

Dear Mr Peoples,

Your letter of May 20 received and it was a pleasure to record the information it contained.

I am sorry about the form sheets they were typed wrong on the stencil and the error was found out too late. These are only work sheets as we have sheets printed for the finished product. So far we have had 4000 printed and it looks like it will take more.

Gladys is in Savannah Ga at the present time. I was talking to her over the phone after I received your nice letter and she will try to call you from either Savannah or Beaufort. She has Karse - Hiers - Harvey family connections in Beaufort. She also has relatives on both father and mother side in Savannah.

When we were in Beaufort last summer a Mr Lester Hiers stated that some one in Port Royal had considerable information on the Karse family I do not recall the persons name but when Gladys returns home I will try and find out.

We have a considerable amount of information on the last three generations and would be happy to forward you any that you might need. But please understand that we are just amateurs at this

endeavor and don't be afraid to call us out if we are doing it wrong! Gladys will eventually end up at the State Archives in Columbia where she is going to do a little research. I will suggest that she contact your sister Margaret while in Columbia. Gladys has a aunt living in Tayce and also many family connections in and around Columbia.

For you to understand our position I must tell you the entire story. Gladys' father was killed, at work, when she was 18 months old. Her mother was and is a self centered woman and would not take Gladys' to visit any of her father's people. It was not until after we were married that she finally did make contact with any of her family. It was not until 1956 that she and her uncle Harry had time to discuss her ancestry. Her interest grew and we started asking questions about her grand and great grand father. We have been asking questions every since and earnestly started the history in 1963. I must confess that I personally love every member of her peoples long list of family connections. It is also a facinating hobby and it keeps us out of mischief.

We do have a type written copy of the Brabham Book "Bufords Bridge and its People" written by Rev M. M. Brabham. published in 1923. It is not a genealogy in a sense but pertains to people of the Brabham - Kears - Mays - Kirkland families who lived in and around Bufords Bridge. With all due respects to Rev Brabham who I think done a nice job on the book there are considerable mistakes in the book. He does not have too much on the Jacob Kears line. If you want I will be glad to send it to you to copy but would like to have it returned. We also have a copy of what I call the "Manning Manuscript" the results of research work at the Barnwell County Court House. This also has many mistakes as a lot of it was copied from the Brabham Book. This manuscript might be of interest to you. Gladys has it with her.

We do not know much about Jacob Kears and Nancy Brabham. This is what Gladys is going to do research on in Columbia. What we do think is that William Kears born in Barnwell County 1746 and a Jacob Kears also born in Barnwell County 1750 had children named Jacob + William whether they were brothers or cousins we do not know. Olive Kears was a daughter of Jacob Kears and she had a brother

Jeff who married Mary Catherine Hermeter who first married a Felt. She had four children by her first marriage John L, Rosa, Caprus and Henri. Her second marriage was to Jeff Karse and they had two children to our knowledge Lucius B who was my Great Grand father and John Francis. Widow Felt died and Jeff married the widow Lightsey and they had two children Carson and Blake both died young. Jacob Karse, Olive Brabham Karse's father, ~~and Mother~~ ^{one son: William George} first married Catherine Jumper. Children unknown. Second marriage to Nancy Brabham. Nancy Brabham was sister to Susan Brabham wife of Jacob's brother William Karse. Nancy and Susan Brabham were daughters of Joseph Brabham and Flora M^cPhail. ^{MS} [Joseph Brabham and Flora M^cPhail were married in and migrated from Scotland.] Joseph Brabham is buried in Barmuell County between Barmuell and Olar off the Boiling Springs Road eleventh marker in from road. Joseph was a Revolutionary war participant. We have not as yet checked out the Karse connection in the Revolution. Do you have any information on this point?

We sent to England for information on the Karse family and received a scroll of which I am including a copy. We wrote back to England

questioning its authenticity and they stated that the facts were taken from records that were available to them.

I sure hope that you can make out my writings. I wrote to Mr Stadman and asked him to reserve a copy of his work for us. I also asked him if there was any connection between his family and the family of Lois Stadman the first wife of Jacob Thompson Kears, son of John Francis Kears and Mary Cecilia Hammond (widow) Gooding. Do you have a copy of the Bishop Family book published in 1955. This book has family ties in it of Ollie Kears - Anne Catherine Sol - and there are some Peoples mentioned.

You can see what happens when I get started on the family history. I just don't know when to stop. If I can be of any assistance please specify and I will try and send forms sheets on it.

With best regards. I am,
Sincerely yours
Thomas H. Galt.

I will have Gladys call you from either Savannah or Beaufort, S.C.

Rev Robert Peoples
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Dear Rev. Peoples;

First I will introduce myself. My maiden name was Gladys Elizabeth Karse and I married Tom Booth.

My husband and I are trying to complete a genealogy on the Karse Family. We are now trying to bring the history up to date so that we can go into research on the early data needed. I am enclosing some form sheets for you to fill out, please. I believe that your ancestry goes back to Jacob Folk and Ollie Karse.

In filling out the form sheets please fill out one for yourself and one for each of your children, living or deceased. We would appreciate the addresses of your children so that we can contact them for their families etc.

Please show your mother and mother-in-law's and wife's full maiden name. All marriages, children's full names and nick names should be noted. Dates are very important. Any additional information on the family descendants of Mary Olive Folk and Ellisen Capers ^{Folk} ~~Peoples~~ would be greatly appreciated.

Your address was given to us by Mrs Edith Esther Jenny. She gave us considerable information on the Folk Family.

We hope that we are not putting you to too much trouble but this information is so very important to us if we are to bring this history up to date. We do not want to leave a single descendant out of the history.

Thanking you for your assistance and hoping to hear from you soon. I am,

Sincerely yours
Gladys E. Barlett.

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