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Dear Rev. Peeples:

21 ~~May~~ 1982  
2 August

I am writing to ask, in your Cater research if you came across a William Cater in South Carolina, Edgefield District, whose wife was Kate (or Catherine) Collins, and who had eleven children, one of whom was William Cater, my great grandfather, born in May 1815. I have read your study of the Cater name, which was so kindly furnished me by Mr. E. E. Cater Seloud of North Carolina, last October. But I cannot determine exactly who my ancestor was. My grandfather thought

he was a blacksmith. If you like I can give you a complete rundown of all the descendants of the Wm Cater, born in 1815.

Thanking you for any help you can give me, I am,

Yours truly,

William Douglas Cater

P.S. 7 Aug 82

I believe my cousin's wife Mrs Jean Doper Cater of Tempe, AZ has contacted you recently, and Perhaps you have already replied to her. If so, might I have a copy of your reply, as we are both after the same thing?  
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6 Nov. 1982

Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peoples:  
Hello again Sir:

I thought you would be interested in the fine young man and his family who may be a known relative of yours. He is well thought of here and was reelected by a very comfortable majority vote. I don't know him, but if you like I might try to find out for you if his people came from South Carolina.

I have read and reread your letters to me and to Jean and David many times, with much appreciation for the time and effort it took for the research you

did. Also, I want to thank you again for the kind offer to sponsor me for membership in the Society of First Families of South Carolina if and when I can prove lineal descent from the original Thomas Coker who first brought the name to South Carolina. Unhappily, I have not yet made the connection, but I have not given up hope, and am still searching the census for the approximate <sup>probable</sup> years and locations in S. Carolina.

My cousin Dave's wife Joan had planned to make a trip to South Carolina this fall, and would most likely have come to see you, but untimely circumstances prevented the trip.

I think her trip has only been delayed until next year, as she has a relative in Atlanta, which gives her additional motivation.

I have received a reply from Horrell DeWitt Carter, my cousin in Loganport, La. To the effect that he doesn't know of any relation to the Alabama DeWitt line. He said he thought his mother saw and liked the name and so named him, but I think it must have been for some famous person or friend of that time 65 or 66 years ago. He is now 66. If I told you this in my last letter, please forgive my poor memory; it seems to be worsening. Also, I meant to

ask if you had received the little book I sent you of my grandfather's terrible life in the Confederate Army. I too, spent four years in the Army in World War 2, the last two years in a minor role in the development of the atomic bomb in ~~Savate~~ and Oak Ridge, as a security officer. I now regard the discovery of nuclear fission and everything connected with it as the greatest disaster to mankind since the great flood of the Bible, and greatly fear man will destroy the world and himself in the not too distant future.

Well, enough of that. I plan to write to Mr Russell Cross. You wrote to Lynn Carter and

received some interesting leads which she has not yet shared with me.

My wife and I had a nice reunion in July with old army friends in Santa Fe and also with David and Jean who came over from Tempe, Arizona. They are back now in Iowa City, Iowa, where David has resumed his teaching chemistry at the University of Iowa.

I wish you the best of health and happiness and hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Carter

Please just call me Bill.

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23 January 1886

Rev. Mr. Robert E. Peeples:

Dear Sir:

I have just recently found a cousin, Don McPherson, descendant of Eliza Cater McPherson of Monroe County, Alabama; and through this cousin, a copy of William Cater's will, naming all his children, but not his wife who I know was living with son William G. in Coward Co. I'm sending you a copy for information and file, if you care to keep it. William was in his eighties when he died after July 1835, and must have been born about 1753. He and wife Catherine belonged to the Belleville (sometimes called Murder Creek) Baptist Church.



and got into some arguments with some other members, I think he must have been a pretty "salty" old fellow! Also, I think I'm about to clear up the mystery about his wife's father. There was an Isaac Collins (old man and family) in the same neighborhood at the same time. I've written to a lady genealogist in Brewton, Al. for help. I'm going to solve this puzzle yet.

I hope you have been well, and continue to enjoy good health in this New Year.

Sincerely,  
 William D. Cater