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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your wonderful letter and all the information it contained. I know what time and work goes into tracking down every one of the names and dates and bits of information you have gleaned of family members, which makes me all the more grateful that you are offering to share it with me.

I am enclosing a rough draft of the comments I am planning to use as "Front matter." I "aim" to have the book as accurate and as true as is possible, yet sacrifice nothing in making it interesting and "alive"--no "fictionalizing"--no "romantisizing."

I'm going to use the straight-line charts from each ancestor whose name will be a chapter heading to the one Lawton (Richard Furman Lawton), who married one Willingham (Caroline (Carrie) Willingham), and one Nottingham (John Jacob Nottingham), who married one Guttenberger (Emma Guttenberger); whose two children married and are the subjects of the last Chapter: May Nottingham and Furman Dargan Lawton...of Vineville Avenue, Macon, Georgia.

The Willingham Chapter I plan to read (--a portion of it, there won't be time to read the background material of the Willinghams in England) will be a good example of how I am trying to develop the characters to lead to the family in Macon. I'm excited that my editor tells me if I keep on going the way I'm headed in this chapter (as well as in the Furman, Guttenberger, Barnwell, and Nottingham chapters that he has reviewed), I'll have a "splendid book."

I am enclosing the Lineal Charts I plan to use in the Appendix for Richard Furman, John Barnwell, Paul Grimball, William Baynard, Dr. George Robert. It Mosse, Benjamin Lawton Willingham and two lines from Joseph Lawton; also Pierre/ would be most helpful if you could let me make copies of anything you have that will support (or refute, or correct) the dates and names I have on the charts that are different from Family Circle and your corrections to it.

At this point I am on the first draft of the Pierre Robert Chapter. I'll especially be interested in seeing any additional information you might have as to the fact that John Robert was the founder of Robertville.

Also anything you can refer me to for George Mosse, Wm Baynard, and Paul Grimball (would anybody likely have letters, diaries or original manuscripts? ..) I'm sure I haven't all the available data for them.

In order to keep the book to manageable size, I'm sticking to these lines. I've truly done a formidable amount of research (with Clover's wonderful help). We researched the Lawton papers in the Caroliniana Library last fall, and we plan to go to Chapel Hill in the fall for work in the Archives and Historical Library at U.N.C. I'm already a

member in good standing of the Huguenot Society of S.C.; also of First Families of S.C. because of the sponsorship cards you let me have when we attended the meeting at Hilton Head. We had hoped to attend last year's meeting in Atlanta, but couldn't make it. I've especially enjoyed correspondence with Caroline Moore. Is she still President of First Families? Glover is an S.A.R., and I'm "paying my dues" (that's about all) to Colonial Dames and D.A.R. Actually, they've given me leave of absence for another year, by which time I hope I will have completed the book.

I'm bringing my bibliographies and notes for everything I've written so far, and I'll also have copies of my Appendix material, in addition to the Lineal Charts I'm enclosing.

Glover and I are truly looking forward to the get-together in Wilmington. Love to you and Cora from us both.

Carolyn

P.S. I have some good pictures of the Lawtons (Sarah and Joseph; Carrie and Richard Furman, May and Furman) as well as several Willingham pictures. I have no (and would like to have) material for illustrations for the Barnwell, Grimball, Mosse, and Furman chapters. I have some ideas for those illustrations I'd like to talk to you about.

See you next week!

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BIBLIOGRAPHY AND NOTES

The Bibliography, arranged alphabetically, encompasses the entire volume, ^{is} and simply a list of what I used. It includes primary personal accounts, as well as primary sources cited in the Notes, arranged according to chapter, as well as secondary sources: manuscripts and collections, and books. A few selected books that were useful in all phases of the work--histories, encyclopedias, guide books, genealogies, biographies--are included.

Our Family Circle, compiled and published by Annie Elizabeth Miller in 1931 and reprinted in 1975 with carefully researched additions, corrections and deletions by Robert E. H. Peeples, served as my reference point for further research in the Lawton-Willingham lines, as well as allied lines of Furman, Barnwell, Grimball, Robert, Baynard, and others. Without Mrs. Miller's genealogy as a base of reference and Dr. Peeples' well documented additions, Kith and Kin would not have been undertaken. Calder Willingham Payne's assiduous compilation: Descendants of Benjamin Lawton Willingham was most helpful in leading me to other source material in the Lawton-Willingham family.

For the Nottingham line, I am indebted to Mrs. E. E. Mahalyka, Cherriton, Virginia, not only for her delightful letters in adding local color to

the Nottingham family narrative, but in furthering documentation for the Nottingham line. For the Guttenberger line, as a base of reference I have used a Family History written by Francesca Guttenberger Link (1835-1911). A copy of the unpublished manuscript is in my files.

To avoid interrupting the narrative by including ^{formal} genealogical material in each chapter, I have included the material in the Appendix, which is referenced as seems appropriate throughout the book. For example, Richard Furman (1755-1825) may be found listed in the Appendix with his Furman forebears, as well as with one line of descendants in "The Furman Line." He may also be found on "Ancestor Charts A and D," which show his relationship to members of the Lawton-Willingham-Nottingham-Guttenberger family. In the "Furman Family Group Records," his children are listed, as well as his son Samuel Furman's children, who are pertinent to the narrative.

In developing the narratives of the various family members, where I have found indications of political leanings, states of mind, religious beliefs, or certain personal characteristics that have added local color, where it seemed called for, I have put the evidence in the notes. In all areas of the book, the author accepts sole responsibility for conclusions drawn or for errors in interpretation.

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