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Dear Aunt Alice and Cousin Joanna:

With regard to your call for help in answering the rather cryptic letter of 5-September from the Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, President of Hilton Head Island Historical Society, I must admit complete ignorance of Archibald and Joseph, the brothers of my great, great grandfather Nicholas Kongworth. I guess I had been brought up to expect that Nicholas was the result of an immaculate conception. However with the help of my niece, Kay Wallingford Hepp and of my 2nd cousin, Nancy Anderson, I have located two documents which may assist the Rev. Mr. Peeples to some extent.

The first is an admittedly incomplete family tree of the Kongworth family going back to a Kongworth or Kongsword who married Alice Percy in the 1500's, and whose son (or grandson) John Kongworth, a D.D. of New College, bore a son, Rameol^{who} succeeded him as prebendary in 1590, and later became Canon of Canterbury and Archdeacon of Wells. His descendants moved to Craggen

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Castle in Westmeath, Ireland. Peter, Francis Hongworth was appointed King's Magistrate for the New Jersey Settlements, and set up housekeeping in Newark, along with his son Thomas I who died in 1747, leaving seven children, including Thomas II, some of whose children were Tories and were forced to move to Nova Scotia. However Thomas III remained in New Jersey. He had 7 children, among them Joseph, Archibald, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Jabez, John and Catherine. Archie had 2 wives, Eliza M. Rich who died in 1812, and later Mary M. Dupont whom he married in 1814. Archie died in 1817. Archie was the one who became a planter on Hilton Head. After Joseph died in a shipwreck, Nicholas moved to Cincinnati. Legend has it that he left Hilton Head hurriedly to escape an irate father of a despoiled lady.

Archie had ~~three~~^{four} children, Charlotte, Edward, Thomas and Lucia. Charlotte married a W. D. Jones, and Edward married Eliza DuPont. I don't know what happened to Thomas and Lucia. Could there have been a little interbreeding with the DuPont family?

You already know the history of Nicholas who became a pillar of Society in Cincinnati, although apparently a dirty old man who always had a spittoon beside his chair, and who apparently lured others to wear his slacks for the first 2 or three days, from his tin types.

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The record is a family tree beginning with Major Richard C. Anderson. This in my ignorance I find a little confusing. I don't think that this document will be of much use to Mr. Peoples, but Joanna may wish to keep it in her files.

Aunt Clara de Chambrun made a study of the clan some years ago, tracing some of our ancestry back to an Indian maiden in Jamestown, but I never had a copy. Bunny de Chambrun may be of assistance.

As I recall, Rebecca Perin may have had some family records. Perhaps Anne Perin may still have them.

I have not been of much assistance, but the enclosures may be of interest to Mr. Peoples.

Your devoted nephew and cousin

Randall