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Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peebles
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RE: McBride's Causeway add McBride's Ford

Dear Rev. Dr. Peebles:

Thank you for the praise in your letter of the 24th. While I do not know that the article is of publishable quality I may in fact send it to Carologue. Sam Crews has had a copy for some time.

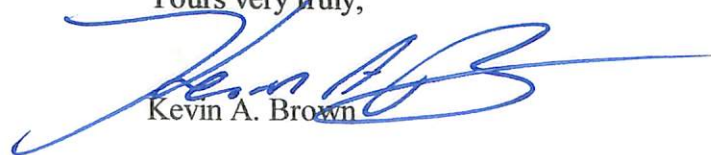
McBride's Causeway is the crossing of the Coosawhatchie at Hickory Hill between Hampton and Varnville. I will be happy to show you the area if we get a chance one day. I do not know if anything remains of Goethe's Mill per se but the cemetery is still there albeit on private land. I believe some of the millpond may also still be there. Unfortunately the person who would know the most about the area, Legare Youmans, died several years ago at the age of 93. He lived on the property where the Mill was for almost his whole life. He used to tell tales that his father told him about his grandfather hearing the Yankee cannon balls sailing through the trees in 1865 when Sherman came through.


I am enclosing a copy of the Goethe/Youmans Cemetery record as indexed by Virginia Long Buck. Coy Johnston wrote a paper on the Goethes at one time. I know Sam had a copy of it but I have not been able to locate mine.

Hope this letter finds you well. I have a good bit of information on the descendants of Burwell McBride gleaned from court papers if you are interested. One question for you. Who presently has the McBride Family Bible? I would very much like to look at it sometime if it is in the area and has not been lost or destroyed.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,


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P.S. This letter was written 3/27 but I delayed it looking for the Cemetery index and paper by Coy Johnston.


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March 18, 2003

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RE: First Families of SC and Burwell McBride

Dear Rev. Dr. Peeples:

Thank you for the sponsorship in the Society of First Families of South Carolina. I sent the card off and received the lineage papers today. I also want to thank you for the information regarding Landgrave Smith and his antecedents. I enjoyed it very much.

Enclosed please find a copy of a short paper that I wrote while in college about Hickory Hill Plantation and Burwell McBride. I don't know if you have a copy or not but I thought it might interest you. It is no great scholarly work by any means and is not offered as such but some of my research may prove useful to you.

I am working on the proof for the lineage papers and will let you know once they are approved and I am officially a member.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,



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