

a genealogist. I was much more interested in the personalities and lives of some of my more recent ancestors than their "pure genealogy." I was looking for a local historian and I believe I have found the best in Abbeville county.

My great-great grandfather was from the Abbeville District. Some of his descendants were there until 1938 when "Miss Beck" died. There were some fascinating folks between the days of Richard Bohun Cater in the early 1800's and Rebecca Dupont Cater in the early 1900's. I am sincerely interested in the Caters work, military service, civic contributions, their short-comings, trials/tribulations, and their personalities. I am interested in pictures, relics, mementos, and diaries of these people. Rose-Marie is doing a SUPER job of developing a social history which incorporates a portion of my ancestors. I am delighted with her professional approach. I am delighted with her work.

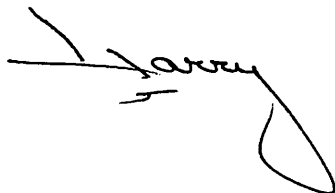
As I now have a little more time since (almost) retiring, I have begun to explore my family genealogy. I have just begun. I have not "learned the ropes" yet, but with the help of people such as you and Rose-Marie, I think it will be an exciting adventure. I intend to pursue it.

My impression is that a tremendous amount of quality research has already been done on the Cater family from Thomas, the immigrant, forward by a relatively small group of researchers and that you have done the work for some of the direct lineage back to the 13th or 14th century. I have no intentions to attempt to duplicate any of those quality works.

Rose-Marie and I will incorporate as much of the Cater genealogy (previously developed by other researchers and fully credited to them) for my branch of the family as we are comfortable with, but only from some arbitrary "intermediate" starting point == for example, a generation close to Thomas Miles Cater = or there about. We'll see.

5. Please let me know when you will next be in Charleston. I would like the opportunity to meet you, chat about the family, show you where I do my work, and share a good meal together. (853-6616)

With warm best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.