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Dear Cousin Robert:

Recently I sent for a copy of the will of William O'Daniel and at the same time I ordered two of the five Grants which are of record to "William O'Daniel" in the South Carolina Archives, Columbia, S.C. I ordered the earliest and one dated 1767. After I had mailed my order I noticed there was listed a later grant (1769), which I should have also requested. When the grants arrived I tried to photo-copy them but they would not make a copy. You probably have all these grants in your file; however, if not, you may be interested to have the attached description of the land granted.

According to the earliest map I have (Mills 1825) this "Indian Creek" seems to run from the Enoree River (a branch of the Broad) at Avery's Ford and then winds through Newberry District and on into Laurens District. Both Newberry and Laurens would be "in fork between Broad and Saluda Rivers" and as this 1758 (earliest grant I find) was "on Indian Creek," I cannot determine if it (his land) was in Newberry or Laurens District. I do not find another Indian Creek "in fork" but there may be another. Can you help me locate this 1758 grant.

I intend to send for the next grant to him in in 1763 to see if he had left this Indian Creek location by that date. It is possible that, although he received the grant on Indian Creek, he did not settle there. In the 1767 Grant (Craven), as you will notice, the land is located on "White Oak Creek on the Warters of the Wateeree River Craven County bounded on the South by land of said William O'Daniel and on all other sides by Vacant Lands." On my 1825 map "Daniels" is marked on this White Oak Creek" and it is in Kershaw. As you will remember he begins his will (dated 1795): "South Carolina Kershaw County White Oak Creek" From the 1767 grant we know that he had other land adjacent and from his will we know that he was still living on White Oak Creek, Kershaw County, in 1795 and at his death, as his will was recorded in 1796. It would seem to me that my ancestor, his daughter Sarah (who was already married and called Sarah Irvin), must have been living on White Oak Creek when she married James Erwin, who (so stated in Our Family Circle) was living near St. Stephens in Santee area (lower part of Camden District).

Inasmuch as you wrote me that your mother descended from the son James, you undoubtedly have studied the O'Daniel family to a greater extent than I have; however, I am most interested and want to try to find William O'Daniel's parents if I can. I notice you state he arrived in S.C. "by 1754" - can you give me the reference for this date. Also, you state he was born in Virginia c. 1732. Can you tell me how this date was determined and also if you have any idea from what part of Virginia he came.

It would seem that the next generation dropped the "O" but as William did not, I imagine we would have to look for "O'Daniel" in searching for his parents. Our Family Circle indicates he had 14 children but his will only names 7. I have listed in my records by the son James (see Will Book 1826-1846 - Section C(I) - this may have been indicated in Our Family Circle but, as I do not have my copy before me, I am not sure. Can you tell me where the different children of William O'Daniel settled. William, Jr. received his land and I presume remained there. Sarah, my ancestor, came to Barnwell - where did your

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James settle? It seems that a/daughter of William, Junior, married Annie E. Erwin. It would be interesting to know if there are any descendants from William, JUNIOR, who are interested in doing research on this O'Daniel line.

I do hope you and "Miss Cora" are well. Have you been to California recently? I was with my family last Christmas - my son had a very severe heart attack the latter part of 1967. We did not think for a time that he would live; however, he has recovered sufficiently to resume his work on a full-time basis.

I had a long letter from Laura Sanders this past summer - she was at Highlands and was enjoying her stay, although her feet were not entirely well after an operation she had on them earlier.

If you can clear up some of the "fog" I am in about the O'Daniel family, and have the time, I shall appreciate and enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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