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Dear Dr. Peegles,

My cousin Mary Soule (Mrs. Wm. Soule) here in Pensacola has told me that you have been so kind in helping her fill gaps in family history, and so I hope that I am not intruding upon your time and energy if I ask you for help in solving a mystery in one of my family lines. This concerns the John Ladson who married Elizabeth Gibbs on 14 March 1744. I have read and enjoyed your booklet on families on Hilton Head Island and recall that you mentioned Mary Stanyarne Ladson, wife of the John Ladson who arrived in S.C. in 1679. Since Ann Gibbs, sister of my ancestress, Elizabeth, married William Ladson, a grandson of Mary Stanyarne and John Ladson, I have wondered if Elizabeth possibly married a brother of her sister's husband or one of his first cousins. John and Mary Stanyarne Ladson had at least three sons, John, Thomas, and William. I do not know whom John married or whether there were any children; but Thomas, the father of the William

Ladson who married Ann Gibbes, married Mary Jones; and William married Martha Elmes (da. of Thomas Elmes and Eliz. Canby) and did have a son named John since he was mentioned in his mother's Will in 1750. It seems logical to me that this is the Ladson branch from whom came Elizabeth Gibbes's husband, John Ladson, but I cannot pin point the connection and am hopeful that you have some information that will help.

I am also descended from Elizabeth Stanyarne, daughter of James Stanyarne, who married John Woodward (1681-1726/27) but do not know who her mother was or how she was related to Mary Stanyarne Ladson, daughter of Thomas Stanyarne. Do you possibly have any additional information on the Stanyarne family who, I understand, were Quakers who arrived in S.C. from Barbadoes and were already connected by marriage with the Ladsons?

Mary Soule has spoken so pleasantly of you and Mrs. Peoples that I have presumed to prevail upon you in my quest for family history answers. Mary and I have enjoyed

working together on this delightful hobby for we have a number of Tances tois in common. We were both so pleased to find that Our Family Circle was reprinted last year and that has been most helpful. I am descended from both sons of the First Landgrave Thomas Smith, four of his grand children, and six of his great-grand children, so my chart of the Smith family makes for a lively mixture.

I am enclosing an ~~envelope~~ envelope and will so much appreciate hearing from you when you have time to write if there is anything you can tell me about the Ladson-Stanyard background. Mary Soule sends her regards to you and Mrs. Peebles.

Sincerely,

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