

May 21st 1975

Dear Reverend Peoples

It is always pleasant & interesting to contact any one with similar interest and when your check arrived for a Hiers book I wondered why it would be of interest to you and my question was answered when I read the account of the Fall reunion in the Bamberg paper.

I hope the information in our book was of some help to you in compiling the history of your family. Mrs. Flossy Murdaugh deceased did a book on the Fall family but my copy has been loaned to a friend in Gainesville, Fla. There are two other books in the Bamberg library which may assist you - one on the Copeland family and one by Rev. W. M. Brabham on several families in the Beaufort Bridge area.

I wonder if you have a copy of Fall land grant and if it can be located with reference to the present land owners. After I had prepared the composite plate on page 26 of our book several members of the Fall & Barnes families stated to me that this area was

over



granted to the Saek family. I'm  
sure their assumption is incorrect.

I also wonder if you would be  
good enough to lend me a copy  
of your remarks at your reunion.  
I'd be glad to pay cost of Certified  
mail to & from St Louis and will  
return your copy the same date it  
is recd. in St Louis. There is a  
branch library in next block where  
I can have xerox copy made.

The late Eugen Peoples of Hampton,  
D.C. was a dear friend of mine and  
I think the finest gentleman ever  
in the County

You will perceive from the above  
that I'm not an intellectual - but  
I love history

Thanks for your help and best  
wishes, I am -

Sincerely

J. L. Hiers

P.S. If you have not contacted Mr  
Joseph E. Steadman, R.F.D.  
Datesburg, D.C. he may help you.  
He is a retired gentleman & intellectual



July 15<sup>th</sup> '75

Dear Cousin Robert-

Thank you so much for your good and kind letter of June 2nd.

I've been ill and terribly depressed for several weeks but feel better today and will try and write you tomorrow.

Our reunion will be held Sunday Aug. 3rd at River Bridge State Park in the green air conditioned bldg. and I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Due to my health I'm afraid this will be my last visit to the Park.

I would love to meet you and you may find some one there who may help you on your line.

Am attaching a memo. showing my descent from Joseph Brabham which should answer your question.

If you can come to the Reunion we will give you a chance to address the crowd. Please come!

Sincerely  
Jim Hies

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- 1 Joseph Brabham M Flora McPhail
- 2 " " JR M Sarah Clark Kirkland
- 3 William R. " M Dorcas Ireland
- 4 W. Hampton Hiers M Sarah <sup>Ireland</sup> Brabham
- 5 " " " Jr M Amanda Terry
- 6 J. L. " " M Celeste Vincent

Page 14 of Brabham book shows  
 Wm Rice Brabham first M Dorcas Ireland  
 who died after having one child Sarah  
 Brabham who M Hampton Hiers.

- 1 Reuben Kirkland Sr M Mary Clark
- 2 Sarah Clark Kirkland M Joseph Brabham Jr
- 3 Wm Rice Brabham M Dorcas Ireland
- 4 Hampton Hiers M Sarah Ireland Brabham
- 5 " " Jr M Amanda Branch Terry
- 6 J. L. Hiers M Celeste Gresham Vincent

My deceased sister - Mrs E. P. Carter was  
 accepted by DAR on the Kirkland line.

I understand that the Brabham line has  
 never been accepted by the DAR altho Joseph  
 Brabham was apparently in the Revolution - I  
 never investigated reason -

J. L. H.

July 14th 1975



July 16 - 1975

Dear Cousin Robert -

When I delivered the manuscript to a salesman in Royce's office in Columbia, D.C. I was completely exhausted - you have no idea the trouble this amateur had in assembling the information we have in the book I had to conceive - organize and supervise the whole operation and what actually was printed was information gathered from many sources.

The reason only 6 Platts children were included on page 20 was apparently only 6 children were old enough to receive a grant. I believe those under 6 yrs of age were <sup>not</sup> qualified for grants.

Page 20 + part of 21 were copied from Council Journal in Columbia, D.C. The children on page 506 came from Parish records in Germany.

We as stated in book <sup>we</sup> made no attempt to run the Platts line and there is a possibility that the John could have been the 5 ~~son~~ child. I presume all the boys owned property and if you find all land in the boys names you might be certain of the child. The reason I

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included The will was to show Abraham Hiers m Nancy Platts.

I just am not able to throw any more light on the situation. I never lived in the area and left Staapton after leaving Clemson in 1913.

There is a Bishop book compiled by Florrie May Murdaugh as well as a talk book. The latter may be purchased from Eva T. Beach, P.O. Box 1054 Walterboro, S.C. The latter book has 72 pages paper back and no date or index. The Bishop book as I remember is about same size. If Florrie Murdaugh was alive in 1952 she could help you re the 4 platts named in your letter.

I'm 83+ yrs and spent over \$10,000.00 in research + travel so I feel like I've paid my debt to many descendants. The above cost does not include because the cost of the printer + misc expense. I could spend a month telling you of travel and the blind alleys I explored.

Come on to the reunion and meet some of the people who may help you. I can still talk but writing is a terrible chore.

My Best to you + good luck! Always  
over + Jim Hiers

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Our immigrant Johan Jacob Heye  
only shows 4 sons in Council Journal  
and we had found a Godfrey Heie's  
plot and couldn't place him until  
the genealogist in Gy. gave his to  
date & as youngest child of Johan Jacob  
Heye the immigrant. He was too  
young for a grant - The same was  
true of Platt's children -



July 23rd 1975  
St Louis, Mo

Dear Cousin Robert.

Since writing you on July 15th I've had dental troubles but hopefully I expect to fly to Augusta, Ga. on July 30th where I will be met by Wilmot Stiers of Allendale, A.C. his address in P.O. Box 281 zip 29810. After receiving yours of 17th I called Wilmot and he thinks he may be able to drive me to Hilton Head on Monday Aug. 4th to see you if you are going to be home. Would you drop me a note to Wilmot advising if you will be home Monday. Also give me your telephone number so I may confirm to you our arrival time. Wilmot says it only takes him 1 1/2 hrs. to drive to the Island.

I'm just not capable at this time to write you about the question you asked but if we can meet on Monday Aug. 4th I may be able to explain what little I know of the Jacob Miles Terry line. My grand father's mother was a Rivers and I have 3 large 4' x 4' charts of the family from England to Johns Island then River bridge then to near Hampton. There may be a Miles family connection.

If I can't see you on this trip I'll try and write you after I return home. My best to you and Mrs Purple. Sincerely Jim Stiers - over



I'm going from N.C. to see my daughter  
family in Charlotte, N.C. Then to Morristown, N.J.  
to be with my son's family on his 51<sup>st</sup>  
bir th day

I hope you will be home so Wilmet  
can also meet you - he is young enough  
to keep you on the Platts situation

J. L. H.