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Dear Cousin Robert:

I am glad to know that you are still interested in family research. Now that I have retired and have moved into an apartment, I have more time to work on genealogy, which, fortunately for me, I enjoy.

Lately I have been concentrating on my mother's family - Houston. The original Houston plantation was in the Calhoun Mill section of Abbeville District and, in searching for Houston data in that section, I naturally ran into Farr land deeds, etc. - and this brings me to the last part of your letter and your question about the issue of Thomas John Smith Farr, Jr. The answer is only the "orphan" (review information I sent you that Mr. Salley compiled for Mrs. Elizabeth Floride (Farr) Fripp of Albany, Georgia) - William Waring Farr, who married Sarah Shaw, sister of my great-grandmother Anna Louisa Shaw. This Mrs. Fripp, therefore, was descended from Thomas John Smith Farr and your Rachel Miles Cater, and also from Richard Shaw and Ann Fardo.

There appears to be an error (to me) in the statement that Ann Fardo married this Thomas John Smith Farr, Jr. as his second wife, for she was definitely married to Richard Shaw on June 19, 1794 and this Thomas John Smith Farr's wife, Rachel Miles Cater, was living at that date and did not marry Thomas John Smith Farr until 1795 and their son, William Waring Farr, was born 1798; therefore, although I definitely believe Ann Fardo had been married previously to her marriage to Richard Shaw (she was not listed in the 1790 Census as being in the household of her parents), I do not see how it could be this THOMAS JOHN SMITH FARR, and so far I have not been able to find which Farr it was. There must be a record somewhere to her marriage to a Farr or Mr. Salley would not have indicated this so definitely.

Yes!
Did you note that William Waring Farr and Sarah Shaw were married by Rev. Richard B. Cater in Abbeville Dist., S.C. He was pastor of the Vasennes church in that section and my great grandmother's diary says she became a member of this church when she was 14/15 and gives the text of Rev. Richard B. Cater's sermon on that day. Is this Rev. Cater of the same Cater line as Rachel Miles Cater? Previously to this time Anna Louisa Shaw had been a member of St. Philips in Charleston (was baptised there) and it is interesting to learn (from records in Maury County, Tenn.) that she and her husband Oswald Houston became members of the old Episcopal church there - and yet, later, when they came to Atlanta, both were charter members of the First Presbyterian Church - Oswald an Elder. The Historical Society in Anderson, S.C. informed me that there was quite an amount written about this Vasennes congregation there and that it would be sent to me, but so far I have not received it. Do you know anything about this - if so, would like very much to know. The William Waring Farr family were also members of this congregation, I understand.

Any help you can give me about this Farr/Fardo problem, I shall appreciate. Of course, it would not be my line, but I like to learn all I can about my direct ancestors. I have tried to get in contact with a Fripp family listed in the directory in Albany, Georgia - but no reply. I have wondered if this present Fripp family might be negro and, therefore, did not reply. I also tried to find a DAR paper (number) for this Mrs. Elizabeth Floride (Farr) Fripp - but without success. If you ever, by chance, hear anything of her, please remember to let me know.

With reference to the Webb family. I do not have a direct Webb line, but am interested as it also connects with Houston, but perhaps this is the other Webb line you refer to:

Joseph P. Deadwyler married Martha P. Webb,
second daughter of Claibon Webb, Jr. She
married second in Elbert County, Georgia,
8 Dec., 1829, Alexander P.(Pleasant/s) Houston.

With reference to the Daniel family - I am delighted to know that you are also interested in this William Daniel's line. I have been working alone on this family and, as you state you are, I have been disappointed not to be able to connect with either of the lines mentioned in "Our Family Circle"-and I am also delighted to have the reference to William Daniel's will and the fact that he was born in Virginia "c. 1732". This gives me something to work on. I don't suppose you have ever heard of any particular place in Virginia where he is thought to have lived? I have taken notes on Virginia Daniels but do not have them available at this time, but shall "dig them out" and see if any fit.

I found the following reference to the Daniel family, which may be of some interest to you:

An excerpt from a book - EMINENT GEORGIANS - published in 1937 by the Southern Society for Research and History, makes the following statement regarding the Daniell family.

" The family originally came from England, where its genealogy is traceable to the Knights of the Norman Conquest. The name was originally spelled De Anvers and down through the centuries was changed first to Danyell and then to the present spelling of Daniel(1). There is a family tradition that on account of a political issue over which two brothers differed, one dropped an "l" from the name, and they agreed that 'henceforth they would be no kin.' This tradition appears to be founded in the division among the English people at the time of Cromwell. The Daniels of Virginia claim that their ancestor supported Cromwell, so it must be that the ancestor of the Daniells of South Carolina (from which the Daniell family of Georgia is a branch) was loyal to his king."

Can you give me any reason for the spelling (O'Daniel - Irish ?). James Erwin married Sarah Daniel in the Santee Section of Camden District near St. Stephens, a settlement 35 miles from coast and 15 miles southwest of Kingstree, S.C. Was your ancestor, James, also living in this section? Will keep you informed of any developments. Thank you for your help on this line.

I have had only one letter from Laura this year; however, I was in California from late December to the middle of January, and since returning have been very busy closing my home and moving. I hear from her through Mary Sams. Mary spends weeks in South Carolina each year (I have never seen a person with such energy or "know-how" in getting what she wants). I gave Mary your message about the "find" regarding the Sams/Lawton connection. I wish we could also prove that William and John Sams were brothers of Bonham (I definitely believe they were). I also would like to learn more about William Sams, Sr. Do you have any reference for the belief that William Sams, Sr. married Susannah Harrison. I would like very much to have this for my genealogy.

I am going to the Archives soon and shall ask to see the Cater chart, which you once wrote me was there. One of my dearest college friends was a Jeanie Cater of Montgomery - she still lives there, is married to Russ Pearson. Also, one Cater line was definitely closely associated to my Houston family in South Carolina.

Thank you again for writing - your letter was not only interesting, but very helpful.

Sincerely,

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