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Dear Robert,

Thank you for sponsoring me for the Society of First Families of South Carolina, 1670-1700 and for the information about the National Society of Magna Charta Dames and Barons. You stated that you were also enclosing a correct pedigree for Landgrave Thomas Smith, but it wasn't in the envelop. The *Our Family Circle* was of course and we are finding it very interesting reading.

I haven't heard of the Hereditary Order of Descendants of the Colonial Governors, but since they meet in Washington, I might even be able to attend a meeting.

We were quite saddened to learn Betsy Caldwell was losing her battle with her second bout with cancer.

I understand from Linda that you are watching over the Baynard Mausoleum there at the Pines. A member of my McNish line had been entombed there.

Here is a brief rundown on the McNish family:

John1 and Margrett (Alexander?) McNish. Plantation St. John's Parish. Issue John2, b. 1744 and James, b. About 1746. John1 died 1747. Margrett died 1803 at age 87.

(Alexander?)--John2 was executor of David Alexander's estate in Prince William Parish, listed as next of kin.

John2 first married in 1865 Agnes Ann Black. Ann died in childbirth. Her family name was Schwarz, anglicized to Black since that is the color it meant in German.

In 1770 John2's home plantation was in St. Peter's Parish on the neck of the New

River. He also had several other holdings.

During the Revolutionary War, John<sup>2</sup> and James<sup>1</sup> were captured in the Battle of Charleston while serving under Col. John Baxter. (There were two Col. John Baxters--one from Georgetown and one from PeeDee.) Both John<sup>2</sup> and James<sup>1</sup> spent 292 days aboard a British prison ship in Charleston harbor. James<sup>1</sup> received a South Carolina land grant of 500 acres in the Goose Creek area. I don't know what John<sup>@</sup> received except payment for cattle, rice and corn he provided to the Revolutionary forces.

John<sup>2</sup> married Mary Catherine Keall (daughter of the late John Keall and Catherine Bourquin) about 1783.

In the same time period, he established a home plantation Rose Dew (named after a rambling rose native to the area). At the same time he owned the Bower (Cottage) Plantation (now the site of Bluffton) and a 700-acre Stockfarm adjacent to the Bower. It was called the Bower as it had a cottage on the property.

John<sup>2</sup> and Mary Catherine Keall McNish had three children:

John<sup>3</sup> and twin James<sup>2</sup>, b. April 19, 1784 and  
 Daughter Mary Catherine McNish, b. November 27, 1788.

John<sup>2</sup> died July 17, 1800 at Rose Dew. John<sup>3</sup> married Ann Dupont in Savannah July 4, 1805. They resided at the Bower and ran the adjacent Stockfarm.

Mary Catherine McNish married Joseph Adams Scott at Rose Dew November 27, 1806. Mary died in 1817 in Savannah as a result of childbirth. Joseph Adams Scott, b. July 26, 1781 died at Rose Dew February 2, 1826. Rose Dew was granted to Mary Catherine Scott by her mother.

Their daughter Catherine Adelaide Scott married William Eddings Baynard July 19, 1829. William E. Baynard, b. February 12, 1800 on Edisto Island. He died in 1849 and was placed in the Baynard Mausoleum. Catherine Adelaide Scott Baynard died

May 29, 1856 and was placed in the Baynard Mausoleum.

During the Uncivilized War, the Mausoleum was broken into. I understand an empty Union coffin was left there and in the rubble was Catherine Adelaide's name plate. They even stole the coffins and I have no idea about their bodies.

It came to pass that the daughter of the Baynard daughter (now a Guerard) married the great-grandson of Ann Dupont McNish, William James McNish (my grandfather's brother). Their surviving daughter, Sarah Donch McNish Berard is also interested in the family history and in membership. Her address is 5011-14 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044.

I'm enclosing a copy of the family pages from the family Bible of John3 McNish and Ann Dupont, a copy of Ann's family record made by the Rev. Thomas Coachman Dupont and enclosed in the McNish Bible, a copy of the obituary of Ann's brother Dr. Cornelius Dupont also enclosed in the McNish Bible, and a copy of my father's eulogy that I think you may find interesting.

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*Alvin George Hunt*