

Dear Cousins,

I appreciated your letter and calendar; also the interesting article about the picture of Mary Rutledge Smith. I plan to make some copies to send to relatives and one to keep myself; then I'll return the article to you.

I also have a Christmas letter from one of our ministers and his wife, who have been in Virginia, ancestor hunting for some Smiths. I want to send you a copy later, after I've made some. I know the Smith name is a much used name, but I couldn't help but wonder if this could be one branch of the Landgrave family. Dr. Rogers (the retired Presbyterian minister I am speaking of) told my husband and me about this family of Smiths in Gloucester County, Va., and that his great grandfather (Smith) was minister in the Episcopal church from

1702 to 1718. The church having been founded in 1650.

Our son and his family arrived in the U. S. A. last week from Germany, where they have been $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, and although we have not seen them yet, this Christmas season is filled with happiness for us, because we are looking forward to seeing them before too long.

I am glad that the sales on the "Family Circle" were good. I saw it advertised in the genealogical section of the "Tri-State Trader" (an antique magazine that we subscribe for).

If at any time the Smith descendants meet again, I would like very much to know about it. I would have attended last Spring, had I known.

I wish you both a very happy Christmas.

Sincerely,
Sue Y. Baker

I forgot to mention that I ^{have} just received a copy of "Some Account of the Smiths of Exeter" from a book co. in London. I think I was very fortunate.

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Rev. Robert Peoples
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Dear Sir:

Last summer I was at the Archives Building in Columbia, South Carolina, looking up some information on Landgrave Thomas Smith, who was my great, great, great, great, great grandfather.

While there, Mrs. Law mentioned your name, and said you were an authority on this family, and that you could probably help me in my search.

At the present time I am trying to get some information concerning Mary Hyne, second wife of the Second Landgrave, and I also need information about Elizabeth Ann Harleston, first wife of Maj. Benjamin Smith. Both of these ladies were my ancestors, and I am wanting to use this information in a Daughters of The American Colonists program. However I would appreciate any information

concerning the Smith family, in general.

I believe that Mrs. Law said that a Mrs. Baldwin was writing a book on the family. I would also like to know if this book has been published yet.

You might be interested in knowing that I have a sampler made by Catherine Ball, second wife of Maj. Benj. Smith. She embroidered the date 1761 when it was made. There are also some pieces of coral in my family that legend says belonged to the early Smiths who cut their teeth, by using the coral as teething rings.

Although Catherine Ball Smith was not my g. g. g. grandmother, the sampler is one of my most cherished possessions. Her step son (my g. g. grandfather) Thos. Smith named his daughter (my great grandmother) Catherine Ball for her.

My great grandmother Catherine Ball Smith married Dr. James C. Kennerly of Columbia S. C. and they moved to Russellville, Kentucky.

I have "Our Family Circle" by Mrs. Annie Miller, and I have read a number of other books that have touched on the family, but I would appreciate knowing of others, and I would like to know how I could get in

touch with the Hyrne and Harleston
families that must still be living
some where in South Carolina.

Yours truly,
Sue Young Baker
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