

July 20th., 1967

Dear Robert (or is it "Bob")

Many thanks for your nice letter of July 10th. and information enclosed, Miss Elvira evidently thought she was related to us on account of the Rhodes connection, Mrs. Etta Foster, of Bft. would probably know but she told me that most of her records were in her house and she now lives with her niece. She wrote an article re the old families of Beaufort several years ago for the Beaufort Hist. Soc. which is in the Bft. Co. Library, I copied some Porter and Talbird data but did not have time to read the article. If you have never looked at those articles it might pay you to do so, Margaret Schepper wrote an article which mentioned my Grandmother's wedding on Hutchinson Island. I have just bought a copy of "Carolina Gardens" by E.T.H. Shaffer, which mentions the above Island; at one time they had a beautifully landscaped garden there. Years ago there was a book in the library which was similar to Mr. Shaffer's it mentioned Hutchinson Island and had pictures of the remains of the house, chapel etc. all of which were destroyed in the war of the 60's. I thought it was written by Mr. Shaffer but when I checked the book in the library I realized that it was not the same, I think the name was "Beautiful Gardens of America", I know that it also had pictures of the Byrd family home in Virginia. I can not remember the name of their plantation. Have you ever heard of such a book? Do you by any chance have any Hutchinson data? Mr. Shaffer made a mistake in his article however, he mentions that a Miss Hutchinson married a member of the Marsh family; in 1804 John Pyne of County Tipperary came to Chas. and he married a cousin, their daughter Mary Pyne married Thomas Holland Hutchinson and after his death she married Charles March of New York. There must have been some connection with my Grandmother's family in Ireland, when she graduated from College in New York she visited Mrs. March and met my grandfather. The North family were related to a branch of the Jenkins family on the distaff side. There are two Hutchinson Islands one near Savannah and the other (Mrs. March's place) was on the Chee-Ha River. It was later owned by one of the Huttons.

I am enclosing a record of Mary Talbird Houseal Family and her Porter connection, also the Dawson data, for your file. The data on the Bythwood family is sent for your inspection, any additional data you can add will be appreciated, The Rhodes history is sent for the same reasons, I do not have a list of Thomas Wright Rhodes' children. Would like a complete Rhodes history for my files, I probably lack information on our John Rhodes family.

I recently bought Nos. two and three of the SCHM Vol 23, 1922 they are not as helpful as I hoped, do you have Vols. 32-33 which give death notices of St. Helena's Parish? They were not listed as available. If you do have them will you check the Henerey family? Kate Henerey married John Rogers Miller, they were the parents of Col. Ralph Miller of Bft. and Marie (Miller) Williams of Vidalia. Kate wrote in a copy of her Talbird family data that her grandfather Henerey married Sarah Talbird, dau. of John Talbird, none of the records I have show that John had a daughter Sarah and as yet I have been unable to find anything. The Henerey family evidently lived on Hilton Head Isl.

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I have been trying to find information on John Talbird, son of John & (Mary or Anne) Ladson Talbird, without any success. He married Mary Reynolds the dau. of James (1745-1784) and Martha Oswald Reynolds, and widow of Thomas Bell. I still lack data on John - Mary - Thomas Bell and Matha Oswald. Mrs. Faunt suggested that I write Mr. M. T. Peyton of Midland, Texas, which I did. The data he has is the same as mine, both came from Mr. Joseph E. Hart of York, S.C.

I received a nice note from Mr. McConnell yesterday, in which he sent me ~~the~~ names of several books which might be of help re my Talbot family. Some time ago Eleanor Marshall sent me the name of Mr. Edmond Grosz, whose wife was connected with the Crawford family of Louisiana, at that time he was getting information for his son. He later moved to California and I finally got around to writing him, he and his second wife were leaving for France to get data on his wife and then they <sup>were</sup> going to Germany for his family record. He very kindly offered to check any records I was interested in, I took him at his word and asked for data on The Foy family, he sent me some ~~data~~ but could not locate a William B. Foy, but intended to check in Paris. One thing you can say about this work everyone seems anxious to help. He has also promised to send me Crawford data when he returns.

Do you by any chance have any Rhett records? Heywards cousin Mary Washington Jenkins, dau of William Oswald and Sue Ford (Beck) Jenkins, married Richard C. Rhett of Charleston, now deceased. She recently sent me some family information but Washie has a habit of "rambling" if you know what I mean, so it is hard figure what she means. I will try to sort it out and perhaps you may be able to figure it out. She and Dick were related through the Burnett Family, Washie got her name from her great-Grand-mother, Mary Washington Ford the relationship to the Washingtons was through the McPherson family.

Many thanks again for the help y<sup>ou</sup> have been to me and for information you have given, with all good wishes to you and Cora -

Most sincerely,

*Christina*

Encls:

TALBIRD \* HOUSEAL \* THOMPSON

Mary Talbird (b Mar. 7, 1791 Bft. B. Oct. 20, 1840, Bu. St. Helena's Ch Yd Porter Lot), the daughter of Col. Thomas Talbird and Christiana (Crawford) Talbird. Married May 25<sup>m</sup> 1809, John Bernard Houseal, M.D. Widow, (died 27 August 1813, age 40 yrs. 10 mo. & 18 days, bu. Stoney Creek Cemetery. Auth. SCHM Vol. 32-33, p.54. Ref. Miss Runnett, Bft.) Dr. Houseal later moved his family to the lower end of Beaufort county in the neighborhood of Pocotaligo & Coosawhatchie, ehere he practiced his profession until his death in 1813. They had at least three children.

