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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Peoples,

I am sorry to be so long answering your letter but I have been waiting on getting marriage records, all of the early ones, from Clarke, Wilcox and Marengo Counties. Finally, friends who were supplying these by bits have completed the task. I now have records to 1890s for Clarke and Wilcox and to 1866 for Marengo Co. I searched for Ropers. I found these Ropers:

1. Daniel Roper was a Justice of The Peace from as early as September 1824 and as late as 1830. Wilcox Co.
2. Elijah Roper was also a J. P. in 1828 and for a short while after. Wilcox Co.
3. The already know James Dewitt married Agnes Roper in 1823. ^{Clarke} Co.
4. Everett Sheffield married Almada Roper on 7-27-1826. James Dewitt, (Sr.) a J. P. performed the rites. James Dewitt, Sr. was performing marriages as late as 1828. He was signing as Sr. Had to be father of James Jr. Because this was before James Jr. had a

- son, James born in 1832. Wilcox Co.
5. William B. Partin married Catherine A. Roper on 2-18-1839. Wilcox Co.
 6. Nancy Roper md William Buckelw on 1-30-1858 in Clarke Co.
 7. John St. Roper md Sarah Glover on 20 Oct 1830 in Marengo Co. Ala.

Something you might be able to do. Search S.C. Roper wills, Land records or Successions that could possibly name some of these people, especially Daniel, John or Elijah Roper.

I have a copy of Rev. T. H. Ball's history. It does establish that ^{Rev.} Lewis and James Jr. were brothers. That Rev. R. J. W. Dewitt was son of James, Jr.

If you will send me the address of the Mrs. Roper who never answered your letter, I have several people in Ala. in various parts that may be able to interview her for me assuming she is still living.

Would you please send me a copy of Harris Dewitt Bible? He had a daughter who married an Evans

living in Wilcox Co., Ala. I think two other daughters moved there, too.

In the ¹⁷⁹⁰ ~~1800~~ Census of Harris' family there was a male living in household that could not have been his son. Could he be our James who came to Ala.? He was about the age of ours I'd think.

I have carefully studied all I have on the Charles Dewitt who md. Sarah Troublefield. I've concluded the two Charles may not be the same. However, they are tied together this way: In Orangeburgh - St. Matthews Parish Church records:

Joseph Dewitt married Mary _____? who had a son, William, born 7 March 1757, Bpt. 13 Feb 1758. Surety: Charles Strother, John Thomas, Ann Taylor, wife of John Taylor. (Henry Duesendammer was the Minister. He married Elizabeth Quomp) The John Thomas is the husband of Harris Dewitt's daughter. He was later in Wilcox Co. Ala. Charles Strother ^(Jr.) is the grandson of the Charles ^{Dewitt} of Berkeley Co. The Charles Dewitt of Berkeley

is apparently the one who came from Virginia. His wife's name was Catherine. I noticed that a Catherine Dewitt was a witness in Orangeburgh Co. to the Rumph deed. Do you suppose that the Charles of St. Matt Parish was son of elder Charles of Berkeley Co.? I believe the marriage of Charles to Sarah Ironsfield was a second marriage after Catherine of Va. died. Perhaps he had settled his estate with his children except Mary Strother. Mary Strother was apparently a widow as she had only one son. Her husband was a Rev. War hero of sorts.

I have considerable information on Maria Ann Dewitt Snipes family. They descend from John Dewitt, bro. of Martin Dewitt, I believe. A William came to Ala in 1830-40's. They were from Darlington District.

I also have trouble with the

1790-1800 Census. I've tried to chart them the best I can.

I'm sending my working copy. Hope you can add to it.

I wish to point out that a Jacob Dewitt is the earliest Dewitt to S.C. territory according to land records.

He was in the section near Due West, S.C. where the treaty with the Indians was signed. He could well be the one who had Drett's trading post where it was ^{signed}. He was there early enough and only one ~~the~~ found.

I have checked for marriages in Franklin County, Ark. - for marriages of Alex. H. Dewitt's children known to have moved there. They found none. I wonder if he lived in another county in Ark for a while before moving into Franklin Co. I checked both county seats.

I have about wrapped up my book from S.C. to present. Will begin putting what information on S.C. and Va. together now. I doubt if I ever find just which was ours. I will publish without it if necessary and let others pick up the task. Maybe the book will bring new sources. Sincerely, Avis H. Dewitt