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Dear Bobby,

Thank you for your reply to Miss Maxwell's letter concerning her research on Brookland Plantation. I have realized for many years that you were the most knowledgeable individual about the Rhodes family. As you know, my father, Theodore Milton Rhodes, died when I was eighteen months old. My grandmother lived with us for a few years in the twenties. My mother was Annie Crim Rhodes and I was very small, but, I heard stories about the Crim name being German and that my grandmother Crim's family being descendants of the Germans who came here as Hessian soldiers and later defected to George Washington. Then, my Aunt Tass, (Carrie Bell), sister of my father, lived with us for years and I can remember Aunt Tass telling many times about George Rhode's plantation and the history of the family. I knew many of the people on my father's side as you have documented so well. I have never seen anything on paper about the 18 gentlemen that you mention in your letter dated Dec. 28, 1978 to Prissy, saying that I am qualified to be a member of the Huguenot Society. To claim it and prove it are two different situations. Naturally, I am interested, but, in a chart that Uncle Adrian B. Rhodes, who lived in Atlanta, now deceased, showed a Mary CATER. Then, in Wallace's book, it was CARTER. Somewhere else I saw it again that Thomas Rhodes's second wife was Mary Elizabeth CATER. So, I am definitely interested in my family history. George Edward Rhodes, the oldest son of George Rhodes, my father's brother, lives in Charleston and has put together a schematic overview of the old house south of Estill. He lived there as a boy and they moved to Charleston in the twenties. I am looking for photos, or anything, about that old plantation. In fact, I tried to get the Estill officials to declare it as a historical place. I have written to the State Historical Society from which I received some forms, but, I have no facts about the number of acres, type of plantation house, or anything definite. As you know, the Beaufort courthouse burned. Hampton County came into existence in the late 1880's or so. I happened to be one of the fifty who signed the papers to sell the remnants of the plantation to the town of Estill. People like Buck Ramsey, Kenny, and my brother, Jeter, let the few acres that were left go to the town of Estill for hardly nothing. I tried to buy the old house back, but, the town laughed. The Mayor and Council have