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Dear Robert,

It was great talking to you the other day. How fortunate for me that I contacted you and it turns out that we are cousins; I could've listened to your recollections all day. I had heard from my father (Philip Robert Livingston) about some of my SC roots and you knew them. Talking with you Tuesday brought back many memories of those stories. I recall my father telling me that we had Huguenot descendants, but I had no idea from what branch; now I know. Having this confirmed by you made me so proud of my Lawton family South Carolina heritage.

I'm most anxious to get the A.E. Miller (600 pages!!) "Our Family Circle" book and study my South Carolinian Lawton Family history, genealogy, and heritage and receive the 1790 portrait of the Dr., our mutual relative. I've enclosed a check for \$33.50 made out to you to acquire these priceless treasures.

I'm equally eager to document my ancestry and acquire membership in your distinguished "The Society of First Families of South Carolina" organization. You were so gracious in offering to sponsor me for membership in this fine group. I look forward to future correspondences with you and the sharing of our mutual heritage.

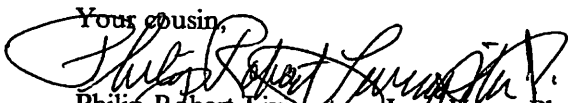
Shortly, I'll contact Mrs. Barbara Pringle Claypoole of the Huguenot Society of SC and inquire about membership in that grand society also.

In due course, I'll get together my South Carolinian photos and papers (from my dear Aunt Rose Douglas Lewis...whose mother was ROSA LAWTON Livingston Douglas (2nd marriage) and father was Dr. George Baskerville Douglas) and forward copies to you for your enjoyment.

As I might have related to you, I'm a direct descendant of Philip Livingston "the Signer" of the Declaration of Independence and all three of the Livingston "Lords of the Manor." Currently, I'm a member of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and Sons of the Revolution (New York State Chapter). I'm in the process of filling out the membership application for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Again thanks so much for answering my questions yesterday and making yourself known to me. I'm most grateful to make your acquaintance. It's not everyday that one can discover and talk to a relative previously unknown to them. Looking forward to talking to you soon.

Your cousin,



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