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Rose-Marie Williams  
Woodland Way  
Abbeville, S.C. 29620

Dear Ms. Williams:

I found your name through the Barnwell County Probate Office, where you had indicated you were doing genealogical work on various families.

I have been researching the Cope family, which in the early records is also spelled Kope, Keoup, Coup, and Coupee.

In your list was a name which I thought could be Cope, or Cone -- I was not sure which. Your list also contained the Brant family, to whom we are related. I also believe we are connected to the Platts and Kinard families as of the early 19th century.

My grandfather, Sheldon Bull Cope, was the youngest son of Jacob Martin Cope, who founded Cope, South Carolina, after the War Between the States. He came from Buford's Bridge. We believe that his father was Jacob Cope, who died in the late 1860's; and his father was George Cope, who died around 1821.

I do not know if the family is of German origin, but many of the property holdings of the family were in the vicinity of the Salkehatchie River.

Any help you may be able to give from your research would be appreciated. I can be reached at this address, or by telephone at (305) 579-0060 (office), (305) 361-3685 (home).

Sincerely,

  
Gerald B. Cope, Jr.

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