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Dear Reverend Peeples,

I really appreciate your prompt and informative response (December 6) to my questions. I wish that all my genealogical correspondents were as prompt and knowledgeable as you. I apologize for overlooking a passage from Transactions, volume 87. I have Mae Coleman's copy, open to pages 64-65, in front of me as I type; frankly, I had overlooked that article, because although many Grimballs are relatives of my wife, Mariana, none are ancestors. I will examine that article in detail; I already see that it mentions another of Mariana's ancestors, Col. John Barnwell, in the notes.

You enclosed a copy of a Landgrave Smith pedigree; I already had a copy, received from Col. Lee Wood, USAF (Ret.) of Macon, GA, the present husband of my first cousin's widow. Is this from a printed reference? As yet I have not seen it in any book, nor a citation for it. I am happy that your viewpoint coincides with mine. The only correction I had to make along that line was the removal of Joan Atkins as the mother of the 1st Landgrave. I have copies of the pedigree charts from Arthur Smith's work, which, with some difficulty and the cut-and paste technique, I copied from a microfilm at the Library of Congress earlier this year. I always wondered why "Cousin Annie" pooh-poohed this work. It just goes to show you that you should never accept the author's interpretation without analyzing the source document. I also have a copy of the pedigree shown in "Landgrave Thomas Smith Royal Lineage" by W. C. Carpenter.

You mentioned that you were unfamiliar with Mariana's lineage from Landgrave Smith. I've printed a few descendancy charts to demonstrate it, along with the other "Houses" of OFC to which she belongs. You will note that she has several of the cousin marriages along her lines which demonstrate the reason "Cousin Annie" called it a circle instead of a tree. I have input 8017 of the people from OFC into my genealogical database, primarily just to be able to explain her relationships. Mariana's also a descendant of the Barnwells, Goughs, Gibbes, Moores, and Rhetts of early SC, all on her mother's side. You may note some changes or corrections to OFC in these lines. I have dates and places for most of the people, and would be glad to provide you the information more fully. Could you use a computer disk? I can generate files in several formats, including GEDCOM, numerous word processing programs, and just plain old text, on either size floppy disk and either "double" or high density.

Thanks for your explanation!

Sincerely,

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