

TALBIRD

May 17th, 1968

Dear Robert.

Just a note to thank you for your nice letter and Jenkins data enclosed. My typewriter is in the shop being fixed, I hope!, since my hand writing is atrocious, to say the least, I am resorting to this 'plebeian' stationery.

I am hoping to get my Jenkins data copied so that I can give it to the printer, I am a slow typist at least. I still lack some information on the present generation which I am trying to get, everyone these days are too busy to bother but would resent it if I ignored them.

The reason I wanted Mrs Scheider's address is that I am hoping she might be able to give me some dates and also information on the Bythwood family. As I wrote you I am getting the Johnson data for Charlie Danner, then too Dr John Johnson married my grandfathers Talbirds sister, Claudia Christiana Talbird.

You mentioned your cousin Elvira Chaplin Porter, she must have been quite old when you knew her. She and her mother lived in the house just across the street from St. Helen's Church, on the south-west corner. I believe it still belongs to the Bosticks. Miss Elvira had a private school in those days and used to teach sewing in the summer, to which Thiers and I and all of our friends attended when we were quite young. I have often wondered what became of her. Heyward, Sr. used to go to her school until his family moved to "The Point" they lived in Uncle John Johnson's house and we lived in our family home in the same block. Miss Elvira used to insist

that we call her "Cousin Elvira." I have some information on the Porters if you want it. The St. Helena Records show that Joseph Porter married Juliz Rhodes, NOV 8th, 1847 at Church - West Benjamin Johnson and Philip Given's. I remember Miss Elvira saying that her mother, mother in law, grandmother was a Tallbird, but the only Rhodes I have listed who is single is Mary Rhodes, b 28, Jan, 1793. The Bythwood data only shows that Elizabeth Bythwood married Mr. Porter and their son Joseph mar. Miss Rhodes. This research business can be very confusing and exasperating.

I wrote Mrs Faint about the James Bowman marriage to Ann Black, "She said that the diary in the original ms. has that ANN Black married Mr. Bowman it said Mr. Bythwood Mr. Black, the father of the present owner, annotated + corrected the original ms. he inserted the name James (Bowman) and John (Bythwood), and was obviously wrong if the records have Thomas." Re. John Seacraft, Sheriff, you have, I quote: "I think he was probably a nephew of John Seacraft who married Mary Dolan, younger sister of Capt. James Dolan". When did you find the names John and Mary Seacraft? I do not have ^{first} names for either one. I have written Marie Williams twice about having a typed copy made of the Tallbird letter, I was sending something to her in my second letter so added that. The original will probably have first names. you mentioned that you do not have information on the family of Lawrence E. Dawson, I have done on his father and grand-father if you are interested.

Charles
 you mentioned having a cousin here in Onslow (Mrs. Charles Forest Sumner) Mr. Charles Bouman's daughter married a Sumner. Their son I. Roy Sumner has never answered my letter, which reminds me that I sent the above data to Mr. McConnell and never received an answer to my letter.

In one of Marie Williams letters she mentioned that Tada Ladson told her that he thought a Miss or Mrs Strain of H.H.S. could help me as to the Ladson family that she was interested in the Talbird line. She could not remember the first name. ^(Marie) She then goes on to say, I quote; "I think he said she knew of a marriage of one of them to Mary Ladson." Do you by any chance know the lady in question? Marie also said that one copy of the letter she has states John Talbird married Mary Ladson and one states that her name was Ann. She is none too clear in what she writes.

I have ordered from a book store in Columbia a copy of the book "Carolina Gardens" by E.T.H. Sheffer of Walt. S.C. he mentions the lovely gardens on Hutchinson Island where my grandmother Talbird was married, she was visiting Mrs. Marshall the owner. I inquired about several books which are now out of print among them was "Princes Williams ^{Prinish} and Plantations by F.M. Hutson. They had a "good used" copy for \$100.⁰⁰. I decided I did not need that. Do you by any chance own a copy? I have also ordered a copy of the "minutes of The Vestry of St. Helena's Parish, 1726-1812." Do you get "Lists of Publications of the S.C. Archives Dept.?" I have bought several books through that department.

Heyward has to go to S.C. on business some time next month, hope I can see you there. He is hoping to stay a week, but is quite busy in his office here at present so has made no definite plans. I received a letter from Therise today asking me to spend awhile with her but that is not possible. Thanks for all of your help, with love to both of you

affectionately
Christine

Do hope you can decipher this scratch.

P.S. Do you have any data on Wm Oswald Jenkins and Sue Beck. I have list of children but Ezek dates-