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Dear Dr. Peeples:

I recently received the benefit of some of your extensive genealogical work on Thomas Smith, landgrave and provincial governor of Carolina, through Mrs. Jerry Ward of Savannah, GA. I had been puzzling over his English roots for some years, and am delighted to learn your research has finally solved the puzzle of his father's line.

I am descended from this Thomas Smith through his second son, George. My principal source of information has been the book *Light in Darkness* (Greensboro Printing Co., 1971) published by my late great aunt, Mary A. Tennent of Greensboro, NC. This line extends through my maternal grandmother, Anne Edward Tennent Dillavou (b. 1895 in Asheville, NC). The Tennent line joined the Smiths through Ann Martha Smith, daughter of Josiah Smith, Jr., who was a grandson of George Smith.

I live in rural California, so research into South Carolina can be difficult from here. The next step, it seems, is in ordering A.E. Miller's *Our Family Circle*. I have enclosed a check for \$30 for the new edition; if this amount is insufficient, please advise me. But I'm also interested in joining the Society of First Families of **Carolina and have written to inquire about application procedures.**

**Again, thank you for sharing your work and I look forward to learning more.**

Yours truly,

