

B-7 OYSTER SHELL ROAD  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31410  
MAY 17, 1989

DEAR DR. PEEPLES,

ENCLOSED ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN AT THE RECENT RHODES FAMILY REUNION. THERE ARE PICTURES OF THOMAS HAYGOOD RHODES AND HIS WIFE MARTHA E. CLAYTON BEARD RHODES. ALSO THERE IS A PICTURE OF STEPHEN PETER RHODES AND HIS NEW BRIDE LAURA ELLIS SMITH RHODES AND THE SMITH FAMILY TAKEN ABOUT 1898. ALSO YOU WILL FIND COPIES FROM THE RHODES FAMILY BIBLE AND A RECORD OF THE CHILDREN OF STEVE AND LAURA RHODES TAKEN FROM THE SMITH FAMILY HISTORY.

I HAVE RECEIVED THE MATERIAL I WILL NEED TO JOIN THE FIRST FAMILIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND IT IS FORMIDABLE. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO USE WHAT YOU HAVE ON OUR CONNECTION TO THE BOHUN FAMILY? I CAN PROBABLY ESTABLISH MY CONNECTION TO THOMAS RHODES THROUGH NATHANIEL HENRY RHODES AND THOMAS HAYGOOD RHODES. I SUPPOSE I WOULD HAVE TO GET THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATES. WILL YOU INFORM ME AS TO WHAT I WILL NEED TO DO TO COMPLETE THIS?

I WAS VERY PLEASSED TO MEET YOU AND MY OTHER LONG LOST COUSINS AT THE REUNION. I WANT TO GO OVER SOON TO THE ROBERT CEMETERY AND SEE THE GRAVE OF MARY ELIZABETH CATER RHODES LAWTON. I AM ALSO SENDING SOME PICTURES AND OTHER INFORMATION TO CAROLYN RAMSEY IN COLUMBIA. SHE WILL SEND ME A COPY OF THE PICTURE (TINTYPE) OF THOMAS RHODES AND THE PHOTOGRAPH OF GEORGE RHODES. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE TINTYPE OF THOMAS RHODES CAME FROM (WHO PASSED IT DOWN TO US)? DO YOU CONSIDER IT TO BE AUTHENTIC?

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION IF NOT SOONER. IF YOU ARE IN SAVANNAH AND HAVE THE TIME, DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ME.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

  
CLAYTON RHODES

Jessie & Bessie

Mrs. Kate



# POST CARD

THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS

PLACE  
ONE-CENT  
STAMP  
HERE

Mrs. Lizzie Rhoades McAllister -  
(second husband)  
mother of Alice Mobley Ellis

Miss Kate Woodward



Rose Agnes Rhodes  
18 Feb 1877 - 20 June 1933

married 15 Jan. 1893

Henry Alys Robbins  
26 Feb. 1870 - 10 Jan. 1919

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Stephen Peter Rhodes  
14 Feb. 1866-

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STEPHEN PETER RHODES (FAR LEFT) AND LAURA  
ELLIS SMITH RHODES (NEXT TO HIM) SOON AFTER  
THEIR MARRIAGE IN 1848, WITH THEM ARE  
WILLIAM PINCKNEY SMITH & MARTHA JOSEPHINE  
~~SMITH~~ NUNNALLY SMITH & THEIR OTHER  
CHILDREN.

THEY (STEPHEN & LAURA) WERE MARRIED THE DAY  
AFTER HER 15<sup>th</sup> BIRTH DAY. HE WAS 32  
YEARS OLD & HAD BEEN HER SCHOOL TEACHER.