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Dear Robert,

May I leave off the "Cousin" and just call you Robert and you call me Anne. I am real proud to be kin to such a distinguished and fine person as you are and I hope when we get acquainted personally you will be as happy that I am your kinsman.

Thank you so much for the helpful treatise on William Cater, most of which I am including in my manuscript on the Caters and giving you credit for the research. In looking through the cards and notes I have, I keep running across a Stephen and a Thomas Cater whom I can't definitely place as I left these cards at home and am at the office, so will send them to you later. Anyway, it is the Stephen Cater who wills to his nephew, Dr. John Cater, I believe it is, and also there is a Thomas Cater of St. Simons Island, Georgia. This is a note I have at the office. Was this Stephen Cater brother of Thomas and William?

In Stephen Cater's will Mar. 19, 1783, prob. Nov. 9, 1784, of St. Georges Parish Dorchester, "To my nephew Thomas Cater. . . .tracts of land purchased by me of James Stuart on Newport in the State of Ga. containing near 900 acres" - To "my nephew Samuel Backler (whose residence is at Witzarfield in Ye County of Suffolk within Ye Kingdom of Great Britain), "2 tracts in Granville Co., S.C. 1700 acres. Desires ex-ecutors to sell lands at Dorchester and elsewhere and all moveables and distribute proceeds as follows: between nephew Samuel Backler, "my niece Rebecca Hobbs of the State of Ga.", "my good friend Jacob Mines. . . .". . . . "My good friends George Smith, Sen'r., his two sons George and Savage, Henrietta Wragg and Peter Horleback (?), Matthias Hutchinson and Elizabeth Porter." Executors: George Smith, Sr., Jacob Mines, Matthias Hutchinson. Witness: Elizabeth Bradwell, Mary Legge, John Bradwell. Book WPA, Vol. 21, page 524 (Research L.S.H.).

Who was nephew Samuel Backler?

I have zerox copies of Bible records of a C. F. Cater family which lived in Quitman, Ga., and were descended from Thomas Miles Cater. If you don't have this and would like to have it I will be glad to have zerox copies made of it and send it to you. Leon Hollingsworth found this in S.C. Hist. Soc. Library at Charleston.

There is one item that Bess Stanley sent me that I thought, now that I know William Cater was my ancestor, that this might be a clue worth following through:

"James Scott. James Scott of Craven County North Carolina. 17 Jan. 1808. A deed signed 17 Jan. 1808 for 186 acres originally granted Simion Malphass and came to John Baker and descended from him to John Scott, now deceased and at his death it came to his eldest son, James Scott who is now also de-ceased. We the children and heirs of James Scott, Jr., signed by:

Hannah Scott, wife of Henry Peck (Peek)

Nancy Scott, wife of Benjamin Dixon

(*) Mary Scott, wife of William Caten (sic written on card)

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Patsey Scott, wife of James Pierce
Sarah Scott, wife of John Bland
Rebecca King, wid.

Wit: John Scott and Cason Scott."

(*) Could this Mary be the wife of my William Cater, father of Mary Cater who married James Furse? She would be the right generation and in several records which we know should be CATER it is spelled CATEN. Do you know a good genealogist in North Carolina or do you have any connections with a North Carolina researcher?

Years ago I had Miss Delamar and she was excellent, but she has since passed away. I tried to get the official genealogist for the Colonial Dames in North Carolina to help me but he would not even answer a letter. I finally sent a registered letter with return receipt, so I know he received it, but I guess he just didn't want to be bothered.

Yes, I do have the abstracts of the wills of Thomas (1), William (2) and Thomas (3), which you mentioned. I don't know whether I have complete Furse Bible records or not. I have photostatic copies of three Furse Bibles in the possession of Stephen Smith Furse in Decatur, Ga. They are:

Holy Bible - Philadelphia: Published by H. C. Carey and I. Lea, 1823

Holy Bible - Philadelphia: Published by John B. Perry, No. 198 Market Street; And for sale by J. W. Bradley, No. 48 North Fourth Street; W. A. Leary, No. 138 North Second Street. New-York: Nafis & Cornish. 1849 (Perry's New Stereotype edition)

Holy Bible - Philadelphia (Holman's Edition): A. J. Holman & Co., No. 930 Arch Street - 1872

I don't know who the original owners were. And, I have notes where I copied information from a Furse Bible that was in possession of the three old maid Furse sisters in Savannah, Misses Margaret, Eugenia and Eppie Furse. I was young then and didn't realize I should copy things like date Bible was printed, by whom, etc., and who the original owner was. I just copied births, deaths, and marriages. I doubt if I have all the South Carolina Furse Bible records. These I have list the names of early ancestors but not families of descendants and marriage dates are rare.

