

Sunday Evening
27 November 83

Dear Robert -

I apologize again for taking up so much of your time on the telephone this evening, and I so much appreciate your willingness to assist me in researching the Smiths. Of all the lines I have worked on over the years, this one has by far been the most difficult, insofar as establishing proof is concerned. Any assistance you can provide will benefit my Atlanta researcher significantly, I am certain.

I just wish there were some tangible means to show my appreciation for the material you are going to send to me, but the only thing I can think of right at the moment is the Porter research which I mentioned to you. It is far from complete, but for what value it may be of to your Porter relative, here are a few generations, beginning with the parents of my grandmother, Marion Russell Smith:

Walter Watson Smith: 02/22/1849 - 11/29/1928

Ella Walton Porter: 02/01/1854 - 10/29/1913

Albert B. Porter: 03/21/1815 - ?/?/1860's

Mrs. Eveline E. Humbert (mée Reiser): 08/12/1818 - 01/14/1874

William B. Porter: ?/?/1782 - ?/?/1825

Mary Ann Brewster: 12/24/1792 - ?

Beyond this generation, the dates are incomplete, but I do have the names of Mrs. B. Parter's father and grandfather, and the years they died: James Parter (d. 1806) and Mrs. Parter, Sr. (d. 1791). When completed, this research will trace back to the 1740's, and your cousin is very welcome to copies of everything I receive.

As for our Capt. Mrs. Lawton, she advised "three-month research period" is very nearly over, the work in Winchester, Hampshire having begun in September. Tommy Lawton is eaten up with impatience, and so am I, frankly. You and he will receive copies of the complete report within a few days after I receive it.

Again, it was a great pleasure to talk with you tonight, and I eagerly look forward to meeting you at the Family Reunion in June.

Yours -
Paul, Jr.

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