

July 19, 1954

Homewood Apts.,
Baltimore, 18, Md.

Dear Mr. Peeples,

Miss Rose Pringle Ravenel, b. Feb. 28, 1850 - Dec. 3, 1943
granddaughter of James Reid Pringle and Elizabeth Mary McPherson (miniatures
of both owned by the Gibbes Art Gallery, Charleston) left a small paper back
book of reminiscences "Piazza Tales" which costs \$1.50 and which I am sure
the Basement Bookshop, 9 College St., Charleston, could supply you.

Miss Ravenel was the youngest of a very long lived family and she retained
many stories of "Laurium" the McPherson place in Pr. William's Parish which
her grandmother inherited. I do not know if it ever belonged to Capt. James.

In addition she bequeathed, or her heirs have since placed
on deposit, at the S. C. Historical Society in Charleston under the collection
known as "Ravenel Papers" some genological data but perhaps not too much for
like Baker's

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Mrs. St. Julien Ravenel, in "Charleston, the Place and The
People" has one nice Capt. James McPherson. p. 67 (1906 edition)., story.

But your main historical source for Capt. James McPherson that I have found
is The Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, Nov. 10, 1736-June 7, 1739,
edited by J. H. Easterby, Columbia, 1951, The Historical Commission of South
Carolina pp 155, 180, 184, 370, 406, 506, 526. *Vol 10*

In addition Gen Oglethorpe asked the Commons to send a troop (in a letter to
Lieutenant Gov. William Bull dated Dec. 29, 1739) of rangers under Capt. McPherson
whom he considered a very good officer. p. 160 Journal of the Commons
House of Assembly, 1739-1741. *Vol 15* Also the Journal (idem.,) 1741-1742
Vol 16

gives complete text of Gen. Oglethorpe's Letter. Only ^{these} Three volumes of
the Journal have been issued so far by Mr. Easterby but as more come out
there may be more about Capt. McPherson. *Van Library may have these recent
Historical Soc.*

I do not know at all if any work has been done on the
Miles family and that is very important to you. *also Vol. 33* In The /SCHGM, XXXIV, 62-64
has a Baker Genealogy by Miss Webber (always to be relied on) which gives
parents of Thomas Cater who married Rachel Miles.

*I never get to Charleston so I am afraid I
am not much help - Mary P. Fenhagen*

Hilton Head Island

called Trench Island

British - Hessians
Johann

Staff Capt. Minnichs of Jäger Corps

9 Feb. 1780