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Dear Robert,

I hope this letter finds you with springtime glisten in your eyes. How I do love the fresh green of spring! I can't believe it's been so long since I've written.

You crack me up when you ask me questions. You had a very polite way of previously saying I was in the discovery stage. What makes you think I ever graduated? I still don't know what I'm doing. I will contact Dr. Donald Smith and Mrs. Daisy Koon Hinson to see if they have any information to share with us on the Folks. I do promise to continue the research, I just found myself becoming too confused with entirely too many names at the same time, and tried to limit the confusion. I have a great deal of that sorted out now, and hope to broaden my horizons a bit more again.

I doubt seriously I have any relatives who resided SC prior to 1700. As I said, my blood just isn't that blue. Probably my best shot would be to follow the Haemophilia line up to the throne of England. But that would be going from female to female to female which would be an impossibility. As far back as I have that line is Ann Geiger who m/William Baker. That information is yours.

I saw in a brochure somewhere that Earl Steadman had published a book, but the address is for someone else. Is he still living? Uncle James always told me to contact him, but he never could find his address. Does he have information on John Howard that perhaps he hasn't shared with you?

I have luckily found several new contacts also on the paternal side. I've stayed quite busy with that information for some months now. I was going through some things I had quickly stored away, came across your wonderful letter at Christmastime and realized I had never answered it. I do apologize. My heart is in the right place, my brain just stays scattered.

I suppose you thought I suddenly quit researching. Not true at all. I have been diligently working at it. I'm afraid it's an addiction deeply imbedded now. There's no cure. I have spent most of my time trying to document my same old John Langston for DAR. Seems like the harder I spin the wheels, the more spokes I break. I have found a great many more relatives, brought the line down farther, and still I cannot document Reddick to be his son.

I can prove he was taken prisoner by the British and that he died in service. It's so frustrating. He was not the first born son, so that makes it even more difficult. I thought it would be wonderful to prove it since his line has not previously been established. I know it would put a sparkle in my father's eye. His mother was our first Langston ancestor, and he loved her dearly, but she died when he was still quite young. Repugnant how history has a

way of repeating itself. I suppose you tire of hearing of my Langston problems.

I have what I call a certification of one of my great aunts stating our heritage back to John Langston the Revolutionary patriot. She is 92 years old. Would the DAR accept that as documented proof that Reddick is the son of John? If so, then I can get in. If not, I'm still up to my hips in mud. I thought surely you might be able to answer that question for me. I cannot provide pictures of John's tombstone neither Reddick's. We don't know where the British buried John. Reddick was buried 1848 on his plantation and there isn't an existing tombstone, it burned.

I have recently discovered that Theresa Hicks, the genealogist in Columbia, is related to me through her husband, also on the Langston line. She hasn't worked the line at all herself, so unfortunately she wasn't able to help me. I don't think she's very interested in the surname.

Does the name "Qurtia Jerusha" Kirby appear to be an indian name to you? Supposedly Creek or Cherokee? I'm not certain how it's suppose to be spelled. It is not my line, but an allied Langston line, and I wondered.

I have to admit I felt honored to see from your letter that Winnie Pritcher read Martin Luther's letter at the reunion. I suppose that's the only little contribution I've been able to share with you. You have literally been a gift horse and I am ever so grateful!

If you feel I cannot get in on the Langston certification I told you about, then I will be honored to accept your invitation to have Miss Cora sponsor me as you volunteered. If you can help me document the other Copeland, Riser or Howard lines, then my sister, Lona would be willing to go in on one. If they accept children, then I have three to establish records on.

Lona expressed a desire to join the Huguenot Society, and I was not sure if I myself could sponsor her. She has several years ago converted to catholicism as she married a Catholic. I didn't know if that would make a difference or not.

Well, I seem to have bombarded you with questions again, and I honestly didn't intend to. That's become a habit now. I always have more questions than I have answers. I hope you forgive my impudence.

Give our love to Miss Cora. God Bless.

Love,


Katheryn