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Dear Sir:

Just before leaving for Beaufort, South Carolina I received a long-distance phone call from Mrs. William S. Marshall of New Orleans. She informed me that you had answered her request for information in the April 1964 issue of the S. C. Historical Magazine, and had told her that you have a copy of the letter from Rev. Henry Talbird of Switzerland, Florida dated 1888 to Col. N. H. R. Dawson, Washington, D. C., and that you also had additional information on the Talbird family.

I am a direct descendant of the first Henry Talbird, nee Talbot, my father was Thomas Talbird (III) of Beaufort, South Carolina. I have been trying to get family information for a number of years, so many of our old records have been destroyed.

While in Beaufort my son took my sister, Mrs. M. Toland Sams of Beaufort, and me to Hilton Head for the express purpose of calling on you and Mrs. Peeples and were quite disappointed to find that you were not at home.

I have a copy of the letter to Col. Dawson, but I am always interested in getting more family data. Would it be possible for you to give me an idea as to what you have? Mrs. Marshall mentioned that you are related to the Talbirds through the Rhodes. Mary Talbird married Dr. John Rhodes as you no doubt know, I gather that you are a descendant of Eliza Jane Rhodes, daughter of George and Sarah Willingham Bryan Rhodes, who married John W. Peeples, son of Charlotte Lawton Peeples. I would be interested to get your genealogy. I have quite a bit about Dr. Rhodes' children but do not know the rest of his descendants. In writing my family history I am trying to get as much data on each branch as possible. Through my work I have met via the mails some charming relatives, one cousin sent me most of her family heirlooms, one of her ancestors, Dr. Samuel Fyler, is buried on Hilton Head, on what used to be his plantation. My paternal ancestor owned a plantation on Skull Creek, he was John Talbird, grandfather of the Rev. Henry Talbird. He married a Miss Ladson, I do not have her name, I have been trying to find the records of St. Lukes Church which might be of help. I also lack her fathers first name he married a Conyers.

I am curious to know how you got a copy of the "family letter". We got our copy as follows: Col. Dawson was also related to the Hamiltons who married into the Rhodes family, he sent his letter to Col. Paul Hamilton, of Beaufort asking for additional information, I do not know what data he wanted unfortunately, Col. Hamilton sent the letter to my grandmother, who lived near by, she had a copy made, so that is how we got ours.

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I have the outlines of quite a few members of the Talbird family also some data on the Rhodes which I will be delighted to give you if you are interested. I have a genealogist in Savannah working for me and have contacted one in London who is trying to find the will of Henry Talbot, the brother of Sir John Talbird of Ireland, which might give some information. The genealogist in Dublin was unable to connect Henry Talbot with any Talbots of Dublin as I lack dates and other important data, then too so many of their records have been destroyed.

Any help you can give me or any suggestions you may make will be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely,

Christine T. Jenkins

Mrs. J. Heyward Jenkins

1651 Waldemere Street
Sarasota, Florida
18 August 1964

Dear Rev. Peeples:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the very helpful and interesting information in your letter of 8 August, it was a pleasure hearing from you and I do appreciate all of the trouble you went to for me. I am very curious to know who Joe Talbird is. It amazes me how the letter from Rev. Henry Talbird has gotten around, it has become an heirloom which is passed on from one generation to another.

In my Talbird research I have found that most of the branches of the family are related in several ways, that applies to you also most probably. When I started on this work a cousin wrote me that ^{was} most likely end up by finding that I was my own first cousin. ^{As} yet I have found no skeletons hidden away.

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I have not had time to assemble the information you so kindly gave me but in checking the Ladson data I did not find the missing link which I was hoping for. I have quite a bit of data I copied from time to time, but until I find the name of John Talbird's wife and her parents my hands are tied, as it were. From some notes given to Therèse, my sister, by the late Mrs. Leila Sams Elliott, daughter of Stanyarne Sams, I find that the Stanyarnes and Ladsons were Quakers. It is quite possible that you are related to the descendants of John Talbird through the Ladsons. Can you trace your Ladson connection? While checking the Index of the S. C. Hist. Magazine Vols 23-24, under Conyers, I found - Conyers, Ann p.49 - under Ladson - I found Ladson - p 49. On page 49 was, "Conyers, Ann wife of John" ---". All other references on that page were complete and there was no mention of a Ladson, so it appears that John Ladson married Ann Conyers, however, there is no proof. Therèse thinks that Mary Ladson married John Talbird, but as yet I have not found anything to substantiate that. Would you mind telling me where you got the Ladson data, as I have to verify all of my information in this work I am doing. Do you know where I could get a record of ships passengers? If it were possible to get a record of slave ships we could get the first names of the Conyers and Ladson who bought a cargo- [Ref. Letter 1888.]

