made the will was the grandson of Thomas Cater the immigrant. I agree but Jerry thinks that The Immigrant had a son Thomas who was Stephen's father. Garrett Sharpe does not list a Thomas as son of The Immigrant. The Garrett Sharpe book indicates that Stephen is the son of William Cater (~1690-1749). Garrett Sharpe lists only three children for Thomas the immigrant. These were William (1690-1749), Susannah (1692-1752) and Mary born in 1686.

Please do not spend a lot of time on this. I have been asked a lot of questions about it and Jerry's account seems to be off base a bit.

Little else is going on here. I look forward to seeing you at least three times in April, including SAR, Rhodes reunion and First Families.

Faithfully,


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