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Dear Rev. Peoples —

Have been wanting to write you for some time now and finally obtained your address while in S. C. visiting some cousins. First of all I should like very much to have a copy of your booklet, Tales of Ante-Bellum Island Families which I found to be most enlightening, very delightful and at times sad! Thanks to your work I learned so, so much I never knew before about my ancestors (the Lawtons, Sams, Mosses, Chaplins, Cortons, etc., etc.) I believe others of our branch of the family — descendants of Benj. Lawton Stillingham — would appreciate having copies also if you still have some. And are there some reprints of Our Family Circle

that are available? I have a copy of the 1931 Edition but I have Cousins and possibly my Aunt Edith (Mrs. B. S. Thumble of Thinston-Salem, N.C.) who might like to have copies if there are some that have not been sold. Please advise me and be advise them -

A few years ago I was in S.C. visiting a cousin and saw an item in the Columbia paper about the Lawton Reunion - of which I was not aware. I wrote to one person about it (who loaned me a copy of your booklet) and asked to be put on the mailing list. I received a notice the following year but haven't heard a word since, much to my disappointment. I do hope at some future date to make it to a Reunion - but with five children, graduations, weddings, babies, etc. life is most full and to date I have not been able to do so. However, I am quite

interested in meeting and knowing
my kinfolks and delving into gene-
alogy apt and on. I think that
between both my mother (Cornelle
Baynard Hillingham of Chacon) and
my father (Dr. W. LeRoy Isler of Orange-
burg, S.C.) that I'm kin to a goodly num-
ber of South Carolinians! In fact a num-
ber of years ago I discovered that Mom
and Pop have an ancestor ~~in~~, I should
say, forebear - in common - Thomas
Grinnall and Elizabeth Adams. Mother
was descended thru their son
Paul and Pop thru their son Isaac.
Paul Grinnall had three wives and
I am kin to his first wife, Ann
Jenkins, on my Father's side, des-
cended from him thru his marriage
to Mary Barnwell and descended
from his third wife, Mary Sans, thru
her second marriage to Capt. Tom Lawton!

You seem to have done a lot of
genealogy work, too, and I would
appreciate it so very much if you could

possibly help me with a few missing links? Do you know of a Tripp genealogy - a Guerin genealogy - a Thalf genealogy in South Carolina or anyone bearing those names whom I might contact? A double cousin (Islav - Hannamaker) on my Pop's side and I are desperately trying to establish the names of the parents of our Isabella Tripp who married Isaac Grimboll Jenkins. They are mixed up with the Thalfes all thru our Islav and Hannamaker lines and wish to establish some of the relationships and also more information on our original Jacob Islav (Islav, Eslev, ?) ancestor who supposedly came in 1740 with the Thalfes to S.C. The Guerin is on the Hillingham side and I want all the information I can get on them - parents of Sarah, where they came from, etc. - she married Charles Chorn and their daughter married Tho. Henry Hillingham. I'd also like an Adams genealogy - and live near

been able to find Jeremiah Clarke's wife's name - do you have it - the parents of Phoebe, who married Hellen Perkins from whom I descended, and Mary who was Capt. Newton's first wife, and Martha who married an Eaton. I believe they also had a son Jeremiah and possibly a son James.

I find it's a help to me to have as many complete genealogies as possible for the Low Country families intermarried so much that I usually glean from all of them information I need or want on other lines. But the Chaplins and Reynolds really get me going!! My head swims every time I try to figure out all of their relationships!

In looking over your notes at the back can you tell me if it's possible to obtain - and where - copies of the following:

- 1) Bernwell, The Story of an Amer. Family
 - 2) Thattley, Dr George Crosse and His Descendants, The Christian Index
- I'd so very much like to have this -

3) Dealingen Helton Head - A Sea Island
Tekronide

4) Inabriet The Lewton Family of
Robertville, S. C.

