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Dear Robert,

How delightful to hear from you again! And I do appreciate the additional family data. Have just received copy of the will of Thomas M. Cater from Margaret Fowke in Barnwell, which I appreciate so very much. If you do not have a copy, I shall be glad to make copy and forward same to you. She also tells me that the convicts have cleaned the cemetery at Boiling Springs and the tombstone of Catherine Johnson shows up for the first time. She also writes that Louis Gantt took his own life on Friday, so to keep your records up to date, you can note this death.

I did get my copies of the S.C.H. M. with your Miles Genealogy. How I wish that I had access to S. C. data! I have to rely heavily on friends and relations for leads and information. Enjoyed it thoroughly, too. Just wish that I could read the rest of it.

I will get an order off to Savannah Morning News tonight and hope and pray that it is not too late to obtain a copy of your "Hero in His Time."

I ran by the library for a few minutes this afternoon to check on the Rhodes genealogy for you, but I did not run into any leads that tied in with your family. There was a George Barton Rhodes born 1861 in Ithaca, N. Y., a George O. Rhodes, b. Toulon, Ill, 12 Aug. 1874, and that was the Georges. Nathaniel Wilson³ Rhodes (Jonathan², John¹), b. Cazenovia, N. Y. 22. Nov. 1813, m. Jane P. Hotchkiss and d. Toulon, Ill. Feb. 7, 1887. Oh, a George Wilson Rhodes, b. Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill., 6. Nov. 1843. I checked umpteen Thomases, but have not found one that would tie in.

For what it is worth, I will throw in:

THE RHODES FAMILY IN AMERICA—by Howard J. Rhodes, Greenwich Book Publishers, N. Y., 17, N. Y., copyright 1959, Library of Congress catalog card number 59-8018.

Arms of Sir Godfrey Rhodes of Great Houghton, Yorkshire, England.

Early History in England.

The earliest record of the English House of Rhodes is found in the Domesday Book. Here is recorded the grant of the "Moiety of Rode" to Willimus and Hugh, two warriors who accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066 A.D. The village of R/hode seat of the original grant, situated near Macclesfield in the present County of Cheshire, exists to this day. Nothing more has been found in the English records concerning Hugh and some have presumed he returned to Normandy as Hugh I, Count de Rodez, founder of the Rodez family and the town of Rodez, now capital of the Department of Aveyron in southern France. (Dictionnaire De La Noblesse, p. 435.) Willimus had a known son Michael de Rode whose descendants have been traced through thirty generations. Part of the original grant passed out of the Rhodes family in 1260, as seen by a deed of 44 Henry III (1260 A.D.) in which Thomas de Rode granted by charter to Margery, dau. of Geoffrey de Lastoc, all rights to the town of Rode for "one pair of White Gloves, and a half penny for all services."

A second Rhodes family, probably related to the first, was founded in England by Gerard de Rodes, a baron living in the reigns of Henry II (1154-1189) Richard I, John and Henry III. He was granted the lordships of Langar and Barneston in Nottinghamshire, grants later confirmed by King John. These were ancient estates, having existed before the coming of the Normans. He also owned Clifton and Wilford in Nottingham-

shire, later the property of his son Sir Ralph de Rodes.

Froissart gives a record of two Rhodes families in England both originally from Normandy:

"The de Rhodes, hereditary Knights of Flanders came over to England with the Earl of Flanders and Tofti, Harold's brother, to assist William the Conqueror"; Chronique de France, d'Angleterre, d'Ecosse, et d'Espagne, Vol. 10, p. 354.

Burke in his "Commoners of Great Britain" makes no reference to the First House of Rhodes:

"The family of Rodes or Rhodes is of great antiquity, having flourished for several centuries in the counties of Nottingham, Lincoln, York, and Derby (successfully).?"

