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Dear Cousin Robert,

I have just read your delightful and informative "Old Hilton Head Island Names" in the winter issue of Names in S. C. . You deserve all sorts of prizes and praise for such an article. The editor mentions that you have written Tales of Ante Bellum Hilton Head Island Families but does not say where to order or the amount to send. .

It is delightful the way you speak of all these people , as if you had known them personally. By contrast I seem to dig away endlessly searching for my own blood kin!

Could you help me with the Ash family?

My records show:

Colonel John Ash Sr. " of Teffont" Mer. Elizabeth Forsbrooke

John Ash Jr mar. ?

Samuel Ash Mar. Catherine Clement

This part I am sure of:

Theordora Ash Mar. Jonathan Frampton
d 1763

Hephzebah Frampton mar. Capt Daniel Jenkins
B Dec. 28, 1759 1773 B 1751 D 1801
D May 1780

Hephzebah Jenkins mar. Daniel Jenkins Townsend
B. 1780 D 1847 1796 B 1759 D 1842

You refer to John and Samuel Ash both married in St Helena's Parish in 1785. Who were their wives?

Do you think Jenkins Island was named for my ancestor, John /Jenkins who was born before 1680 , D 1739 and who married Elizabeth Capers , widow of ?Sams Her father was Richard Capers who married Mary Barnett. Adams
(D 1695)

Have you ever run across the name of Amos Merrill Read who was born in late 1700 ? I have his portrait done in 1820. I inherited it from a cousin but feel sure she just bought it because she liked his looks!

I am decended from Thomas Winborn (D in 1756) who married Susannah (widow Stone) Carriere
Harrison (widow of W Sams). That is as far back as I can go on the Winborn family.
Can you help me go further back or tell me whom I might write for further information.

I realize I am asking for a lot of help so skip the hard part and tell me what you can, please.

Somehow I feel as though I know both you and "Miss Cora" so give her my love .

affectionately,

Nittie

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March 9, 1973

Dear Cousin Robert,

You are wonderful to answer so promptly ! Often I wait weeks to get an ans. and then it is unsatisfactory. But you have the facts. I have found that "Miss Sophia " Jenkins nee Seabrook has also been a great help . You should know her . She used to teach history at Winthrope. She lived on Wadmalaw Island. Of course we are kin several ways! How I wish I could show you my family chart I am working on. My mother (really My Annt) was interested in the family but never did work on it. In fact since she had a step -mother , there was no contact with the Island people. I have had to dig up information from wonderful people like you and Miss Sophia and from the SCHM . It has been loads of fun and very rewarding. I am doing this for my pleasure and to pass on to my children and grandchildren. What I put down I wish to be accurate .Am hoping that when my husband retires in 1975 that he will put all together . At present he is busy night and day heading up the English Dept. , has over 60 in it.

You'll be interested to know that his niece , Frances Owings married Rivers Stone, Mary Fraser's brother. "Dedie" is a lovely girl. She is River's 2nd wife.

Was glad to know where my gggrandmother was buried. Her story is told by Mrs Graydon in Tales of Edisto pg 8-9-10.

Am sending you all I know about Susannah Harrison widow of Sams . Miss Sophia and I are trying to go back into Harrison History. Have some of it from Mrs Burns (a cousin in Hugunot Lib.) but not sure of facts. Will send what I have if you want it. I cannot go back any further on Thomas Winborn.

I have a chart of Framptons which Mr Mc Cleud did. I shall write him to see if he knows more of details of family. I shall also write Mrs Miles. Thank you for this help.

I have a good friend here , she is widow of James Sams. My first cousin 's son married Mary Ann Sams several years ago. Hope you don't mind all this little chit chat!

Did you know that Rev. Robert Smith later Bishop of S. C. was my gggg/? Uncle? My son wrote a nice sketch of him, would you be interested in reading about him? It was his ward and nephew who married Elizabeth Miles. They were married Sept 19, 1776.

Have you read Hilton Head by Josephine Pinckney? I am trying to buy a copy but it is out of print. It may not be accurate Hist but it is facinating.

Thank you again for all your help. Also thank "Miss Cora" for taking care of you and your business projects!

affectionately,

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