Bess Stanley has done some research for me in Savannah, but I am sure she has not exhausted it. She has not done too much on the Furse line, but knowing the connection every now and then she would run across some Furse item which she thought I would like to have and would send it to me. Her latest assignment was going over to Sylvania, Ga., to search through Mrs. Clyde Hollingsworth's files to see if she could find any new clues on ~~Clairmond~~ (Rives) Harden and her husband Ebenezer Harden. After her husband died, Clary (or Clarimond or Clarissa, as she was sometimes called) married James Scott as his second wife and her daughter Miriam Harden took the name of Miriam Scott.

Bess did not find any new material particularly there in Screven County. She said there were many Hardens in the neighboring County where town of Pembroke is, but had not run across my Ebenezer. She did not go there nor search all the records. I have a hunch he came from S.C. as perhaps his wife Clarimond Rives did, but of course we can only know those things when we have facts to back them up. As you probably know,

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the early records of Burke Co., Ga., just do not exist, except a few old records that families had. My S.C. Newmans and Smiths went back and forth from S.C. to Burke Co., Ga., and I imagine a good many other S.C. families also came across the river to Burke Co., Ga.

Mrs. Olaff Otto did a good bit of research on the Dukes for me in Savannah and Bess helped her some on that and it's strange with all the searching of Savannah records for Green R. Duke, and he was mentioned many times in the 1790's and early 1800's, they did not find his death notice until about two or three years ago, so new evidence often turns up. Mrs. Otto also did some work on the Zeiglers for me and Bess did some on the Buntz family.

Bess also did research on the Williams family for my cousin, Bernard Williams in Savannah. That's how we found each other again after many years. Bernard gave her my name to write to for some information he wanted so he could join one of the patriotic societies and when I saw her name I asked her if she were the Bessie Darsey I used to know in Bainbridge, Ga., when I was a little girl and she was, so I was very glad to get in touch with her again. Her brother, Arthur Darsey, was in my grade at school and Bessie about two years younger.

Going back to Bible records - I have a photostatic copy of the Thomas Wylly Bible which I imagine was given to him by his father-in-law, Frederick Roesberg, as it is a great big Bible all in German, but it lists the names and births of all his thirteen children. Thomas Wylly married first Sarah Dawson of S.C. and had one son, William Christopher Wylly. She died and he married second Naomi Roesberg, daughter of Frederick Roesberg and his wife Johannah Cronenberger. Thomas Wylly and his second wife Naomi Roesberg had twelve children, among them Elizabeth Margaret Wylly who married Richard Allen Williams of Barnwell Co., S.C. and their son Richard Allen Williams married Martha Lovisa Furse daughter of Edward Furse and his wife Lovisa Robison Smith. Lovisa Robison Smith was the daughter of Stephen Smith, Jr., and his wife Judith Ann Vince who was the daughter of Captain Joseph Vince and his wife Lucy Robison daughter of Sgt. William Robison.

Lucy Robison was born in Virginia before her father William Robison came to S.C. but I haven't been able to find from what County in Virginia, so if you run across that anywhere in your searching let me know as I would like to go back further on the Robison line.

It looks like one thing leads to another but I am telling you, the parents of my ancestors so you may connect the families and fill in any dates or information you may run across. With all I gave you in my letter before and adding this, I do hope I haven't given you genealogical indigestion. Most of this in this letter is background for the families you will work on and just to give the connections, as I said before. However, the one big thing that I am excited about is the item that Bess had sent me about the Mary Scott daughter of James Scott of N.C. that married William Caten that could be Cater. Also Frederick Roesberg evidently came first to S.C. and was secretary of the German Friendly Society in Charleston in 1767 (?). That's all I know about him and would like to know more. *m. Johannah Cronenberger*



Please give my regards to Miss Cora and tell her I hope some day before too long to meet her. Do you by any chance know my sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Jack Bryant of Orangeburg, S.C. or my cousin Mary Eleanor Rouse (Mrs. J.D.) of Luray, South Carolina?

Anne Holman