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Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
8 Moon Shell Rd.
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Dear Rev. Dr. Peeples.

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter you sent to "Lyn" in 1987. I came into possession of the letter through my first cousin, Zuleka Mitzi Mears, who I believe "inherited" it from her late father, Luther J. Mears. How he came into possession, I don't know. I found your knowledge of your "Lyn's" and my own relatives, distant though they may be, both thorough and enlightening.

I've recently taken a shine to genealogy and have created a family tree, "Bamberg, Folk, Mears, Rentz, Reynolds & Other Families Originating in the South Carolina Low Country," that I've posted in the Internet at the following site:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=smears>

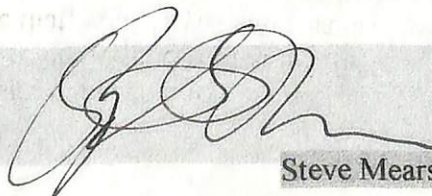
If you're interested and if you are connected to the internet you might want to take a gander at the site. I've used your letter as a reference and source for my family tree. I've attached a short ancestry sheet and you can see that, your "Lyn" and I have a common Great Grandmother, Laura Catherine Folk. I also believe we may be related, possibly through John Howard, my 4th GGFather and his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Howard, my 3rd GGMother, as you say you are descended from 2 of Mary's children, maybe also through the Folk line. If you can you see connection(s) to our family trees, could you please provide them to me so I can document them?

I'm also not having too much luck tracing the Mears lineage in South Carolina. I've got it traced supposedly back to the Mears clan progenitor in America, John Mears born about 1760 supposedly in England, bore most/all of his children in Pitt Co, NC, then moved to southern SC, but am not having too much luck fleshing out the Mears clan after that...other than my direct lineage. Can you help with the Mears line at all?

Also, I'd be pleased as punch if you'd let me know if there are any of my/our relatives out there that may be interested in genealogy (your "Lyn" for example) so I can exchange information with them via mail, phone, or email, whatever information you may have. Living in New Mexico as I now do, and getting back to Charleston only infrequently and for short durations, I find that the only research I can do is long distance in nature... via internet, email or regular mail. I use a genealogy software program, Legacy, and am willing to exchange gedcom information with any of the family.

With hope you're doing well and with my regards,

Sincerely,



Steve Mears (George Stephen Mears)

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