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Jan-20th

My dear Cousin Carrie;

I remember that I promised to let you know if I ever found anything more about our ancestor James and his ancestry. I have been trying hard to trace him and Mr. Salley of the S.C. Historical Commission has been helping me to "find Myself". I have just received a letter from Mr. Salley which I quote;

"My dear Mrs. Workman;

* I am quite satisfied in my own mind that you descend from James Smith who lived near Dorchester from about 1750 to 1770 and then moved to the Coosawhat chie in Prince William's Parish where in September 1769, he bought 1171 acres of land. He died there in March, 1792. His will shows that he had the following children sons William and JAMES and daughters Eliza and Sarah. These four children were by his second wife who was Margaret Sanders, the daughter of William Sanders and his wife who was Margaret Moore the daughter of the second Governor James Moore. William Smith the son of James Smith and brother of your JAMES, was born at Dorchester October 19, 1764 and died in Beaufort January 30th, 1843. He is buried in the Baptist churchyard in Beaufort. Of his brother JAMES your ancestor, I have no record later than an advertisement in the Charleston paper of January 3th 1793, as Executor of his father (James Smith's) estate. Your James lived at Dorchester in his early life, ^{he} might be traced through the Charleston records - most probably could be so traced - but I am away from those records and seldom get to Charleston, there is very little that I can do here. I occasionally pick up an item that adds to my information on this line of Smiths. I am quite satisfied

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James Smith the brother of William Smith was the father of Ann Rutledge and Mary Pringle Smith. An investigation of the tombstone records of the Prince William's Parish Church and some of the old plantation down there and perhaps of the Stoney Creek Presbyterian Church might solve our problem. but you see what a problem it is for me at this distance from those places.

Your's very truly,

A, S, Salley

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Now you see Carrie that we are on the right tract. Your Mother wrote to me and stated most of these very facts that Mr. Salley has in the records of the state which he has referred to, Cousin Ella told me that these older heads lived near the old village of Dorchester. That our ancestor was JAMES SMITH but she did not know to whom he was wed, she thought that at one time she had heard that he married a JOHNSON, she wrote that our Great Grandmother was Ann Smith and that her sister was named Mary Pringle, well of course we know that Cousin Daisy Calder is the Grand Daughter of Mary Pringle Smith. I have written to her also and asked her to please tell me all she knows and if she had any records or portraits of the family on her side to let me know. You are near Charleston and the only one who seems to be willing to help me or interested enough to want to clear up this line. Please go to see Daisy Calder and talk to her. Also you could go to the Court House and search for the will of James Smith or any Court Records that might be on file there such as the titles of property that had been transferred to him,