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PEEBLES

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Dear Dr. Peoples,

Thank you for your promptness in mailing the Peebles books. There is time for me to use them before they are wrapped for Christmas presents. My book-giving family gives with, "I want to borrow this when you have read it," so I will have access to the books.

The book is truly a genealogist's masterpiece. Anne must have been a brilliant as well as a dedicated person; her organization is the best example of mathematics and logic I have ever seen. This is one of the times I envy people who started their genealogical work in their younger years.

Thank you very much for your offer to sponsor my sons in the Society of Founders and Patriots of America. I hope their interest comes earlier than mine did and I believe it will. I became interested in my own research into family history in 1979 when I heard that John Drayton married a Peoples widow. Michael Drayton of Seventeenth Century English literature wrote a beautiful poem about those who came to the new land. Surely his inspiration came from John's coming to America; I am still trying to connect the two men.

Capt. David's story caught my interest and Abraham's family held it. You are indeed fortunate to have descended from that family, the most fascinating one I have found.

I have been asked and offered the proof to join the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, DAR, and Colonial Dames on my Grayson line. My Ledbetter line is proved back to DAR. If I join these organizations, I want to join on the Peoples line; I am a Peoples to the core. I had better find my William! With my attitude, members may not accept me if I "have" to join on another line!

PEEBLES, ANTE1600-1962, gives me assurance I am of Capt. David's line. See page 59; you may want to add to your own notes. Henry Wm. Peoples and Cordelia A. Lester were buried in the Marquez, Leon Co., cemetery. Their daughter, Maggie Peoples Moon, lived in the southeastern part of the county and knew all my family in Marquez in the central part of the county. She is close to ninety and lives in Palestine, Anderson County, now. She said, "We are all kin but I don't know how." Her son looks just like all the Peoples men and said I looked like his mother until her hair became completely white.

Many times I feel that William and Elizabeth were not our great-great grandparents, that they did not even exist. And I have to review my records. Yes, William's birth-place data came from a census record. Our best hope lies in Elizabeth's surname. Peoples traveled to La. and Texas with Crawfords and Rushings. They were in Tenn. 1787-1813. One Crawford family was in Miss. in 1811. The others were there by 1815 in Jasper County until 1847-48. They were all in Rapides Parish, La., by 1850, except my great grandparents, William Peoples and Ellender Crawford who were still in Miss. with a new baby. These 64 people were b. TN, MS, LA, 1 w. in OH, and 3 in SC: my Elizabeth in 1791, and William (1796) and Rebecca (1807) Rushing. Putting this down on paper made me see that Elizabeth may have been a Rushing. Thank you for listening!

Where was William born? Who knows! There are so many conflicts, if I were a gambling person I'd place my money on the state of Franklin, no longer in existence when he became old enough to want to know where he was born. I would like to find him born in NC to William W and Elizabeth E; I like their signatures on Pitt County deeds.

Your line is of interest to me; I will go through it more carefully for the Hardens. Hardins came from that area and settled Hardin County where I live. And your mother was from Orange, Texas! How did your parents meet? Orange, Jefferson, and Hardin Counties form our Golden Triangle here on the Gulf Coast.

My publications involve the entire Golden Triangle, mostly Jefferson County. Orange County has been extremely hard-hit by the recession. After all our yearly reports to subscribers and gov't agencies are completed and we are into our new year about mid-January, I will study your line and go through my files carefully for anything of interest to you.

I do hope Miss Cora's DAR application is accepted, perhaps in time for a wonderful Christmas present. I do thank you for your interesting and informative letter.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Peoples Wall