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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Thank you for the Sponsorship card which I have sent on to the Society of First Families of S. C. . I hope I can produce whatever documentation is required. When I joined the Huguenot Society I did not have to have as much proof as the DAR requires. Among my mother's papers had been a letter from her mother's cousin, the Rev. Chas. E. Raynal, Sr. In it he made it clear that she was descended from Jean Girardeau. As I remember, in addition to a photocopy of the letter, I sent in copies of my birth certificate and marriage license. In addition to this, I have a DAR Supplemental for William Girardeau, son of Isaac. (My aunt, Mrs. Ruth burnham Davis Flint, ~~was~~ was the original applicant.)

I was wrong about my name appearing in the 1978 Transactions when your article was published. I did send in my application in that year. But, of course, my name was not on the list until 1979.

Thank you for the information on Elliotts in South Carolina. Whether or not Isaac Girardeau's wife, Ann, was an Elliott is still a matter which has not been clearly proven. I do know that the Girardeau File at The S.C. Historical Society in Charleston consisted of letters from the Rev Chas. E. Raynal, Sr. to the historian concerning Ann's last name. Cousin Charles Raynal, Jr. said it was his father's opinion that it was Elliott. But, he could not absolutely prove it. The only item which I've been able to find, in Abstracts of Colonial Wills of Georgia 1733-1777 is one for John Elliott, Midway, planter, d. 29, April, 1765, who may have been Ann's brother. If the name is Elliott, I would guess that they were from the Dorchester Geley Colony transplanted from the Boston area.

However, six months ago I heard from a Ronald Girardeau Crowe of Anchorage Alaska, who turned out to be a third cousin, once removed---We're all descendants of William Pinckney Girardeau (son of William) and Jane Elizabeth Nelms of Midway. Later, he mailed me a copy of an article he had sent into Transactions for publication. In it he had named Isaac Girardeau's wife as Ann LaSalle (or Elliott, or Baker). LaSalle was the name handed down on his side of the family. I suspect that the Baker may come from a confusion with another Ann Girardeau. From Hinesville I have a copy of the will of Ann Spencer Girardeau, widow of Richard G. II, probated 1822, leaving her entire estate to her grandson, Joseph Stevens Baker, with next-in-line heirs being named Baker and Spencer.

It is, indeed, unusual to have a mother who graduated from college in 1911, especially at the age of 16. My own mother graduated from the Savannah High School (Why do I associate this with Chatham Academy?) in 1906, took a short teaching course, taught one year at Tybee Island before "graduating" to the Savannah City Schools. She was an assistant principal there when she married my father in 1910. One of her three brothers was an architect, a graduate of Georgia Tech. The other two were business men, while two of her sisters were music teachers (one taught Public School music).

My father and his sister had a year at Washington State College. Then he listened to the pleas of his parents who needed reliable help in operating their large wheat ranch. His brother, Dr. Lee Raymond Dice, continued his education, earning an A.B. from Stanford and a PhD from Harvard. He was a Professor of Zoology at the University of Michigan. For many years (in the 40's and 50's) he was in Who's Who in America. My Grandfather Dice had been educated for the

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ministry, but decided that being a Sunday School Superintendent was as far as he wanted to go. Grandmother Dice, former Supervisor of Music in the York, Pa. Public Schools, was always church organist and choir director. Her mother, my Greatgrandmother Spangenberg (neé Ilgenfritz) was, also an educator. Left a widow with seven children when her husband, Frederick, a lawyer (Lehigh U.) was killed in a train wreck, she taught kindergarten in York for 34 years. Meanwhile, she wrote and published poetry, and painted in oils and watercolors, which she continued to do until her death at age 92. Also, I greatly admired my father's aunt, Laura Jane Dice, M.D., a graduate of Philadelphia Women's Medical College. However, when it came to attending college during the Depression, Fresno State College was within commuting distance and my only choice. But, enough or more than enough of family background.

Thank you so much for all your help, and for the addresses of your cousins whom I intend to contact. Since they do not belong to my chapter NSDAR, and I do not always attend the District meetings, I've never met your cousin.

It's good to know that, if I do have trouble in proving my lineage that you are willing to help.

Gratefully,

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P.S. As usual in genealogy communications, I make a carbon of my letters. In this case, the carbon looks better than the original. So, I'm sending you that.