

Mrs Dan Sanders

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Dear Dr. Peebles,

It was good to hear your voice on the telephone earlier this evening. Your wonderful letter was received just before my husband and I left Houston on our way to Greenville for the Labor Day holiday. I cannot tell you how many hours I have spent studying each piece of information that you have shared with me. You are a marvelous letter writer. Thank you for your time, effort and interest --I am just so happy that I found you!!

Thank you for sponsoring me for the Society of First Families of South Carolina. The Sponsor's card was completed and returned, and I look forward to hearing from the Society.

I have read *Major Butler's Legacy*, but not *British Drums on the Southern Frontier. First Settlers of South Carolina* was among the first books that I added to my library collection. I understand there was a book called *The Amazing Story of the Caters in America* by Sharon Taylor (published by Holbert, Inc. in 1982, 3699 Ira Rd., Bath, OH) but my letters to the publishers have not been answered. No one in the Houston or Greenville Libraries has heard of it.

I am disappointed but not surprised that you have never seen #2 Chart as indicated at the foot of the Cater tree compiled by Violet Cameron. My mother said no one in our family remembers seeing it. I have no idea where to begin a search for #2--wouldn't you expect Miss Cameron would have filed it with a genealogical society or library here or in London?

The following are some of the questions brought to mind as I studied your letter:

1. There must be a story surrounding the murder of Thomas Cater of Kelvyn Grove--I am delighted we have a famous ghost in our family!

2. Can you suggest more background reading material on the McPherson family? It sounds like there is a wealth of stories within that family, and I know none of them!

3. Did not at least two of the Cater girls marry at Ashley Hall? Would you clarify our relationship to Mary Elizabeth McPherson and James Pringle? (There are Pringles buried near the Caters in Anderson.)

4. Do you know where any of the earliest Caters were buried? Do you suppose any of them are resting at the Old Sheldon Church outside Beaufort? Dr. Andrew Cater is buried at the First Presbyterian Church in

Anderson. The Horseys and the Fishers are buried at the Unitarian Church on Archdale Street in Charleston or at Magnolia Cemetery.

5. Where was Cater Hall located? It appears that Dr. Andrew Cater was born there. What happened to the house?

6. Can you tell me more about the financial troubles of Thomas Miles Cater?

7. Are there any stories surrounding Richard Baker or Archdale Hall?

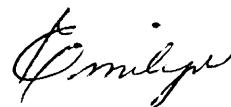
Oh, my, I could go on and on, but I do not want to wear out my welcome with your time. Sometimes I wish I could spend an afternoon sitting on the doorstep of heaven talking to long-gone great-grandparents and asking all the questions of them I used to ask of my grandmother. I feel limited by time, memory, and knowledge of where to turn for information. Lately, whenever I was fortunate enough to discover a tidbit of information about our family, I could imagine my grandmother boasting proudly to other loved ones in Heaven, "See, I told you she would find you!"

Enclosed is my "Forward" as well as an example of one the letters from a grandmother to my grandchildren. Letters are my chosen form of expression because they are the only form with which I feel comfortable. 'Don't know how to write a novel!

Thank you again for your help. Because I have learned that it is best not to mention the word "Genealogy" in a conversation unless the other fellow brings it up, it is a joy to have someone with whom I can share my enthusiasm for family stories.

Warmest wishes to you and your family--

Sincerely,



Emily Sanders