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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your kind hospitality in including Mariana and me in your plans during our recent stay in Hilton Head. Your directions to the Robert Cemetery accomplished the task for us, and we were able to find the stones for John Robert, Elizabeth Dixon Robert, Richard Bostick, and Mary Harriet Robert Bostick. Thanks ever so much for ending my frustration there!

Things have been so incredibly hectic since we returned, that I have forgotten until now to write to you, and to record the info you gave me. I have been looking with puzzlement at my pitiful notes of your call on Monday of that week. You called then to give me information about the ancestry of Elizabeth Stanyarne, who married Dr. John Woodward (19 Feb. 1681 (SC?) - 2 Jan. 1727 (SC?)). I would appreciate it if you could verify that I interpreted them correctly, or provide corrections. I jotted down the date 11 May 1702, which I presume to be the date of their marriage, but I didn't show the location. Next I show what I think you said were her parents, James Stanyarne and Rachel Fitch. (By the way, I have a record of a Thomas Stanyarne who married Anne Barnwell, daughter of Colonel John Barnwell; could Thomas and Elizabeth be brother and sister?)

Next to James Stanyarne, I show (apparently as his parents) Thomas Stanyarne (will 1683) and Mary Waight, daughter of Abraham Waight and Phoebe Baynes of Barbados. Finally along the Stanyarne line, I show James Stanyarne (will 2 Jun 1669, proved 5 Oct. 1690).

Then for Rachel Fitch, I show her father as Jonathan Fitch, arrived (SC?) 1678, died before 1691, married 22 Feb. 1657 St. Michaels Parish Barbados Jane Hudson (of London, Eng.).

Below all this I show Story of an American Family by Stephen Barnwell (I presume this is the source of the data), and the address for Thomas O. Lawton, P.O. Box 68, Garnett, SC. I presume that I should write to him about something, but I don't recall what. The Library of Congress automated retrieval system shows the following for the Barnwell book:

Barnwell, Stephen B., 1923-
The story of an American family, by Stephen B. Barnwell. Marquette, {Mich,} 1969. 435 p. illus., facsims., maps, plans, ports. 29 cm.
LC CALL NUMBER: CS71.B288 1969
SUBJECTS: Barnwell family.
NOTES: Bibliography: p. 395-401.
DEWEY DEC.: 929.2/0973
LCCN: 70-9001

I will check into it the next time I go to the Library of Congress.

We will likely be sending your referral card to the Society of First Families of South Carolina shortly. I recall that you said it was a rather formal process - we first send the card in for their consideration, then they reply and we reply requesting an application, etc.

I apologize if this letter seems a bit formal. I cannot use the apostrophe key on my keyboard at the moment - the victim of a spilled soda - and the only way I can get an apostrophe in is through spell check. Modern conveniences are wonderful when they work!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,


Jim Blain