If you can and will do so I'd
dearly love some good copies
of your Chaplin Family notes
with the contributions from Mrs. E.
Tripp, Laura Sams Sanders and
Elizabeth Norton. Of course, I'm
interested in having the names
of my ancestors but I'm not con-
tent to stop there - I want informa-
tion on them, when possible, that
brings them alive as people.

And how am I related to
you? Do hope I'll have the plea-
sure of knowing you some day
and lots of my other cousins also.
If I'm related to you thru the
Hillinghams you'll be interested to
know that Calder H. Payne in Marion
is bringing out a supplement to

Our Family Circle and A Family
History by Anne H. Thellie to
restate the information on
the descendants of Benjamin
Lawton and Elizabeth Baynard
Thillingham. Guess everyone
knows about the Baynard book
that Cousin Annie B. Simons Thellie
wrote. Am delighted with it.
Oh - one other branch of the
family that I have absolutely
nothing on is the Calder line. If
you know of a Calder genealogy
or a descendant who has any
Calder family information I'll be
forever grateful to you for telling
me about it.

Please don't let this letter
of mine be a burden to you. You
obviously are interested in our family
so I thought you might help me
out. And I do want to send you a
reimbursement for any costs for your
booklet, zeroed copies of any material,
etc. so please let me know what

it all comes to.

Besides genealogy, my other and foremost interests are spiritual - so we have that in common also. When I read of my forebear's faith and love of the Lord it reminds me and thrills me, too. I'm truly grateful for my Christian heritage and for the prayers of my ancestors which I'm sure have influenced my life. So many exciting spiritual things are happening in these last days and I'm so glad I'm living at this time in history and expect to see my Lord coming in the clouds for His Church! I can hardly wait - Do you watch our PSL Club program that emanates from Charlotte? I volunteer as a worker out there - at the present as a Tour Guide but I have worked as a telephone counsellor also and expect to do

so again. I rather imagine you
are a minister in the Episcopal
church - or am I wrong? My
dearest friend in the Lord here in
Charlotte is an Episcopalian tho' at
the present time she rather des-
pairs with them for they are
so worldly in all but one of the
Episcopal churches locally. But
there are many spiritual giants in
the Lord in that branch of the one
like Agnes Sanford and Dennis,
and Rita Bennett and the Lord is
moving mightily by His Spirit in
all the branches of the one - praise
His precious name! I believe even
into the beautiful, sacred and
historic old Episcopal churches in
Chas'n, too - for I took a Russian
lady down here to speak last
June and she spoke in St.
Michael's and St. John's or was
it St. James on one of the islands -
churches of my ancestors!

Well, I mustn't take any
more of your time. Thank you
for being so patient with me -

My best wishes to you and
all of my unknown Cousins
down there - may we meet
at some future time, the Lord
willing. Thank you for all helps - !!

In the love of Jesus,
Carnelle S. Crouse
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Oct. 25, 1976

Dear Cousin Robert —

What a delightful and interesting letter you sent me — and I do appreciate the enclosures so very, very much. My Aunt Edith (Mrs. B. S. Thonble of Kingston-Salem, N.C.) has a tintype of Jane Mosse Lawton who is also your ancestor since we're both descendants of her and Benj. T. D. Lawton — you thru their daughter Charlotte and Aunt Edie, now and I thru their daughter Phoebe Sarah. Was quite interested in what you wrote about St. James Church and the McLeods.

I'm doubly related to the McLeods because, if they're descended from Capt. William Lawton and his first wife, who was Mary Clarke, on my Dad's side I'm descended from Mary's sister, Phoebe Clarke + William

Jenkins. Maybe they can supply me with Jeremiah Clarke's wife's name - a missing link that I've long sought! The next time I'm in Texas I'll certainly have to look them up. And I've just learned that a cousin of mine on Dad's side also - Rev. Robert Oliveros (son of Lovell Oliveros - Dad's 1st cousin) - is now the Ass't Rector at St. James. I know since Evry's death last July he'd been trying to get back to Texas to live. He did have a parish in Greenville, S.C. I bet you know Hermena Kerrison (Mrs. L. Beust) and Ferdie Tharing (Mrs. Joe) who are also, my Dad's first cousins in Texas. My - it's a small world!!

