

7 Pitt Street  
Charleston, So. Carolina  
April 7, 1938

My dear Cousin Florrie,

Do pardon the unlovely envelope in which this letter arrived but it is, I believe, about the only thing available for sending the photograph which you will find enclosed. I secured this photograph by taking several exposures of a photograph of Eliza Jane Robert Rhodes, 2nd wife of Hon. George Rhodes, which is now in the possession of Cousin "Zeenie" (Mrs. Albert Youmans.) Having learned from Cousin Annie Lou Morrison that you had additional photographs of Hon. George Rhodes, similar to the one which, I believe, you gave to her, I am sending you this photograph of his wife and asking that you give me one of the husband in exchange. I believe that at present I am on the trail of a portrait photograph of Hon. G. Rhodes, my great-grandfather, but nevertheless would be very happy to have a copy of your photograph of him also.

As a sort of amateur genealogist I have been attempting to learn the definite ancestry of this man but can get no further back than his father. I also know that Mrs. James Pringle of Charleston was his Aunt but have never been able to discover the why of the situation. Otherwise, I have spent hours studying the unusual relationships and genealogy of the Rhodes, Robert, Lawton, Peeples, Landgrave Smith, Folk and others and have immensely enjoyed it.

Being a member of the honorable Lawton family perhaps you know something of one, John Lawton, Lawton Hall, Cheshire, Eng., who married Ann Montagu and had 21 children. John also had three brothers: William, Thomas and Ralph. If you can establish descent from any of these, I have some interesting news for you. These brothers were the children of Hester Longville and William Lawton.

I trust that both you and Cousin Estelle are well and that I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

Bobley Peeples

(Robert Estlin Howard)