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Dear Robert,

Thanks so much for your very helpful response to my William Scott inquiry. To answer the question you put to mine, I have no reason to doubt that he was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Pope) Scott. That was my assumption but I do try sometimes to obtain other opinions as the surviving records can at times be less than clear. The 1800 census listing remains a mystery to me. It was the last of a series of similar listings with no white head of household enumerated but lacking any indication they were for estates. Perhaps they are Freed Blacks. These listings precede one for Henry McNeill which is followed by the "estate of John McNeill".

I wish there was a grand plan to pass on that would increase membership in the Society, but the best suggestion to me is to encourage current members to enroll their children such as was done with my son. The rules now don't allow members to appoint a successor so new enrollment is the only way to have someone succeed you. The 1700 cut-off date does cause some problems. For example, Gilbey Cochran can be placed in South Carolina by 1704. He may well have been there earlier but there is no surviving proof of that. It is interesting to note that the 1705 will of Gov. James Moore refers to

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Tilney Coachman as his "brother-in-law". To my knowledge no one knows what this means. My point is the level of proof to join the society can be difficult to obtain; and even interested people may lack the time or expertise to do the necessary research.

Speaking of the Coachmans, I mentioned to Bette Hockman that you would like a copy of her proposed book for the Heritage Library. This is something she has worked on for years but seems determined now to see it through. Her plan is to have it at the publishers in several months. I'll be sure a copy is provided. As you know, at least three of the children of Benjamin Coachman and Sarah Smith had strong ties to Beaufort District: Harriet married William Scott, Sarah married Charles Dupont and Thomas married Jane Mary Dupont, dying in St. Peter's Parish in 1801. (The two daughters of Thomas Coachman were later raised by Henry McKish in St. James Parish.) My family records, written down in the 1880's, indicate that Margaret Coachman who married Barnaby Bull Bellinger was also a daughter of Benjamin Coachman. (Some people don't agree with this but don't know where to place her in the Coachman genealogy.) One of the ladies who worked on these charts was Elizabeth Hunter who was the granddaughter of Margaret Coachman.

3) She clearly thought this was the proper line of descent. I've enclosed a copy of an affidavit of hers as well as a card sent to her in 1847 by Mary Savinia (Mongin) Stoddard to place in the library. They touch on the area and maybe of interest to someone. The originals are in my family papers.

I was glad you were able to meet up with Linda McKish. I correspond with her but I really miss George's letters. We swapped them on a monthly basis for about 15 years. I still think of him whenever I research these old families that he loved.

Glod all is well.

Sincerely,
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