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Dear Dr Peoples,
I am sending family group sheets
of our Cate family to you under separate
cover. My husband's cousin Bill Cate
of San Antonio has become interested
in tracing the family background
in part the last 3-4 years and he
has stirred my interest this past year.
Bill is 73 and has problems with his
hands. He and another cousin Harvie
Bellville Cate, traveled to South Carolina
and talked with Elmer Cate, who
must have given them a Xerox copy
of the material from a book that had
the Cate section plus some notes of
yours and a letter from Mr. Hubert.
My husband's grandfathers Douglas
John Cate b. 1841 - 1931 was a Civil War
veteran and shortly before he died dictated
a family history of his life and
we have read copies of it, and have tried

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to fit dates of birth, etc to the appropriate
Aunts & Uncles of DSC, plus I have spent
days and days with the 1850 Census
trying to track all these people down
to validate dates, children, and their
many moves. They were almost
as Nomadic 150 years ago as people
have been the last 50 years. I have
found Richard Bohun Cater (apparently
enumerated shortly before he died)
and his family, do you have that list?
if not I'll send it. Also H. W. Cater,
Silas B. Cater, Ann Cater, & Wm Provoost (who
were running a boarding house at least that's
what's in the Census book) and 9 of their
children plus A C Cater (18 F) living with them.

All we know is family, lore said
our William Cater c. 1775 and Mary Katherine
Collins, 1775 Va, were living in Edgefield,
South Car, when most of their children
were born. Their oldest dau Elizabeth
called Eliza m. a Doff or Duff and then
m. a McPherson < 1824. ^{Her} oldest
McPherson child was born in Fla.

There is also no other son named William

From reading The Cater Chapter it might be possible that our William was the eldest son of I A 8 a William Cater and had already received from his father since he was married sometime before ^{the} 1803 Eliza Cater Doff McPherson's birth. He might also be the William Cates in the 1800 S.C Census 1M 1F 16-25 with 1 slave

The only other possibility I can see is that he might be a son of Joseph I A 9. where ever he might have been.

As you will see from the family group sheets the similarity of names of children born during the early 1800's. The oldest son Edwin, James, William Green, etc. and the eldest daughter marrying a McPherson

Eliza Greening & John Jay Greening brother & sister of Beatnah were both in Dallas Co, Alabama in 1830 and lists ^{Beatnah} S.C. as birth place, tho I cannot locate Jack Greening & wife in S.C. He must have been a man of some means since his oldest son became a physician and John Jay & Eldridge were graduates

of West Point. ⁴

I think I have done about all I can from this distance. I will be driving one of my father's sisters to Florida in December and my husband will join me over Christmas for some sailing. My father's youngest brother the Rev. John Harvey Soper was the priest in Sarasota for many, many years and his widow still spends the winter in their home there. Her two children live in Atlanta so I will stop there for a while and drive over to S. Car to try to find what I can there.

The Mormon Geneological library here in Mesa Ariz has an amazing amount of material such as abstracts of S. C. wills (all the one's mentioned with your Chapter are in there) and histories + maps c 1825 of Edgefield and Orangeburg which I have Xeroxed.

I would appreciate any assistance or suggestions you might have.

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P.S. My husband will be finishing his research assignment here at ASU - Tempe on August 6 and we will be returning to Iowa where he is Prof of Chemistry at the University of Iowa.

I hope I will hear from you before that time. I am trying to locate a family bible from William & Kate Collins Cater. That would help as we are not sure of birth order as David's grand father listed the boys then the girls. We know Eliza was the oldest sister and Edwin the oldest brother but not which one came first. I've been trying to find them all on the 1850 Census as that is the first to list birthplace and individual names - and ages -

Our Barber line is said to have come from North Carolina, but I will

not start that until I get some better answers on the Cater line.

My aunt, Mary Shepard Soper, has done all the genealogy on my father's family, so I have working on my mother's lines and my husband's Cater and Greening lines.

Thank you for your time and patience with a novice,

Sincerely,

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