

Dec. 15, 1974

Dear Cousin,

Very nice to talk with you last week. Wanted to thank you for all the help you have given to me. Never would I have been able to locate all the family material

Who is Dr. Matterson? Notes copied by C.T.g.

Enclosing letter from Capt. Fickling. He says the print shop lost the negatives of his family tree.

Mrs. Verdier said she would Xerox it in quarters and send to me. He doesn't seem to think that could be done.

Enclosing check for \$100.⁰⁰ for you to use any way you wish. If you'd like to donate it to Hilton Head Historical Society and Beaufort Society, you can make me a member. I do truly appreciate all your help and trouble.

It is a pleasure to hear from some of my mother's relatives. I never knew any of them. Great aunt Christian and aunt Phoebe lived in Branchville, S.C. They died when I was about 2 years old. I have three silver pieces with different initials from them.

Do you have any information about Adams family? There are many Adams in St. Helena Parish Register I have but I can't connect my Rachel Adams (1744-1787)

wife of James Black.

There was some information on top of Bowman chart I couldn't decipher. Was Ann Middleton the mother of Thomas Bowman II?

S.C.H. Society couldn't send me any information on James Black or John Wright. John Wright must have left a will. The marriage settlement of Mary Wright and Thomas Rhoades showed quite a bit of property.

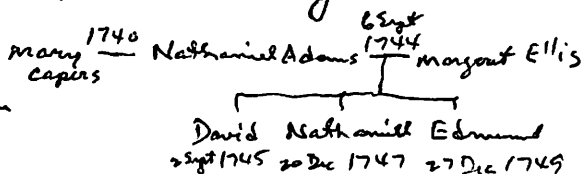
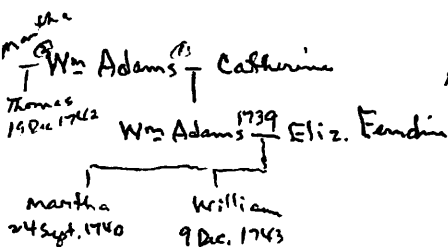
May Day never answered my letter. Hope you were able to get some information. I will see her if I go to D.A.R. Congress in April.

Thank you sincerely for all your generous help.

May you and your family have a pleasant Holiday season.

Faithfully,

Ruth Sawyer



Coffin Joint
Frogmore, S. C. 29920
December 5, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Sewyem,

Mrs. Vandine Lee returned and I got in touch with her. She says she hasn't been able to get over the prints of my "faces" from the Beaumont studio. They couldn't find the negatives when I tried them, so they had to send the faces away to get them reproduced.

As I previously told you, the faces can't stand any more handling, so I've copied the parts that include your ancestors and am enclosing them in the files. Also the parts including the Capt. - I didn't know he was - John Bytherwood (not "Dytherwood") who married Mrs. Ann Black Barman. He was the brother of my GGG Gt. Rev. Daniel Hingston Bytherwood. No, I don't have anything on James Black or the Barmans, other than the above and what you sent me.

Many thanks for that and for the genealogy of Rosalie Rhodes Felling.

I question whether Mrs. McEwen's Rebecca Howard is an ancestress. She

is said to have come from Dorchester,
Mass. to Dorchester, S.C., considerably
removed from Williamsburg.

I note, in your letter of June 9th,
you wrote Mrs. Verline said she
would loan my trees (There are three,
each about 17" x 24") ^{in quarters}.
I had tried that before and it didn't
work. So she sent them to the photo
studio that can't find the negatives
or the prints - fortunately, I got
my originals back.

We hope you have a fine Christmas
and good luck in the New Year in
tracking down the ancestors; It's
a fascinating pursuit.

Sincerely,

L. van D. Felling

(Continued from notes on L. L. B.'s "Trees")
"Philadelphia was the son of R. Beard. A
great lover of books, and the founder of the
first Pub. Library in Beaufort, S.C. The
Parish Register, Charleston, S.C. says -
& married by the Rev. Fabricius, John
Johnson to Rebecca Howard Verline
May 28, 1766."