

PEEBLES.

HELLO!

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GOOD DAY SIR! THANK YOU KINDLY FOR YOUR LETTER OF 26 AUGUST. IM SORRY IT HAS TAKEN ME SO LONG TO REPLY. I WAS ILL FOR AWHILE, THEN THE STORMS CAME TO THE CAROLINAS, AND I THOUGHT IT BEST TO DELAY WRITING UNTIL BETTER WEATHER PREVAILED. (IN FACT, SOME OF MY CORRESPONDENCE WHICH ARRIVED IN NC + SC AT THE SAME TIME AS THE STORMS DID DISAPPEAR FOR AWHILE).

I HOPE THAT YOU + YOURS STAYED DRY, SAFE + COMFORTABLE!

THANK YOU AS WELL FOR THE CLAN HAY + SCOTTISH MATERIAL. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE FAMILY TREE. I HAVE SEVERAL OTHER ANCESTRAL LINES WITH SCOTLAND + "BORDERS" CONNECTIONS (BURNETT, DOUGLAS, MCCOY, COPELAND).

ENCLOSED IS AN ITEM OF S.C. HISTORY YOU MAY FIND INTERESTING:

Charlesfort found

THE SITE of the first attempt at a European colony in the USA may have been discovered. Pieces of 16th century French pottery are said to prove that the colony of Charlesfort lies beneath a golf course on the US Marine base at Parris Island, near Beaufort, South Carolina.

The colony was built by an expedition of 150 Huguenots, led by Jean Ribaut, which landed in May 1562, about 20 years before the first English settlement at Roanoke, Virginia. As soon as the tiny fort was built, Ribaut returned to France for fresh supplies and more settlers, leaving behind a garrison of 27 men. He promised to be back within six months, but was diverted to England by civil war in France and was jailed as a Huguenot spy. At Charlesfort, fire destroyed most of the supplies, the men rebelled and killed their commanding officer, and about 11 months after the settlement was started, the mutineers sailed for France. The colony was recorded by both the French and the Spanish, but had

apparently disappeared without trace. The Spanish established their first colony at St Augustine, Florida, in 1565 and a year later built Santa Elena in South Carolina. Dr Chester DePlatter and Stanley South, archaeologists at the University of South Carolina, were excavating Santa Elena when they realised that archaeological and documentary evidence pointed to Charlesfort being on the same site. After the French settlers had abandoned Charlesfort, only a servant boy, Ruffi, who had taken refuge with the Indians, stayed behind. It was he who led the Spanish to the site of the fort, where they used the moat and foundations to start their own settlement. *D.Telegraph, Guardian, 7 June 1996.*

Hilborn, Nat. & Sam
Sandlapper Press 1970
Battleground of Freedom

IN MY RESEARCH ON MY VARIOUS ANCESTORS, I'VE RECENTLY MADE ALOT OF PROGRESS AMONG MY SC ANCESTORS. I'M HOPING I MIGHT GET SOME INSIGHTS FROM YOU ON SC SOURCES. * DO YOU KNOW A MR. JOHN A. GILL, WHO IS (OR WAS) PRESIDENT OF THE COL. WILLIAM BRATTON CHAPTER SAR?

I'M PREPARING TO SEND HIM A QUERY LETTER ABOUT THE GILL FAMILY OF SC \approx 1770S-1780'S ... GIVEN HIS NAME & POSITION, I'D ALMOST SAY HE WOULD BE A "SURE BET." (I HAVE AN ANCESTOR NAMED REBECCA GILL WHO WAS BORN \approx 1775 SC MARRIED WM. WELDON IN JASPER CO, GA \approx 1800 ... I HAVE ALMOST NO INFO ON HER! SC 1790 CENSUS & DAR PATRIOT WORK HAS ALOT OF GILLS, BUT SORTING THEM OUT IS THE TRICK!)

* SPEAKING OF SAR, WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE REFERENCE TO REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE IN SC?

I HAVE AN ELUSIVE IRISH ANCESTOR NAMED PATRICK (OF COURSE) BRYANS/BRYANT WHO FOUGHT IN SC (FAMILY TRADITION). BUT I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO TURN UP ANYTHING ON HIM EARLIER THAN SC 1790 CENSUS & SOME DEEDS FROM LAURENS CO - 1790. I'M ABOUT TO WRITE TO SC ARCHIVES TO TRY TO FIND PROOF OF SERVICE (PAY VOUCHERS, ETC) BUT I THOUGHT I'D CHECK WITH YOU FIRST FOR SUGGESTIONS.

ONE OF THE BIG DEVELOPMENTS IN MY SC RESEARCH ^{ARE} ~~IS~~ THE ACTIVITIES OF TWO BROOKS ~~COUSIN~~ RELATIVES (JAMES & HIS NEPHEW MICAJAH) IN SC DURING THE REVOLUTION. THROUGH COUSIN INTER-MARRIAGE, I HAVE DESCENT FROM BOTH OF THEM!

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IT SEEMS THAT MICHAEL BROOKS SERVED WITH GEN. FRANCIS MARION FOR AWHILE. BUT WHAT IS REALLY EXCITING FOR ME IS THAT SOME BROOKS COUSINS PRESERVED ACCOUNTS OF JAMES' BROOKS' ADVENTURES IN SC DURING THE REVOLUTION!

WITH THAT IN MIND, I'M HOPING YOU CAN RECOMMEND A BOOK (OR TWO) WHICH GIVES A GOOD, DETAILED ACCOUNT OF MILITARY ACTIONS IN THE CAROLINAS DURING THE REVOLUTION, ONE OF MY OBJECTIVES IS TO (EVENTUALLY) TRACE MY ANCESTORS' ACTIVITIES ON A MAP & WRITE AN ARTICLE ON THE BATTLES, ETC, FOR MY OWN FAMILY HISTORY.

I'VE DEVELOPED SOME NEW LEADS ON PEEBLES INFO AS WELL... ILL BE SENDING OUT THOSE QUERIES IN ABOUT 3 WEEKS, ILL KEEP YOU POSTED IF I TURN UP ANYTHING NEW & INTERESTING!

I SENT OFF FOR A COMPUTER SEARCH OF SSN FILES TO FIND ANNE B. PEEBLES DOD., BUT THE COMPANY HAD GONE OUT OF BUSINESS! ILL FIND SOMEONE SOON & GET IT TAKEN CARE OF.

WELL, I MUST SIGN OFF AS IT'S GETTING LATE. I HOPE MY LETTER HASN'T BEEN TOO LONG & RAMBLING... I GET WORKED UP WHEN I FIND OUT NEW INFO!

- SASE ENCLOSED -

TAKE CARE! ✍

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