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Dear "Cousin" Robert,

If the Alex Hopkins chart you sent last July is correct (and from what little I know I agree with you that the jump from William Green to Ann Green looks very tenuous), you and I would be distant cousins. At any rate, I'll decline the offer to apply to the Society of First Families until I can develop more persuasive documentation.

My more likely link to the first settlers of SC would be through Gabriel Glaze, who is mentioned on p. 102 of Agnes Baldwin's *First Settlers of SC 1670-1700*. I became aware of that citation recently while doing searches on Ancestry.com. The citation is the only information there, however the book is in the catalog for Clayton Genealogy Library in Houston (about an hour from The Woodlands). I plan to get down there and see what it says, probably in mid-December. The Glaze line is Gabriel – Malachi – Patrick(1) – Middleton – Patrick(2) – Lucy. Lucy, my great-grandmother, married Demetrius Augustus Bland, grandson of Richard Bland of the Bland-Davant Bible. You'll also find Gabriel and Malachi Glaze mentioned in Henry A. M. Smith's *Rivers and Regions of Early South Carolina: Articles From The South Carolina Historical (and Genealogical) Magazine*, Vol III, p. 203 and the facing map. Patrick(1) is not well documented in the line, but I have copies of correspondence from the 1960s from a SC researcher, Louise Crowder of Chester, SC, saying that indirect evidence convinces her that Patrick must be the son of Malachi.

Judy and I both feel that our time in Hilton Head Island at the Heritage Library and more specifically with you and Cora was one of the highlights of our genealogy research. Many thanks for the help you and the staff of the Library gave us. The Bland-Davant Bible information provides very significant documentation for us.

Charles Bland, the de facto official Bland historian, has written *Visions of Unity: The Bland Family in England and America 1555-1900* in which the South Carolina Blands are mentioned only in a footnote on page 494, and some of the information there is incorrect. In the 1930s Valmore Lebey, a Savannah, GA descendant of Richard Bland, compiled a genealogy of Richard's descendants, but it is not documented for sources and is unpublished. It also has some errors. A copy is in the Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina. So there are gaps to be filled.

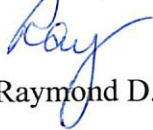
I am very pleased with the documentation I have now from you and from our visit to the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia after we left Hilton Head Island. The

attached Genealogy Report contains the current best information I am aware of. I expect to continue digging for more documentation on the Bland line and all that connect to it, e.g., Glaze, Fendin, Cheney, etc.

I am also enclosing a family chart in organization chart format showing connections from several sources. This is an updated version of the chart I showed you in July. We are planning to return to Hilton Head Island next summer, and we look forward to seeing you then.

Please give our best regards to Cora, and again, thanks for all the help you have given us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray", written over the printed name.

Raymond D. Bland