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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Carolyn Ramsay, with whom I have been in contact on the Internet, gave me your name and said you might be able to tell me how to obtain a reprint of "Our Family Circle". I have my father's copy (1931 ed.) but would like to have another, if possible. A while back I talked to Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. and he said that the Lawton and Related Families Association had reprinted it. He also suggested that I might like to join The Huguenot Society of South Carolina. I have been checking my proofs (the line is pretty clear, as covered by "Our Family Circle") because I know that the society is more demanding than in the past and Carolyn also said you might have some suggestions on how I can fill in some holes.

My line goes back to The Rev. Pierre Robert through Mary Harriet Robert, wife of Richard Bostick, and daughter of John Robert and Elizabeth Dixon. Richard Bostick, husband of Mary Harriet Robert, was the grandfather of my father's grandmother, Mary Harriet Bostick (wife of John Vincent Martin) on his father's side and the grandfather of my father's grandmother on his mother's side (Ann Eliza Bostick, wife of Daniel William McKenzie). Of course that makes Mary Harriet Robert the grandmother of these families too. Maybe I should have written it that way. Would you have any idea where I might look for proofs of the marriage of Mary Harriet Robert and Richard Bostick? And also where I might find information about John Robert, his marriage and family? Possibly the Library of the Huguenot Society in Charleston might have something. Will they send copies of proofs for a fee? Maybe I am asking you too many questions.

My line connects to Carolyn Ramsay in the following way: Harriet Villard Martin (me) > Villard Martin (wife Rose Sumervell Gibson) > Benjamin Martin, Sr. (wife Mary Harriet Villard) > Mary Harriet Bostick (husband John Vincent Martin) > Benjamin Robert Bostick (wife Jane Aseith Maner) > Mary Harriet Robert (husband Richard Bostick) > John Robert (wife Elizabeth Dixon) and from here Carolyn and I go back to the same people. Also, Mary Harriet Villard (my grandmother and wife of Benjamin Martin, Sr.) > Harriet Elizabeth McKenzie (husband William Benjamin Villard) > Ann Eliza Bostick (husband Daniel William McKenzie) > Mary Harriet Robert (husband Richard Bostick) > John Robert (wife Elizabeth Dixon) etc. I do not have any Lawtons in my direct line but as you know everyone from that area of South Carolina seemed to be a cousin.

Thanks to "My Family Circle" and some work done by my uncle, Samuel Maner Martin, I know the lines. When I started working on the family genealogy I was looking for supporting data and data about my more elusive ancestors (Villard and McKenzie). My husband and I have made two trips to Salt Lake for week long courses and those have been fruitful but as yet we have not hit many resources in South Carolina.

I hope I have not taken up too much of your time. Perhaps I will be able to meet you sometime in the future. Carolyn says you are quite interested in family genealogy and that we are most likely cousins. Our daughter-in-law's parents live in Hilton Head (the are not from the

South) and we have made trips there. In fact our son was married in the Episcopal Church in Bluffton.

Best wishes,

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