

Feb. 20, 1987

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Dear Robert:

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 16th with the card for the First Families group which I have completed and mailed.

I was very interested in your letter and especially in the information on the Waight family. I have a great deal of information on the Waights but have never been able to fit it all together. I am missing the connecting links. It seems as if you may be able to fill in some things for me.

What can you tell me about the early families of Waights in Carolina? Did Abraham and Phoebe Baynes Waight come with their children? One of the Waights, a son or grandson of this Abraham, gave the land on John's Island on which the St. John's Episcopal Church still stands. My husband is buried in this churchyard as is my mother. The church has been rebuilt several times but the churchyard has many interesting graves.

I had read in the book by Y. L. Wilson, Carolina and Virginia Genealogy, 1962 that the wife of Thomas Stanyarne (he arrived in May 1675 and died 1682) might have been Mary "Waite".

I am descended from Phoebe Jenkins and her husband William Waight. William was a son of Isaac Waight, married 13 November 1719 and died 1745 whose wife was Mary Jones who died before 1743. Isaac had brothers Jacob (died between 1718 and 1721), and Abraham. In his will in 1718 Jacob mentions his "sisters" Judith, Tabitha, Martha, and "Mrs. Weverly". I do not know if these are sisters or sisters-in-law. I think the father was named Abraham but am not sure which one. A family connection told me that the Waights owned over 10,000 acres on John's Island.

How did you get the name of Phoebe Baynes and do you have any dates on her, or place of birth or death or parents or anything else? Baynes is an English name.

I find you can't rely too much on such facts as someone being born in Barbadoes. At one time almost all the ships from England went to Barbadoes. I have been through many records of that island and even people as Col. John Godfrey who lived there for some time and owned a plantation and sugar factory there do not show up as any of the family being born or died or married there. Sorry about spelling it Barbadoes- too much looking at old records when it was spelled that way.

I have been interested to discover that every single ancestor of mine on my mother's and father's sides was born in Great Britain except one Huguenot who was born in France or Holland and was Dutch Counsel in Dublin when his son was born.

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I expect to be in Hilton Head in March from about the 7th to the 14th. I would very much like to see some of your records and bring down some of mine. Do you expect to be at home in that week?

I will answer the rest of your letter later except for one thing about Phoebe Jenkins Waight. St. Helena Parish Register gives her date of birth as 30 Jan. 1742. They used the old style dates, which were the correct ones in their time, in printing that Register. The calendar change was in 1752 and the year no longer started in March, on the 25th I think, but on January 1st. Therefore the old date of 30 Jan. 1742 is really 1743. I just ignore the change of eleven or whatever days as most others seem to ignore it, too. In other words, after you had December of 1742 you kept on saying it was 1742 through January and February and until the 25th of March. Then it was 1743. This explains the sometimes strange dates when you find that someone was born in December of 1710 and then was baptised in January of 1710.

I am looking forward to finding out new details of my ancestors and their relatives which I have not known- with your help.

Sincerely,

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