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Mrs. Nelson Perry
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Dear Mrs. Perry,

Thank you so very much for your prompt and informative letter. I do appreciate your time and trouble.

Thank you especially for the information about the "oldest Buckner" graves you had seen. They might be Benjamin Heape Buckner and his wife Margaret (Morrison Veitch Buckner). I understand she was buried near Robertsville. However, I hope they will turn out to be father of Benjamin Heape, Bernard Buckner and wife Sarah Heape. My wildest hopes would be that one of them was Sarah M. (Buckner) Gracen there too. She is my ancestor and the one I am trying hard to prove as a daughter of Bernard and Sarah Buckner. I have written to Mr. Milton Julius Buckner in Pineland to try to go to the cemetery of which you gave me the name. If you ever go there please let me know names.

Name ?

It is interesting to hear that your husband's grandmother was a Heape. You say that her " Heape " sisters married Buckner, Jones, and Halford. Does she know the given name of the Mr. Buckner? I will write to Mrs. Inez Buckner Sanders (even tho she has no records) if I can place her and your husbands great aunts. St. Andrews Parish Registry was published in the " S.C. Geneological and Historical Magazine ", giving Heape names. Does your husband know the given names of his grandmother's sisters? Was the name of the one that married a Buckner Josephine? If so, she married William Edward Buckner, son of William Bernard Buckner an 2nd wife Sarah Ann (Harley) Buckner. He was the 11th child of 12 children. William Bernard Buckner was son of Bernard and Sarah (Heape) Buckner. My record says Josephine Heape was from Ridgeland, S.C. and I think the date would be about right. Of course my Heape records are of earlier generations. So Inez Buckner Sander's grandfather would have been a nephew of my Sarah Buckner who married William Gracen. I am truly sorry that she has no records.

her father's
name was
Wm Oran
Buckner

I am enclosing a Heape record that I copied from above mentioned magazine. As I do not type, you can return it. Think you would like to make a copy, and maybe give one to Mrs. Inez B. Sanders (on second thought I will not write to her. Maybe you could give me her father's name-- just for record). Maybe you two can get connection between record (enclosed) and your own " Heapes". There is a Mr. D.M. Heape in Beaufort now (old). He says that his grandfather was William Henry Heape.

Grandmother was Susan (Peeples) Heape
His father was William Henry Heape

Father's sisters:	Annie	Nettie	Father's brothers:	Thaddeus
	Ella	Ida		Joseph
	Lila			
	Fannie			

These are all " within his memory" and he says Heapes are buried out 5 miles from Cummins, S. C. He know of no others (on re-reading your letter I see your husband's family name of " Perry "). I was thinking it was Peeples-- The reason I underscored it) and wrote you this. You may be able to get the " missing links tho". If I ever find any, I will write you. Gaston Leonidas Langford, Jr. (there in Ridgeland, in the electric store) is a descendant Of William Bernard Buckner also. He is a son of G.L.L., Sr.-- who was son of J.A. Langford and Adeline Buckner Rowell Langford. Mary Adeline Buckner was sister of William Edward Buckner who married Josephine Heape. She was 9th child of family. She married Alfred Rowell 1st and had 1 child. Then she married J. A. Langford and had 2 children. Their Bible is the one that we got record of William Bernard Buckner and family from. The record also gives Heape and other Buckner information. I will copy it for you (I am enclosing that also-- please copy and return).

L. A. Grayson of Hardeeville is a descendant of Edward. I am descendant of William Gracen, bro. of Edward. They had unmarried sister, Elizabeth. They were children of John Gracen and Isabella(Shillings) Gracen. We think John Gracen a son of Grayson family (grandfather of poet and author)-- born in Ga. before they moved to Beaufort. However, this has not been proved.

Thank you again, very much,
Sincerely,

Gladys Grayson Dreyer