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Dear Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples,
 Many thanks for your letter - it was "newsy" - my wife,
 Euna, + I enjoyed it.

I welcome all comments, suggestions on my genealogical information.

I used the marriage date of J. Martin Cope and wife #1 Mary M. Burnap 2/27/1851 for his second marriage. My records show that J. Martin + wife #2 were married in March 1877. I do not know the date. I am correcting my Ancestor Chart.

I appreciate the invitation to join the Society of First Families of South Carolina. I will proceed as you suggested.

I have been disappointed that I have not found Johannes Cope on immigration lists about the period of 1756.

Have you heard of definite proof of time of his arrival other than 1756?

I found a Johannes Koff of Niederberbach that left for Carolina in 1738. I found him in 3 places - an immigration list; Don Yoders book "Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709 - 1786"; and a book "18th Century Emigrants

Vol II, the Western Palatinate" by Annette Kunselman BURGERT. Annette shows him of Niederbetschbach leaving for Carolina in 1738. That part sounds good but if he was born in about 1730 - I would not think that an 8 year old boy would travel alone to Carolina. Then what was he doing until the 1756 land grant?

I have a memorial to Johannes Copeside on Turkey Hill Swamp, Berkeley County Feb. 25, 1768. I have heard of a report that Johannes 1756 land grant was recorded as Johannes Copeside. I do not have an idea about Johannes Copeside - how this may fit in !!

I have a copy of the Wannamaker, Salley, Mackay & Bellinger Families, Genealogies & Memoirs Compiled by J. Skottow Wannamaker, St. Matthews, S.C., published 1937, the Bellinger family is the first family in the book - through page 19. I copied those pages for you & enclose herewith.

Also I copied pages 421, 422, 423 which list all Bellinger names. There are 485 pages in the book.

I hope this information will be helpful. It is interesting to hear reports which have not been verified.

Another report - Johannes Americanized his name to "John" - thus is supposed to be a reason we don't find Johannes !!

P.S. I have a picture of sincerely,
six men and I have been Herald Cope
unable to identify them. The picture was taken in Charleston.
on the event that you have ideas on their identity, please
advise. It's a poor photo. My mother owned the photo. I
enclose a copy.
Also is a picture of Jacob Martin Cope, my grandfather,
you may keep both pictures. I have other copies.
HRC