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Rev. Dr. Robert Peoples
 8 Moon Shell Road
 Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928

Dear Rev. Dr. Peoples,

I apologize for the delay in responding to your invitation to join the Society of First Families of South Carolina 1670-1700. I had been hoping to establish eligibility from resources we have but I have a gap.

I enclose my lineage to John Talley, born in 1740.

I enclose my findings on Bellinger to the marriage of Lucia Bellinger + Burnaby Pull. My wife had an attack of heart failure a few years ago + we are unable to travel to do genealogy research.

I will continue to do research from here. I welcome suggestions on resources that may be available to me. Again I apologize for my delay in response. I would like to join the Society of First Families.

Sincerely,

Merald B. Cope

Lineage of

Gerald Barnette Cope
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Born: November 13, 1921, Cope South Carolina

married: Euna Kate Mays, Born December 14, 1922
at Fair Play, South Carolina. marriage 8/29/42

my father: Sheldon Bull Cope, Born November 13, 1881,
at Cope, South Carolina. Died at Cope South
Carolina February 4, 1927

my mother: Alberta Mae Barnett, Born April 29, 1886,
at Pendleton, South Carolina. Died at Orange-
burg, South Carolina on April 8, 1972. married
September 1, 1909, Anderson, S.C.

my grandfather: Jacob Martin Cope, Born September 14, 1824
at Barnwell County. Died at Cope, South
Carolina on October 16, 1898

my grandmother: Margaret Lockhart Salley, second wife of
J. Martin Cope, Born March 11, 1843 at Orange-
burg, South Carolina. Died December 7, 1919.
married March 1877.

Parents of my
grandmother: Nathaniel Moss Salley, Born 1820 at Orange-
burg, South Carolina. Died Orangeburg District,
South Carolina November 4, 1887.
Sheldonia Bull, Born October 29, 1825 at
Orangeburg District, South Carolina. Died at
Orangeburg District, S.C. October 30, 1876.
married April 28, 1842

Parents of Nathaniel:
Moss Salley: George Elmore Salley, Born March 10, 1788,
at Orangeburg District, South Carolina. Died
at Orangeburg District, South Carolina August
14, 1828.

Margaret Lockhart Jones, Born June 23, 1788,
at Camden, South Carolina. Died at
Orangeburg District, South Carolina on
September 20, 1861. Married May 29, 1808 at
Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Parents of George:
Elmore Salley: John Salley, Born 1740 at Orangeburg
District, S. C. Died at Orangeburg District,
S. C. November 2, 1794.

Mary Keziah Wright Moss, Born - date unknown.
Died 1802 - place of death unknown.
Married 1775.

It is believed that I may be descended from Lucia Bellinger. The limited resources locally shows the origin of Bellinger + transition to America + traceability to marriage of Lucia Bellinger to Burnaby Bull. I am searching for records of this marriage + tie to my Salley line to John Salley.

Bellinger descended from Alan de Belingham who went to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror in 1066. He settled in Northumberland.

There was a William de Belingham who lived in Norfolk County in 1273. In 1475 Walter de Belingham created to the important office of Ireland King at Arms, was awarded a new coat of arms. He consequently Anglicised the family name of Belingham + it became Bellinger, its present form.

The first of his name to arrive in this country was Richard Bellinger, probably from Sussex County. He settled at Boston, Mass in 1633. He became town Recorder in 1634, Treasurer of the Colony in 1635, Governor in 1641, Assistant Major General in 1667, Selectman of the town in 1667.

Richard brought his wife + one son, Samuel, to America with him. His wife died soon after their arrival in this country. He married Penelope Pelham + their children were: Hannah, John, Susan, Ellen, Grace.

Samuel from first marriage, graduated in Harvards first class, moved to Rowley, later he studied medicine in Europe, in 1650 he received a degree in medicine at Leyden. He remained in Europe the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Savage at Leyden. He sent her to America to manage his affairs. On her way back to England she was lost in shipwreck, there is no record of children.

William Bellinger, brother of Pioneer Richard, settled in Rowley, Mass, in 1639. The following year he became a free man. He probably left no family as his Will was probated in 1650 leaving his estate to nephew Samuel.

~~Samuel~~
Captain ~~Sir~~ Edmund Bellinger of Westmoreland County, England, arrived in the Colony of Carolina & settled upon James Island in 1674. He was in the Royal Navy & commanded the ship "Blake" in 1697, was appointed Surveyor General for the two Carolinas April 1, 1698 & Created Landgrave, May 7, 1698. He was appointed Receiver of Land Rents August 14, 1700. He married Sarah Cartwright ^{in England} in 1680, by whom he had issue of: Margaret, Edmund, Elizabeth, Thomas, John, William, Lucia & Ann.

Lucia Bellinger married Barnaby Bull, son
of John Bull, second son of Stephen Bull who
came to Carolina on the Bark "Carolina" in
1670.

The genealogy resources locally have not been adequate
to help me trace Lucia Bellinger + Barnaby Bull
to the Salley line I have noted.