

HELLO!

20 JAN 1997

THANK YOU KINDLY FOR YOUR LETTER OF 27 NOV '96! AS ALWAYS, I AM GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. I APOLOGIZE FOR MY DELAYED REPLY... I WORK RETAIL & NOV/DEC IS AN INTENSE TIME. ALSO, FOR XMAS MY EMPLOYER GAVE US A WAGE CUT, I'M A BIT OFF-BALANCE!

MY RESEARCH HAS SLOWED DOWN TO THE SPEED OF COLD MOLASSES, MY FILING SYSTEM WAS INADEQUATE FOR THE PROJECTS & CORRESPONDENCE I'VE UNDERTAKEN. SO I'M SPENDING A LOT OF TIME CONSOLIDATING & RE-ORGANIZING. I HOPE TO BE BACK ON TRACK BY SPRING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COPELAND INFO! I MADE IT OUT TO GEORGIA FOR A SHORT TRIP EARLY NOV '96. IT WAS MOSTLY FAMILY BUSINESS, BUT I DID GET SOME RESEARCH DONE.

I OBTAINED A 3RD-HAND COPY OF A MANUSCRIPT IN THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES CALLED THE COPELANDS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS. THE COVER PAGE IS MISSING, BUT I CAN DISCERN THAT IT WAS WRITTEN AFTER 1630 BY A FRIEND RELATED TO SOME SC COPELANDS.

I FOUND A FEW MISTAKES IN THIS WORK, BUT MOSTLY IT IS INTERESTING & INFORMATIVE. THERE IS SOME INTERESTING MATERIAL ON S.C. COPELAND INVOLVEMENT IN THE REGULATOR MOVEMENT & THE REVOLUTION, I WILL BE GLAD TO SEND YOU A COPY IF YOU LIKE!

I'VE DONE SOME BACKGROUND RESEARCH ON THE COPELAND ORIGINS & I BELIEVE THE "MAIN LINE" OF THE FAMILY STEMS FROM A BRETON FAMILY NAMED MESCHU THAT GAINED FAVOR WITH HENRY I DURING HIS CAMPAIGNS IN FRANCE. BUT THERE ARE SOME COPELANDS OF MORE OBSCURE ORIGINS.

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I FEAR THAT MOST OF MY
ALLISON / PEEBLES QUERIES WENT UNHEARD. I DID RECEIVE ONE
REPLY, WITH A REFERRAL TO SOMEONE ELSE. I HAVE SINCE
FOUND A FEW OTHER ALLISON RESEARCHERS WHO MAY BE OF
HELP. I WILL BE DROPPING QUERIES TO THEM IN MARCH.

MY SEARCH OF SSN DEATH FILES SHOW THAT
ANNE PEEBLES DIED IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA MARCH 1965.
A BIT LATER THAN I EXPECTED ... I WONDER IF SHE WAS LAID UP
BY A STROKE. I HOPE THAT SHE PASSED ON PEACEFULLY.

I ALSO HOPE TO MAKE SOME MACKEY INQUIRIES THIS SPRING.
WHAT I HAVE FOUND SO FAR IS DISCOURAGING. THERE WERE
APPARENTLY SEVERAL DIFFERENT CLAN MACKEY, ... INCLUDING ONE
WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS CLAN MORGAN.

I SUSPECT THAT ELSPET MACKEY HAD CONNECTIONS IN
ABERDEENSHIRE ... BUT SADLY, MANY EARLY RECORDS OF THAT
SHIRE WERE DESTROYED BY A FIRE IN 1715. STILL, THERE
MAY BE INFO ELSEWHERE ... I'M ALWAYS UP FOR TAKING A
"LONG-SHOT."

WELL, I REALLY MUST SIGN OFF. IT'S QUITE LATE & I HAVE TO
WORK. I HOPE THIS LETTER DOESN'T RAMBLE TOO MUCH.

TAKE CARE!



ANDY PEEPLES

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