

Dear Dr. Peeples,

March 12th

Your nice letter was waiting for me when I got home from a trip with my husband. Thank you for answering so promptly.

I'm delighted to find my elusive James Smith. Who knows, someday we may find out more about his grandfather!

This game of ancestor hunting gets more fascinating all the time. One new name opens up a whole new line, with more new names.

With six children to raise, I didn't have time to spend going into family records. Aunt Alma (Mrs. Cordes) got me interested years

ago, and gave me all the information she had on my mother's side.

But it's only recently that I've had time to really get into it. Now, I'm trying to compile my information, and follow up on some of the lines we didn't have much about. So you can see why I'm so delighted to find out who Ann Rutledge Smith's mother & father were. When next I go to Charleston, I'll have to see if I can find anything on the Sanders, Moore, & Beresford lines.

"Sonny" Wasing from Sumnerville sent me quite a bit about my Wasing ancestors. I knew I was descended from Elizabeth^③ Wasing, but didn't know where she fit into that family. She was Richard's^② daughter, Benjamin^①

3/ granddaughters. Now I want to trace the Beamer & Norton lines. (Richard's wife was a Beamer.) Anyway, I love it all, & only wish I lived close enough to Charleston to go more frequently. I'd haunt the place.

What satisfaction you must get from helping other people! You apparently have a genealogical library - or access to one. Thank you so much.

I wish I could help you with Miss Coss's New family. I have nothing - just the names in my own family - not even dates or places. Maybe someday I can track this branch down. You may be sure I'll be happy to "share" with you if ever I do turn up anything.

My ^{paternal} grandmother was born in Halifax Co. Virginia. She was Sarah ~~to~~ ^{Mosely} Mosable who married William Chisler (Sally). Her parents were Sarah Anne Mosable and Charles Hilary Mosely. They were

from Charlott Co., but built a
home on the San River in Halifax Co.
& raised their family there. I
hope to go to that part of Virginia
some day & explore. If ever I come
across Miss Cora's names I'll let you
know. I'm sure you've followed every
lead already, as much as possible -
but there are interesting coincidences.
(My heart jumped when I saw Ann
Rutledge Smith's name added to
James Smith's children, in your kind
writing. It leaped out ^{from the past} at me.)

My sister who lives here, & a friend,
also a Smith descendant will
doubtless want copies of Our Family
Circle. I'll get in touch with them
and give them your address.

Again, many, many thanks -
and best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,
Mary O. Soule