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Dear Robert and Cora,

I'm still working on the family trees. Yesterday an on-line cousin asked me if I could prove her Cater line. Well, if she had descended from Mary Elizabeth Cater's father, Thomas, I could have at least taken her on the lengthy Bohun trip, but she descends from Thomas' brother, William Cater, b. 1721/1723, d. abt. 1775.

She got her information from Ralph Peeples on the Internet. I don't know who Ralph Peeples is — I'll bet you do. I am enclosing copies of the sheets she sent so you can check over the earlier Cater material. She did not have proof for it, as you can see. If it can be proven, then tell me where to get that proof — if you know. Otherwise it's a long day at the archives, I guess. Our Thomas Cater — father of Mary Elizabeth — is as far back as I have (in *Our Family Circle*). Do you have more on him?

I have made some progress on my Solomons endeavor. We had never known the family of Sarah Matilda Dasher (wife of John Graves Solomons — and Daddy's great grandmother). I have found her line. Her grandfather on her mother's side was Thomas Wylly, of Savannah. The Dashers were from Ebenezer, Georgia — Sarah Matilda's father was Solomon Dasher — grandfather John Martin and ggrandfather looks as if he may be Johann Martin Dasher — immigrant from Austria.

Now, on another subject, you and Miss Cora both suggested I write someone who might have answers about these two subjects:

- (1) Where can I find and buy the index to Our Family Circle?
- (2) Whom could I contact to look for any copies of the miniatures of Elizabeth Phoebe Jenkins' parents, Col. John J. Jenkins and Sarah Chaplin?

By the time I located the First Families address book I had mislaid the names — getting old takes some getting used to.

As you can see, I am thoroughly bogged down in genealogy — but I had my 64th birthday Tuesday, and time may be getting short for making a tidy bundle of all this stuff for my children, nieces, and cousins —

all of them having assumed Carolyn's going to do it, so we'll just wait and copy hers.

I am also trying to find whatever pictures I can, as I can easily make good copies and then my children (and Ernest's, Mike's, Carrie Jean's, et al) can see what they looked like.

Do you know any reason I can't get into the Family Bible on the Elliott Gibson Solomons' line? Apparently Gertrude Solomons kept it taped up in a paper bag and passed it on to her daughter. When Sigo's daughter, Winn, asked to see it this past weekend, she said she didn't have a Solomons Bible. Winn said it couldn't be true because she had used it to get Sigo's birthdate for filing his social security. You've been around a long time — so what's her scandal, and how do I get around it?

Are there alternate spellings for the Robert name? I had someone ask about the "Roberds" and "Roberts." I know there is a line which spells it "Robarts."

I saw an article about Robert in the State newspaper last week. I started off reading about Zion Chapel of Ease — interested because I gave a children's historical tour of the island when I worked summers at the Wm. Hilton Inn. Well, turned to the back and there was Robert himself — the all-knowing source of historical knowledge. Interesting article. I wish you were on the Internet so I could ask and get quick answers. This new generation calls U.S. Postal mail "snailmail." Since you are not on the Net, I will continue telling all the distant kin and connections I meet there about Our Family Circle and how to obtain a copy. You may soon sell out!

Love to both of you,

Carstyn Ramsay