- I. Christina Margarett Houseal (b. 19 Feb. 1811 d. 27 Apr. 1875 bu. Thompson Lot, Baptist Ch. Yd. Bft.) married David L. Thompson (b. 4 Oct. 1804, Stonehaven, Scotland d. 4 June 1870 Bu. Thompson lot.
  - A. Robert Thompson, married Margaret Crockett - Lived Wash. D.C
  - B. Annie M. " " Stephen Furse, 10 July 1867. Lived in Savannah. Bat. Ch M
  - C. David L. Thompson, Jr. (b. 16 July 1737 d. 27 Oct. 1866, Bu I
  - D. Mary Talbird Thompson (b. 7 Aug. 1836 d. Nov 13, 1838 "
  - E. James Thompson
- II. John Bernard Houseal, Jr. (b. 11 Apr. 1812-bapt. 26 May 1812
- III. Catherine M. Houseal (b c 1812/13 d. 16 Nov. 1885, Bft. bu St. Helena's Church Yard p Porter lot.

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Mary (Talbird) Houseal, widow, married 2nd. Joseph Porter (b. 3 June 1774 Galloway, Scotland, d 12 August 1837, Bft. Bu Porter Lot St. Helena's Ch, B He was a resident of Beaufort for over 41 yrs.

- I. Ann Eleanora Porter (b 18 July 1827 - died 30 Nov. 1907. married 17 Dec. 1850, William C. Danner, son of John and Mary H. Danner Children: William Porter Danner mar. Eliza Mary Johnson  
 Charles Eugene Danner " Janie E. Mount  
 Julia Farmer Danner " Mathew O'Driscol Whige  
 Henry Talbird Danner " Mabel Roxana Ellis
- II. William Talbird Porter (b 12 Apr. 1829 d 19 Aug. 1880 (Had a military funeral) He lived in Wilmington, Delaware.
- III. James Bowman Porter (b 9 Dec. 1830) Lived in Chas. S.C.
- IV. Mary Talbird Porter (b. 6 May 1833 d, 21 May 1881

Note: The Houseals and Porters were members of St. Helena's Church, the Thompsons may have been Baptists. The Danners were also Baptists and Cousin Annie probably joined that church. Her oldest son, William Porter Danner and his family were members of St. Helena Church. His grandson, Charles Eugene Danner, Jr. is an Episcopal Minister, is Rector of a Church near Baltimore.

As you can see Mary Talbird's second husband is not shown as a widower, Therese got this information from Howard Danner, I think at any rate I do know that he has a family chart which he was working on some years ago.

\*\*\* LIST OF REFERENCE BOOKS \*\*\*

Marriage Notices In The S. C. Gazette & Successors, 1732-1801.  
By. A. S. Salley, Jr.

St. Helena Parish, Minutes of the Vestry of 1726-1812, By A. S. Salley, Jr.  
Bft. Lib

Minutes of the Old Beaufort College. Bft. Lib

Beaufort, Original Settlement, By. H. A. M. Smith.  
Original Map Missing when I last saw the book, CTJ 461d

Old Irish Families (O'Grady & Dukè of Ormonde (Butler) coats of arms.  
I failed to get authors name. Book in Bft. Library

Your Family Tree, By. David Stan Jordan & Sarah Louise Kimbell.  
Re. Conyers family & others. Bft. Lib. Bk. No. 929.

London Houses, By. Arthur Adcock, St. Johns London District.  
This book was in the Bft. Library, has been lost, (?) A number of books have disappeared, Miss Runnett, the former Librarian, never allowed books of this sort to leave the library. This book had an article about the beautiful home of the Duke of Ormonde in London. Failed to copy article as I had no idea the book would disappear. If you ever see it for sale do let me know.

Life And Services of John Newland Moffitt, By Eirma Marlin Moffett.  
He was an Admiral I believe on the U.S. Constitution, There is a mention of Heyward's Grandfather, Adam Hubley Jenkins, Lt. USN He was just an apprentice at that period, as you probably know the Naval academy was not organized until much later. This book has also disappeared, fortunately I copied the article many years ago. I would also like to have a copy of this.

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When I started this work I began making a list of records which might be of help ~~for~~ later and making notes of anything I thought might aid in finding records needed. Since you do so much research work I thought some of the references listed may be of some help to you. Several years ago when I visited the Chas. Co. Lib. they gave me a list of records contained in a "Bulletin For Genealogists" I imagine you have a copy of that. I sent a list to Mrs. Stanly sometime ago and asked her check the ones which were available in Savannah, which she did. You will note that she has quite a few in her library. John Talbird and his wife found Talbird records which Mrs. Stanley missed. John's wife is a lawyer so knows how and where to look.

I think that Dr. Joseph Johnson wrote two books, the one listed and the other about the Revolutionary War. I know that there are two Johnson books but the latter could have been written by another Johnson. The book, "Beaufort & The Sea Islands" By. John Archibald Johnson I believe is by Dr. Johnson who married Claudia Talbird, my grandfather's sister. It is in pamphlet form and would not be of much help as I remember, he does refer to the Conyers who drowned. Have you done much research in the Bft. Lib.? They did (?) have a number of helpful books.