For some years it's been my desire to visit Allendale, Beaufort, Hilton Head, etc. - and I do hope that I can one of these

days. I could³ dearly love to come
to the Reunion next June down
there - the good Lord willing!

You mentioned contacting "our
cousin, Martha Bailey Burns" - how
are we kin to her? Is there a
Lawton genealogy as such - and
what about the Reynolds? Am
delighted to know you have both
the Fripp and Chaplin genealogies -
when you write up the Chaplin
one I want a copy please. My
cousin, Ethel St. Dominick, has finally
located the Fripp genealogy also
and we've found that our Isabella
Fripp who married Isaac ^{Gumbell} Jenkins
was a daughter of William Fripp.

And speaking of the Chaplins,
who is the Richard William Chaplin
family that has a reunion in July at
Chaplin's Landing (?), S. C. - the article
I saw said to contact a J. M. X. Chaplin
at Meggett (?), S. C. Are they of our
Chaplin family, do you know?

Cousin Robert, I do want several copies of your Tales of Astoria - Vellon Helton Head Island Families but at this point haven't quite decided how many to get so may I give you my order a little later on? I know that I want at least four copies - Am trying to get notes off today to several family members about Our Family Circle, etc. - don't know why, but Aunt Bertha Seibels seems to be the only one of us up this way to have gotten a copy of it originally. I have a copy - but believe there are others who'd like to have a copy. Oh, I do thank you for all of the helpful information you gave me in your letter. I shall join the Lawton and Allied Families Assoc. so that I receive the information on the Reunions, etc. - hope this includes information on genealogies, family books, etc. that are published on the family. Does it?

I can imagine how upsetting

it is to you and Cousin Cora to
 have all these "new fangled things" to
 take place in your beloved church!
 I knew of the re-writing of the Book of
Common Prayer - but I surely didn't
 know they planned to abandon the
 King James Bible! I like to use the
 Amplified and Living Bibles when study-
 ing but I love the King James Bible and
 can't imagine anyone or any church a-
 bandoning it! So me that not only
 is shocking but tragic - I've heard
 Corrie Ten Boom on every occasion that
 she's been to Charlotte and would dea-
 rly love to know her personally as
 your dear wife does. She was here
 again last spring to speak on the
 PGL Club TV program (do you get
 this program on Hilton Head?) and
 also to speak at a Jesus '76 Rally
 here. Am sure you knew Bishop
 Gribbin who recently passed away -
 did you perchance ever know Mrs.
 Alphonse Avery (Mary) from N.C.?
 I dearly loved her and she was a
 lay worker in the church - My Mom
 was raised a Baptist - my Dad a
 Methodist 'til his Mother died when he

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I was a young boy and his family
went to live in his Grandfather's
(Judge & Congressman Jas. F. Izlar of
Orangeburg) home where they were
all Episcopalians. When Mom &
Dad married they decided to join
the Moravian Church together (Mom
graduated from Salem College) in
Hinton-Salem. However, both my
brother and his wife (Dr. H. L. Izlar,
of Durham, N.C.)
and my sister and her husband
(Dr. & Mrs. Frank Stew of Greensboro)
are Episcopalians. So I've always had
a close association with the church
on all sides of my family. I love
the church universal - the family
of God, don't you?

Now I must close for this
time with heartfelt thanks to
you for all the "goodies" you sent
me and the help you've been to
me - was so glad also to receive
the copy of Jonathan Norton's will -
didn't know he had all those
children! I only had the names of
about four of them -

Will be back in touch with you in a few weeks about those copies of your booklet. Hope to go to Columbia in two weeks for a week or ten days to do some digging at the Archives and the U. S. C. library, etc. - and want to run down to Orangeburg for a couple of days also.

Tell, praise the Lord for bringing some more of us cousins together! My love to you and Cousin Cora - am really looking forward to meeting you dear folks!

Devotedly,
Camille
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