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Dear Cousin Robert,

How kind you were to answer my letter and I am so grateful for your valuable information.

I found it waiting for me when I returned a few days ago from a trip I had hoped to make to Charleston-Summerville but wasn't sure until the last moment that it was going to be possible. A lovely week among family and old friends, marred only by the serious illness of my aunt (in law), Dora Boyle (Mrs. Wm. A. Boyle) of Summerville. But she was on the mend before I left to return to Pensacola.

It certainly would be valuable, in my opinion, if the "S.C. Hist. and Gen. Mag." would publish your study of the Ladson history. My request to you, which you so graciously answered, emphasizes this,

for I had written to the Historical Society for Xeroxed pages of Ladson information. But among the many pages sent me, there was no reference to Thomas Ladson's first wife, Sarah Raven, or to children of that marriage. This points up, too, the need for accuracy since it would have been tempting to guess that Elizabeth Gibbs's husband was the John Ladson mentioned in the will of his mother, Martha Elmes Ladson. I was sent a Xeroxed copy of a portion of that will, and the dates of it (partially).

Your account of the will of James Stanyarne of Northamptonshire is both amusing and sad, isn't it? For the last year I've been very interested in trying to discover why my forebears left Europe, whether they stopped for a time in Barbadoes or

another isle, and how they fared in S.C. One could guess that Thomas Stanyarne left home in anger and his father never gave up hope of his returning. I would so like to have a copy of the Stanyarne history and so my check is enclosed. But please make the copy when it is entirely convenient to you for today I've just started another year of school teaching, will be busy, of course, with school preparations and so will have to "slow down" on family research.

While in Charleston, I visited the Fireproof Bldg. once for several hours but only began to scratch the surface of my list of family history questions. There is never enough time, is there?

One of the questions that has puzzled Mary Soule and me

has been the quit claim deed of 12 January 1697 in which George Smith and Dorothy, his wife, renounce claim to monies from John Archer of Jamaica "unto my sd. wife Dorothy...." Is this the wife of Dr. George Smith, son of 1<sup>st</sup> Lng. Thomas Smith, and was she married first to a John Archer in Jamaica? Was her maiden name possibly Archer since Archer Smith who married Edith Waring bears this name? Mary and I thought that you might know since you have been searching into Smith history much longer than we have. I am descended from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lng. Smith's children Anne who married Benj. Waring; Sabina who married Thomas Smith (of Boston) and Henry who married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elizabeth Ball; and from Archer Smith, son of Dr. George Smith

and Dorothy Archer (who married Edith Waring).

Was delighted to hear that Hilton Head has active local theater and that you and Miss Cara are taking part in "The Music Man." This is a favorite of mine. Knot (my husband) and I saw Van Johnson as Prof. Harold Hill in London in 1961 and loved it. Van Johnson was not the authentic "con" man Rob't Creston portrayed so well, but his performance was remarkably fine and he was much more believably as the lover.

My sincere thanks to you for helping me in my comparatively new-found hobby of family research. You are most kind and I am deeply indebted. Yours sincerely,  
Jane