

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1987

Dear Cora + Robert

It was so good to hear from you all at Christmastime — Am sure you had a gay celebration from all the different events in which you were participating.

Before your card + letter came I had already decided to purchase "Tombs" for myself and am so glad that I did. There's a lot in it about Benjamin S. Chaplin — the brother of Martha Sarah, Lavinia + Cecilia whom I had discovered in Louis Adelen's book and deduced he was their brother and had five children, I believe it was. I notice Mr. Rosenzarten has down that Benjamin Chaplin, Jr. was married twice — Martha Sarah Reynolds being his second wife. Her apparently didn't know the <sup>first</sup> wife's given name for it wasn't recorded. I'd surely like to write Mr. Rosenzarten

net Rosenzarten, is it?

Bailey, he has

and find out where he got all of this family data because a lot of it is not in the diary of "Tombee".

I also discovered another Chaplin in there that I'm quite curious about as I'm wondering if I'm also descended from her. How'd it you could tell me anything about her - she is a Martha Chaplin, wife of Samuel P. Chisselm. The have searched high and low (have written W. Grosvenor Meggett in Charleston, only to learn he was dead, and then his son (Jr.) and N. A. and when I found his wife (Sr.) in OFC and saw that she is I am related four or five ways I wrote her, too - but no answer from any of them. I even enclosed a sheet of paper with my questions leaving space for answers (NAMES) and all she had to do was fill in the spaces and send it back in my SASE, (!) for the wives' names of Wm. Meggett I and his son, James. We do know that James Meggett's wife's first name was Martha and, after his death, she married a

Chisolm. — we have a copy of her will as Martha Chisolm. Do you know or do you think this wife of Samuel P. Chisolm, who was born Martha Chaplin, is she? I'd give anything to recover those names — do you know of anyone else I might contact who might be inclined to answer me about those Meggetts? Surely will appreciate any help you can give me here.

Also I wrote the Rawton cousin in Va. — can't pull his name off of the top of my head at this point — last fall asking for my copy of the <sup>reports of</sup> Rawton & Allied Families Assoc. Meeting last June that I had never received. Still no answer from him — someone told me he had moved and I don't have his new address so would appreciate that! Life is such a hassle these days — I'm losing lots of mail constantly, I'm finding out, so possibly that's what's happened. I have no fear of knowing and that's especially infuriating to me when my letters, etc.

that are not delivered are not returned to me for they have my return address on them!! And, oh, the wasted money for postage - especially those with SAS Expn them!!

And now I'm looking forward to and anxiously awaiting the arrival of Transactions for 1986! Do hope I don't have to wait 'til March for it - seems like it comes later in later every year. Guess it's my problem - I'm impatient.

Cora in Robert, what are your projects for 1987? Am hoping to finish up with about six of my lines if at all possible - and then call it quite. Then I'll really have another big job - organizing and putting together in a useable form (no more books - at least not by myself!) all of my data, etc.

Oh - some Mr. Alverette from Anderson, S.C. called me one morning wanting some Reynolds info - or something about the Reynolds - and I was unable to talk with him as I was leaving to go babysit Robert while Mary Ross took little Bill to the dentist. He said he would write me - this was back before Christmas and I've never heard from him. Am afraid perhaps that was another letter lost in the mails! So discouraging - if you have his full name and address, please send

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it to me and I'll try to contact him. I was  
so sorry about it but couldn't help it - be-  
lieve he said you had referred him to me.  
Oh, forgot to tell you I had such a nice  
surprise when Paerl Raetox called me!!  
Hadn't heard from him in almost a year so  
was delighted he called and he sounded  
just great. He sent me a copy of Kennis's  
book - oh! my - man's inhumanity to man!  
Don't see how any of them lived thru it -  
a high school friend of mine (from East  
Aurora) was suffocated to death on one  
of those ships carrying them to Japan! So, so  
tragic - I used to go to dances at Annapolis  
and would see and dance with Bill there.  
His sister was a classmate and I saw her  
at reunion last summer. Paerl has a  
collection of old family photos that are  
not marked!! ~~oooo~~!! - why, oh,  
why didn't they write the names on the  
back of them?? He had a whole bag full  
from Tile's family and never could identify  
the majority of them - it grieves me so to  
just throw them out! I made some sug-  
gestions and hope we can identify some of  
them. Last year I was successful in find-  
ing the names of our Rinfelt in two large  
group photos that Leigh Campbell had and  
was seeking to identify - so here goes a-  
gain! People were successful this time, too.

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Know you're tired of all this so will  
close for this go round. Robert, if you're  
not able to tell me about Martha Chaplin  
- that's two Chaplin girls I'm seeking to  
identify, Margaret and Martha - where  
can I go to find out about them? Severely  
wish we had a good book about that  
family. Incidentally, some of Benjamin  
S. Chaplin's descendants married some  
of the Chaplins in Lois Audelin's book.  
Tommy Rawton Buckner's uncle's wife  
(lives at Shulerville, S.C.) is one of them.  
Think she has two sets of Chaplins who  
married Chaplins amongst her ancestors  
including Benjamin S.' daughter Evelina.

Bye now - Wiley joins me in love  
and best wishes to the two of you & may  
God bless you all throughout 1987!

Devotedly,  
Camille  
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Tommy Buckner is grandson of Rev. Thos.  
Rawton H'kern, son of Thos. H. Val'ham ~~III~~  
and Childred Rawton. He's kin to us several  
ways, also - lives in Cary, N.C.