

Cross, S. C.  
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Dear Sir,

I delayed answering your letter as I understood that the subscription copies of Moore & Simmons-Abstracts of Wills of the State of South Carolina, 1670-1740 were to be mailed out. I have received mine and checked it before writing.

I am enclosing a rough chart from my notes on the descendants of Thomas Gator who died 1730-31. It appears that the name was spelled in several instances as Gator and in others as Cater. Because of the persons named as relations and witnesses, I feel that the two spellings applied to the same family.

Among the members of the Ashley River Baptist Church were several Bakers; William Cater & John Bulline as Trustees in 1725; William Cater, John Bullein, Benjamin Child, Charles Barker, Jacob Bradwell, Sarah Baker, Mary Cater, Susanna Bradwell, Ann Maine, Elizabeth Bullein, Susanna Baker, Elizabeth Marrian, Mary Shepard & others in 1733 when Ashley River became a separate organization from the Charleston Church.

In 1696, the Bullines (Bullings) are with the Screven group at Sumer towne (Somerton near Pinopolis). Other Bullines, including Nathaniel, are mentioned prominently in the early Baptist records.

Mrs. Townsend in her S. C. Baptists mentions a number of Roberts.

There is a tradition in the Bradwell Family that the early Bradwells were Congregationalists. The family of Thomas, who went to Ga., was clearly. Some of the others seem to have been Church of England. Martha, who married Boswood, is one of two Martha Boswoods having children baptised at the same time at St. Andrews. My Isaac Bradwell II was married twice. I am descended from his second marriage to Susannah Bonneau, which is recorded in the records of St. Thomas & St. Denis. He is listed in the 1790 Census in St. Georges Parish. His family became Methodist about 1800. Most of us in S.C. still are Methodist; those in Ga. include a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Marion Bradwell.

I don't get to Columbia often and I seem to have little time to check records when I have business in Charleston. I used to be able to do a great deal of checking there.

I have two cousins in Charleston, Emily Ravenel & Ruth Peeples. Ruth is married to Tommy Peeples, S.C. State Health Doctor in Columbia.

I hope this letter has not confused you. If it has, lay the blame to my haste.

Sincerely yours,

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