

Dear Dr. Peeples,

What a great joy to hear from you! You will not believe it, it is such a coincidence that you in your separate research and we, in ours, got hung at the exact same spot in S.C. We too, felt the Charleston-Dorchester group was ones we came from.

We have completed several sheets on families in S.C. in 1790-1800 and have already eliminated the same groups as you have. On a copy of the chart you made we were delighted to see you have gone two generations back from Charles Duett on Kent Rolls in 1704, etc. We are very anxious to learn how and where you got information to establish Tom and Jacob as his forebearers. We couldn't find our link so we stopped with Charles. Although, we have collected all we could find in New York area trying to get a link somewhere.

We are sending your lines in Ala. and how we connect right now.

Pa. Feb

15 Sep

1743

Tubboville

Sarah Troubridge

(1) Charles De Witt (2)  
planted St. Matthews, Orange Co.  
1769 will  
P. 26 Mar. 1770

Mary

Joseph

James

We are sending only main lines. If you see blanks it means we have not found the person after the appropriate Census. He knew Mary and a McKenzie and moved to Ark. Got that from R. J. H. Dewitt's estate papers of 1932. He died without children and the papers had of a roll call of the living descendants.

I am making notes on copies of materials you sent - places I need to explore further. I've marked numbers #1, 2 etc in red and will number the questions the same here.

1. Sources of verification for Jacob + William
2. A. Did you know that that Charles was married to Sarah Trounfield, in some records - Lubberville. 2.B. That may be the Census of 1800 S. Dewitt, Collection Co. He and Sarah Trounfield were md 15 Sept. 1743 in Prince Frederick Parish, S.C. Charles and Catherine already had (1) Mary - Charles Strother  
md. 18 Dec 1794 Harvey
- (2) Joseph - (a) Jane (b) Rebecca, (c) Mary
- (3) James Sr. - Sarah Rumph b. 5-7-1753. By Sarah he had William b 26 Mar 1744; Thomas, b. 28 <sup>Nov.</sup> Mar. 1748; Charles b. 24 April 1751. Now, I have a very big question?? In Va. records, Joseph (Dewitt) Dewitt

swore in Court that his brother,  
Charles, died on 10 Nov. 1749 in  
Caroline County! What can this mean?  
and, do you have a Joseph in Va.  
attached to any of the Dewitt's families  
there at same time as our Charles Dewitt?  
We do know Charles who wd Troublefield  
had all six children I've listed - it's  
very confusing.

# 3. For the Charles Dewitt of Glynn Co. Ga -  
Do you have any children listed for  
him? Are there any Lewis Dewitt's  
in his family? Have a paper in which  
a dtr of a Lewis Dewitt put notice that  
she was going to administer the estate  
of a Lewis Dewitt, her father!

I am wondering if, when his father -  
Charles settled in Ga., James could have  
been an ~~older~~ <sup>younger</sup> brother who moved to Ala.  
Then, the James (1810 Collector), though gone  
to Ala., was listed if he still had property  
there.

# 4. Please see sheets of Alex W.'s family.  
Something has to be wrong. These must be  
children born to Whiggins wife after 1880 -  
Unless one of them is the General on  
1880 Census that was  $\frac{3}{12}$  yrs old. If so, even,  
he is Whiggins' child.

They are sending some material now but will be studying our Va. materials and organizing it. Will then send what we have pieced together. They firmly believe between your files and ours, there is bound to be a clue. They have scads of records and with your chart, I, (Avis) am hopeful we can resolve the problem. I am the writer and "official" recorder - Irwin does the multitudes of other chores attached to gathering and writing a history of our people.

They will supply anything you can request on this end from Ala - to Texas as we've done fully as much as possible, the records being so fragmentary due to Court House destruction during CSA War.

They found in Va. at same times as <sup>(1)</sup> Charles, (2) John who had son John, (3) Tom who may have had a Scarborough; (4) Joseph (5) Jonathan who got land in York Co. Va in 1714. How do these fit in your records? Also, Philip Dewitt, Planter, who purchased 100 acres from Margaret Upton 4-9-1652, sale of Wight, Va. Had nephew, Philip Lee.

Do you have any Dewitts who married  
Lees in S.C. or Va. The rumor persisted  
in Ala. that "Robert E. Lee was a Cousin."  
I've found absolutely no foundation  
for it.

Will get back to you as soon as  
can organize notes on Va. + S.C. Will  
probably query you about some of it  
as I go.

Sorry to have been so long  
writing but have been busy and  
away from home a great part of the  
time during time your letter arrived.

Thanks so much for your help. If  
you are willing to help work through  
all this - we will be happy to help  
with any expense you may incur.  
We know how expensive even copying  
a document is today.

Do you still preach some?  
Irwin is retired but does teach a  
little or supply now and then -  
Health permits no more than that.

Love in Christ's Name,

Irwin and Avis Dewitt -

P.S. Who is Cora?