The dear "Rev. Henry" as you say, made a number of mistakes especially as to dates which did not agree with his statements, however he did not make a mistake as to the Conyers. I have heard the story of the drowning of Mr. Conyers many times also heard the name "Conyers Hole" where the accident happened. From a book in the Beaufort County Library entitled "From Your Family Tree", by David Stan Jordan and Sarah Louise Kimball, p. 183 I found the following: Under the heading Hopkins - "Margaret D'Arcy married Sir John Conyers of Hornby Castle and had
Richard Conyers of Hordan -Durham
Robert father of
Christopher father of
Richard " "
Christopher

Sir John Conyers was Commander of the Tower Of London during the reign of Charles 1st. (1600-1649) [Ref. Ltr. 1888.] I received a letter from Mr. Ivan E. Bass, Washington, D.C. dtd. 3 Nov. 1962, my name was given to him by Mr. DeLorme, a genealogist in Columbia. Mr. Bass was trying to get information on his ancestor Richard Conyers who had bought land in N. C. in 1748, he was under the impression that either Richard or his father was originally from South Carolina. (Richard married Margaret Arendell). Form the Congressional Library in Washington he found a copy of "Lineage and Traditions of the Herrin and Conyers Families" by Mrs Ree (Herrin) Hendricks, pub. 1916, Baltimore, Md. This book covered the descendants of Richard but was not clear as to his ancestry, it did state that he was the son of Nathaniel Conyers of Bermuda and was of the family of Conyers of Horden Castle, Yorkshire. I do not have many Conyers notes at present but there is no Nathaniel among them, my notes are of a later date, I do have a Richard Conyers who was born 15 Dec. 1734. The Conyers Plantation adjoined that of John Talbird. As you probably know William Seabrook bought the plantation of John Talbird and others in 1820, a description of that deed can be found in Book 7 pp 440 & 448, Beaufort County Court House. When I have been in Beaufort I have never had time to check it, my nephew Reeve Sams is a lawyer but he keeps quite busy.

1832
 from Thomas
 Henry Conyers's
 estate

Bridgworth,
 Shropshire

I have been trying to trace the family of Col. Dawson as Rev. Talbird mentioned in his letter that the Colonels mother had given him some additional family data, I would like to know if by any chance she had the first names of the Ladsons and Conyers which I need. Thanks for clearing up his connection with the family, at least. Do you have any more data as to the parents of John Rhodes? I would be interested in knowing where you found the information; the St. Helena Records had "Brideworth, Shropshire, England" as his home. I realize that many mistakes were made in copying records, handwriting is very hard to decipher. I got some data from "Our Family Circle" but at present I do not have a copy of the book, I was given a lot of Bostick family records for a grand-nephew of Mrs. Jenkins', I saw that Charles Paul had given information to Mrs. Miller, his son, Arthur Paul, married Constance Jenkins, a nice of my husband's, she has the family (Bostick) Bible which has quite a bit of information. I have read the book by Virginia Holmgren and enjoyed it very much, but she, like so many, has taken what might be termed "poetic license". Have you read "Tales of Beaufort" by Nell Graydon? The Beaufortonians were up in arms after reading her book, as she had made so many errors. Under a number of pictures she had in the book of the old houses, she put the names of the wrong owners, she wrote a nice article about the Talbirds taking quite a bit of poetic license which was not bad, but she said that the name was originally "Tailbird" which they later changed to "Talbird". I can not say that I blame them under those circumstances. I think that Mrs. Graydon was very distressed about the mistakes etc. someone told me that she admitted that she had been ^{when she} too big a hurry wrote the book, and intended to re-write it. I am still stuck with an original signed copy, which was given to me.

I will be only too glad to give you any additional data I get if you are interested, I have a genealogist in London trying to find the will of Henry Talbird, uncle of our Henry, also the

obituary of Sir John Talbird which appeared in a London Paper. A genealogist in Savannah is also trying to get information for me. Perhaps through the records of the Colonial Dames we might be able to find something about the father of Mary Ann Doharty, as he was supposed to be in the same company as James Doharty, subaltern officer. I may have to get Mrs. Stanley to make a trip to Charleston for that.

I have never seen the articles by Annie M. Fyler or Kate Henery Miller in the S. C. Hist. Magazine Vol. 23, but I do have a list of all of the descendants of all of Henry Talbot's sons. There is a note by Kate Henry Miller in which she has made a mistake. Her son Col. Miller has retired and is living on Pigeon Point, Beaufort. In fact he lives on Pigeon Point Road. Therese and I went to see him while I was in Beaufort, but he was not at home. It rained so much while I was in Beaufort that I did not get a chance to do half that I wanted to. In a letter to Thérèse Mrs Miller stated that they knew Col. Dawson very well, we were hoping that her son might have some additional data. Mrs. Miller died many years ago. Cousin Annie Fyler, was the daughter of Dr. John A. Johnson and Claudia Talbird, the latter was my grandfather's sister. Cousin Annie married first Barnwell Sams, later married Franklin Fyler. I have the Fyler history which I can copy for you if you are interested. John Talbird's daughter Ann, married Dr. Samuel Fyler, who is buried on Hilton Head as are several of their children. The stones were there a few years ago.

This has become a very lengthy and badly written letter, but as you probably gather I am very interested in my research work and am always delighted to get more data, working at long range makes it hard as there is so much that I could do myself. Beaufort was my home as well as that of my husbands, I am now living with my oldest son, John Heyward Jenkins, Jr., who has never married, I also have a son, Thomas Talbird Jenkins, who has a large family and lives on Sullivan's Island, my daughter married a young man from New Jersey, they make their home in Rutherford. We are all what might be termed as "misplaced Beaufortonians", we still love the "Holy City". Please accept my sincere thanks once again, I enjoyed hearing from you and would be delighted to hear from you again. I wish to extend to you and Mrs. Peoples my kindest wishes.

Most sincerely,

Christine T. Jenkins

Mrs. J. Heyward Jenkins

P. S. The enclosed form is a copy of a form I will use in my finished work, as it gives a clear picture of each branch of the family. For each name in the various branches I intend to write a short history. I have the names of all descendants which I can copy for you if you wish. Perhaps you have a list,