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Savannah, Ga. 31404
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Dear Dr. Peeples,

I am inclosing my check for \$21.50 for another PEEPLES book you had reprinted. I ran by the Coldbrook Plantation while so close on another errand and stopped by the SWAMP FOX COUNTRY STORE. The owner, Mrs. Maryon Hodges, a Peeples descendant through the Keller connection was there and we were talking about the house. I mentioned to her the book you had had reprinted and she was most anxious to get a copy. I told her I would have to go home to get your address and mail it to her. This was a ruse so I could buy her a copy. She is going to drive me to Columbia to talk to Mrs. (Alice) Harold Keller, 4614 Oakwood Rd., Columbia. I had wanted to talk to her for some time about the plantation house my cousin, Kirkland Moore, is moving and restoring. I have several pictures of it (Mrs. Flossie Oliver gave me one and let me photograph the painting over her mantle). However, Maryan has a picture with some of our family on the porch and I am going to get a copy when she has it photographed. So you see, the book will be a very small gift in exchange for what she is doing for me. Therefore, please just mail it from yourself directly to her. I will drop her card in the mail today telling her it is coming as a thank you from me.

Judge Emanuel Lewis just recently died as you probably noticed in the paper. I was so grateful that he had copied the tombstones of the Ulmer family buried in the gravesite near the house. It is in deplorable condition now and the work he did has more and more meaning as stones are further vandalized. Kirk wants the family to get together and fence the area as a protection of some dimension. Kirk is related to me (through marriage in the Huxford line. You know my father's nephew, Judge Folks Huxford, married first ^{the niece} a Kirkland.) Kirk is an architect and said he would design and specify wood that would be compatible with the era. I am hoping some member of the family (besides me) will be the treasurer. I hate to handle and beg for money! Philip Ulmer was the brother of my Adam Ulmer. Philip was born in Germany to the first wife and my Adam was born to the second wife, nee Ann Guerry). So it is logical that the Philip descendants should take the lead. I am giving Kirk the family genealogy and Sanford Ulmer also. He is going soon to Germany and I hope he can prove the name of the first wife. The persecution in Germany led Baron Philip Von Ulm to change his name to Philip Ulmer. In fact, we only have family letters to provide this. I do hope he has time to get into the "real story" from records, but I have to remember the difficulty of finding ^{information on} the refugees. Since there was valuable property due us (my Henry Ulmer who married Margaret Ulmer) was especially educated to be able to go back and get the property but during the Revolution, he lost the proof and never made the trip.

I'm enclosing a label for the book so it won't be too hard, I hope. I deeply appreciate this.

As ever,

Ruth

P.S. I've had to take time out from researching. I haven't forgotten Miss Cora.

The first owner whose grandson Philip built the house.