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On Board "Sea Hawk"
Vero Beach, Florida

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Rev. Robert E.H. Peeples
Folly Field
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Peeples:

It was indeed a pleasure to receive your very nice letter of January 31st. which finally caught up with me. We left our home in Horse Shoe the end of January and are now aboard our boat during a little leisurely cruising here in Florida.

I will be very glad indeed to give you whatever information I may have both on the Miles side of the family and also on the Chisolm family but unfortunately I don't have much information with me. I imagine that Henry has been able to give you most of the data that I have regarding the Miles'. My aunt Susan Miles, married Fred Pierson of New York and had three daughters, ~~SUZANNE~~ Suzanne, Betty and Emily. Suzanne married Thomas McCarter and they had three children two boys and a girl. McCarter died some years ago and Suzanne now lives in Marion Mass. Betty married Schyler Parsons and they were divorced many years ago, they had no children. She owns and operates the Betty Parsons Gallery in New York, which is highly successful. Emily married Archie Raynor and they lived in Palm Beach. She died several years ago and I don't know what happened to Rayner, they had one son who is married and lives in New York. My aunt Susan and Fred Pierson were divorced many years ago and I understand that he re-married. She lived abroad for many years but finally returned to New York where she died many years ago. This is about all of the information I can give on Susan. It is possible I may be able to fill in a little more after I return home.

My aunt Betty, was Betty Beirne Miles. She and her youngest sister Margaret Melinda Miles lived together in Flat Rock, North Carolina. My aunt Melinda died when I was a very little boy and she is buried in the little church yard of Saint Johns in the Wilderness, Flat Rock. Some years after her death my aunt Betty married Henry Izzard Middleton, they had no ~~children~~ children and lived through their lives in Flat Rock. Both of them are now dead and are buried in the same plot as my aunt Melinda.

My mother was christened Nanny Miles. She married my father William Gregg Chisolm and they had four children, three boys and a girl. Unfortunately my father died the day my sister was born and he was only thirty-three years old. Several years later mother married Edward Warburton Durant and they had four children, two girls and two boys.

My oldest brother was named William Miles Chisolm. He never married and died about six years ago. My next oldest brother was named Casper Schutte Chisolm. He was married and divorced and re-married but never had any children and he died this past December. I am the next and my full name is Oliver Beirne Chisolm. In July 1924 I married Loti Moultrie Ficken and we have three children. Our oldest daughter, Nancy Miles Chisolm married Charles Wallace Martin, Un.S.C Press of Columbia, S.C. and they have three children a girl a boy and a girl. Our son is Oliver Beirne Chisolm Jr. He married Liliane Gsell, they have two girls and two boys. Our youngest daughter Loti Moultrie Chisolm is married to John W. Woods and they have three girls. My sister was Mary Gregg Chisolm and she married James Conner and they had two children a girl and a boy. James Conner died about two years ago and my sister continues to live in Charleston, where we were all born and raised.

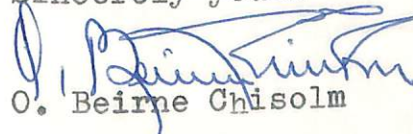
As to the Durants. The oldest girl Nancy Miles Durant has never married and lives in Boston. The second child Henrietta Warburton Durant married Richard Bassett and they have one son but are now divorced. Edward Warburton Durant has been married twice. A daughter by the first marriage and four children by the second three girls and a boy. The youngest is Thomas Ordway Durant. He is married and has no children.

The above is about all of the information I can give at present and I am afraid it is rather sketchy. When I get home I will see what other information I may have and if I find anything of interest I will be only too glad to send it on to you. I believe I will be able to furnish you with some dates and data of this nature. Both my mother and father are buried in Magnolia cemetery, Charleston, S.C. I don't remember the name of the place my Aunt Susan was buried but I may have this information at home.

I will look forward to the opportunity of meeting you with much pleasure and trust that this will be in the not too distant future.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours


O. Beirne Chisolm