

20 November 2004

Dear Dr. Peeples,

I do hope that this note finds you and 'Miss Cora' well and enjoying this beautiful season.

As you possibly know, I have been 'doggedly' trying to copy what Lawton and Allied Families have done Reunion-wise. The Reunions around Charleston which I began to learn about around 1987, when we went to our Fairfield-Week at Edisto Isle have been such a source of inspiration and information, that I determined to learn more about the Capt. Peter Robert and Anne Grimball family who came farther south and west to Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas...and I knew that the many descendants of their 12 children, who all lived to be adults, needed to experience a Family Reunion.

(I was an only Protestant in my grade until the 6th Grade, in Catholic Louisiana).

We are about to have our 4th Reunion.

- #1 was in 1998 in Marksville, La. 65 attending
- #2 was in 2001 in St Francisville, La 60 attending (different families represented. We elected Officers. and we learned where Capt. Peter Robert was buried.)

#3 was in 2003 in Cheneyville, La. over 100 attending.

from Capit Peter & anna Himboll ero +1 #4 will be in April 2005 in Evergreen, La. /where the old cemetery is, many of the next generation are buried.

(Through these last 6 years, we have learned so much, like practically every little Protestant Church in central Louisiana were begun by distant relatives. (And I had felt so alone as a child, who had to almost pretend to be Catholic to avoid discrimination).

All of this is because our President-elect for Reunion 2007 is a Professor at Fairmont University, Fairmont, West Virginia. He was named for his root-family. He is J. Robert Baker. His parents live in Alexandria, La. He has asked me to get information about the potential of our meeting at the original church (St. James-Santee ?) Our By-laws say the second weekend after Easter). (His address is 1003 Ninth Street, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554. Phone 304-367-9651.

(As he said, if some are too old to travel, they could send a younger member of their family).

We are to have as much information as possible for the

2005 Reunion.

(I have had a knee replacement this past year and a 76th birthday. I am wiser and, I think more able.

Cheers and God Bless us all!

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P.S. I just read "The Hard to Catch Mercy"
Written by William Baldwin of McClellanwille
(algoriguin Books of Chapel Hill, 1993)

a hook put in our Bookclub by a gul from
McClellanville S.C.