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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the information on your side of the family. I received a very interesting letter from Mrs Moore last week also. I am sending copies of everything up to Henry in Columbia.

I will let you know the date of the National Register ceremonies as soon as possible. I haven't heard anything about it lately. Henry did go to the meeting in Columbia, but the only word I got was "in the fall". I will include the address of Mrs Betty Jane Miller who is the main force behind the Copeland House National Register work. You may wish to write her about the ceremony's date.

I note that you are related to Joseph & Flora (McPhail) Brabham. Do you have a copy of the Myppah Book by Rev M. M. Brabham? I had heard about a Kearse book at the last Johns family reunion. I asked and asked about where this book was located, but nobody could tell me. I asked David Seare if he had heard of a Kearse book. He said no, but he believed they were probably talking about the Myppah Book. David then sent me about 20 pages from it. I then noted the Brabham/McPhail/Gimer relationship. Do you have anymore info about the Brabham/McPhail families? I have a Bible record (John D. Seare Bible) of a Jacob Kearse and Katherine Jumper. They had one son William George Kearse incl Dec 14 1837 Elizabeth Joyce Gimer (b. Apr 17 1810 d June 1878) William George Kearse died (Feb 1861).

I have never been able to understand why Jacob + Mary Rizer Copeland didn't have any markers. They certainly did have the money! My Grandmother can remember the area Blacks having burials back behind the house. I believe the whites were buried nearer the house and the Blacks a little ways back in the woods. Last year Henry, his father, and myself traveled out to the old house to look around. I do know the location of the one marker still located in the woods. My Grandmother had told me a marker was still standing that she remembered as a child seeing. I finally located it about 3 years later.

The marker was for a Black lady who died in 1914 at age 65. There are several sunken areas nearby, so I would guess others are located along that line. My Grandmother has shown me the place where Eve was supposed to have been buried.

* I would guess her parents are located very close to this spot also. The only time its safe to go in the woods is winter.

The snakes and bugs are very bad! I have been told that my G-G. Grandfather would keep the old graveyard clear, but when he died it became rundown and full of trees. Now its hard to believe anyone was ever buried back there.

I asked Henry about his deSaurssure family. He told me that they have been researched back to the 1440's. He stated that he was doing some work on

that family, but was mainly working on the Copelands now.

Have you ever come across anyone working on the Utsey Family? I have never talked to anyone researching that family.

I have also been working on the Copeland/Pulaski branch of the family.

As you know from the Copeland outline in the Bishop book, Mary (Polly) Copeland married Thomas Pulaski. I started with that information and worked down as best as I could. I don't know anyone on that branch at all. I now have about 630 names on that line. I really would like to talk to someone on that line who is researching it. All the information I have on that branch so far is from books, obits, wills, etc. I have only talked to two people about related families (Dewitt / AH(AHL)). I called a Malcolm Sanders Dewitt III of Charleston about his family. I told him what I was doing and who I was. He was very rude and wouldn't tell me anything.

I don't think I want to include him as a cousin, but in the end he is. I don't have very many problems researching a family until I get into people still alive. Most are so secretive its unbelievable. Have you had this problem with people when you research your families?

The page I sent you # 12 on Mary (Polly) Ann Copeland and Thomas Pulaski is very much out of date. I had hoped Henry



would have sent me the up dates by now. I have been writing for them about two weeks now. All the named Pulaski children are buried in Dorchester Co. except for Mary Elizabeth Pulaski who married Nathan Custer. Mary Elizabeth is buried at Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church near Ehrhardt with a marker. I don't know where her husband was buried.

Pulaski Daughter number 2 Amanda Pulaski who married John Allen Tucky is listed in the Tucky Family book. Do you know anyone working on the other Daughters husbands surnames. The Clayton line is mostly complete also. The main problems are Thompson / Dewitt / McAlamy / Reeves / Custer / any leads you could give me would be very helpful.

Well, I'll close for now. I hope to hear from you again soon.

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Note "My Nephew John D Sease"

John was the son of John Leonard Sease
and Katherine E Rizer Sease. Katherine
was Mary Rizer Copeland's sister. Another
Rizer sister was Barbara Rizer who
married John Lightsey.