The first settler on record in England of this family, is Gerard de Rodes, a feudal Baron, the capitol seat of whose barony was Horn Castle in Lincolnshire. Camden (Camden's Britanea Lincolnshire, p. 418), says, Horn Castle was a soke or seignory of thirteen lordships. Gerard de Rodes was, consequently, one of the greater barons; his absence as ambassador will account for his name not occurring on the Roll of Magna Charta, he having been sent by King John, 29th March, in the 9th year of his reign, ambassador to foreign parts.

It is not known when the baronetcy became extinct but the lands of Horn Castle were lost in the reign of Richard II.

Judge Francis Rodes (Rhodes) b. at Staveley Woodthorpe, Derbyshire, England, 1534* (*An inscription at Barlborough Hall reads, "Francis Rodes, Serviens Suae Reginae ad Legem A. D. 1584, aetatis Suae 50.") d. testate at Barlborough Hall in Derbyshire 7 Jan. 1591; Justice of Court of Common Pleas and one of the judges at trial of Mary, Queen of Scots at Fotheringay an Oct. 1586, built Barlborough Hall in 1583, which has the "unique fame of being equidistant from all places where English speaking children dwell", ancestor of a number of immigrants to North America; also, to New Zealand and Australia. Two shields of the arms of Rhodes with different implements, are preserved at Barlborough Hall. Lyson's Magna Britannica--Derbyshire, says: "The ancestors of Judge Rodes had been originally of Lincolnshire, afterward of Yorkshire, and had then settled at Staveley Woodthorpe in the county of Derbyshire for five generations in consequence of a marriage with the heiress of Cachehors". Judge Francis m. (1st) Elizabeth, dau. of Brian ~~Sanford~~ Sanford, Esq. of Thorpe Salvin, Yorkshire; m (2nd) Mary, dau. of Francis Charlton, Esq., of Appley, County of Salop; sired seventeen children, among these were Sir John, Sir Godfrey and Sir Peter Rhodes (Rodes.)

Will check out the Thomases one day and if anything turns up will let you know. There was a list of some twenty or thirty early Rhodes, Rodes in America, but they were from N. Y. Conn., Va., and anywhere but S. C.

Speaking of the Lawton and Allied Families Reunion, I went to the Peyton Reunion at old Aquia Church ~~last~~ Sunday and I enjoyed it so very much. It is the first time I've seen a bar set up between the Church and the Parish house. Live and learn and enjoy it as you go along, I'm told. I don't intend to miss again if I can keep from it.

Will keep my fingers crossed on your latest real estate venture. Jim and I just about a year ago, bought a lot (1/3) of an acre at "Lake of the Woods" which is a new lake development twelve miles away--gorgeous club house, swimming pool, tennis courts, &c., &c., --purchase price \$14,500.00, so you certainly should "hit the jackpot." Good luck! Whether or not Jimmy comes back to the farm when he finishes school, Jim and I plan to retire while there's still time. I have the floor plans for my house but Jim throws a fit over four bath-rooms, so it will have to have a lot of adjustments. Then I don't have the money to build it anyway, so there's no hurry. Jim relaxes at the water and we were used to going 150 miles each week-end to get to the water, so this at least solves that problem. Have a beautiful 18 hole golf course. Food is delicious!

Wish I had time to do the McPhersons. Someday!

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Sincerely,
F. Rodes

Have heard no more from Leon Halling.
won't nor have I heard anything
from Mrs. Halmen. Have been wanting
to write to her and also Cyrtelle Tyeckert
in Dupas who is a "Robert" and a "Teyton"
descendant — also membership chairman Let.
DAR. so her stationery says. If I were
triplets or had a full time secretary
I could get something done —

My brother had the opportunity
to come to Hilton Head Is. & start
a new Methodist Church, but he
decided he'd rather not. Has so
hoping he would. However, I get
to his home about once in 5 years,
so it shouldn't matter to me. This
may be information not to be
released so if I've spilled any
secrets, I'm sorry.