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Dear Rev. Peoples:

You once had a Query in a Historical Publication of South Carolina concerning James J. Dewitt, whose children were Catherine, Alexander Hamilton, James A., Martha and Robert Jackson Washington Dewitt. These are branches of our Tree. We have done considerable research on them. The father, James J. Dewitt is the son of an old James Dewitt who got a passport to pass through Georgia in 1809 (Duz 26). I suspect you already know this.

What we need help on is who were the parents of the James Dewitt who got the passport? He had 3 sons who came with him: Joseph b ca 1795; James F. b. 1795-96; (wonder if they were twins) and Lewis Lee, born 1805. His tomb says Edgefield, S.C. I did not find a separate family of this description

in the available 1800 Censuses of S. C. All three sons say they were born in S. C.

Did you learn anything that may help us?

Do you know who may be a good contact?

We are just stumped there. We have gathered enough for a large book we are writing on the Dewitts, Dewitts from Alabama forward, but until we can identify old James who came to Ala. in 1810 we can't very well use the fruits of our research in S. C. and Va.

Hopefully you got results since you placed your Query a considerable time back and people critical to this history were still living. Our queries in Ala. and a S. C. Magazine have been about as fruitless as can be for personal contacts that can go back that far in their family history - no Bibles - etc - yet many preachers.

We will gladly pay any fee you may charge for searching your files.

Sincerely, Irvine and Avis Dewitt

P.S. We write you about 3 years ago at a Georgia address. Letter wound up in Texas in a box of Church literature. Someone placed it in an envelope and returned to us with a note of who finding but no name. We got it about 6 months ago. She discovered you was a life-member of S.C. Hist. Society and secured your address from them.