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Dear Dr. Peeples and "Miss" Cora,

It was so good to get your Christmas letter and hear of all your activities. Your schedule seems full-I-I! I know you are enjoying all your programs, and I hope your health lends to continuing.

I regretted missing the reunion in 2002. I think it was the first one I have ever missed, but my little grandson was involved. Since he is our only one, we try to accommodate his schedule. I am certainly looking forward to attending the April 27, 2003 meeting.

Our plate has really been full for about nine months. Margaret Rawl, my sister from West Columbia, was hospitalized from mid-July until January 6, 2003, when she died. Two other sisters--Mary Louise Parnell from Charleston; and Beverly Fisk from Lodge --have each been hospitalized twice in the last two months, with surgery included. On November 14, James was diagnosed with colon cancer. They removed a tumor And 14 inches of the colon. They also diagnosed lesions on his liver. He goes weekly for chemo treatments. Malinda Brown, my daughter who was married in July 2001, had a mis-carriage early this month. Angie, our last single daughter, was married on December 7. Thank goodness, we have good news to report about her. I dislocated my shoulder in May and had rotator cuff surgery and months of therapy. Two brothers--Franklin and Percy--had circulation problems last year and have had extensive surgery and Treatment on their legs..WHEW! I know you are tired from hearing so much bad news. We are all looking forward to better days now.

I also appreciate your calling my attention to the problem with your check. When Daisy sent me back the package of material, I immediately wrote and mailed the checks for the bills I owed. I stuck the material then back in its little hiding corner. I guess I just assumed that she had deposited the collection. Of course, she had no reason to. When I pulled the FOLK REUNION BOX out after receiving your letter, I was mortified! There was your check, one other from my brother-in-law, and the cash! I am so terribly embarrassed. I will go to the bank tomorrow and see if they will honor the checks. If not, I will return your and Doyle's checks and ask you to send me another one. I have been getting statements from our bank each month. I have found each one stuck in the box, unopened. Please accept my sincerest apology. I will certainly try to do better. Perhaps you can get someone in April who will be more efficient in bookkeeping.

Again, it was good to hear from you. And again also, please accept my apology.

With humble regrets,

*Angelis H. Beland*

I wrote this letter Sunday night.  
I went to the bank this morning (Monday) and asked  
about the check's being past the six month's date,  
They said they would try running it through and  
see if your bank would accept it. I guess I just  
have to wait and see what happens next. I do  
regret this regret on my part and any difficulty  
it causes.

Angelia