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Dear Mr. Peeples,

From photostatic copies of two conveyances of real estate in Savannah, Ga., the originals of which are in the Department of Archives & History of the State of Georgia in Atlanta, I learn that a Tavern Keeper, named Garrett Allen conveyed to his daughter-in-law, Herodias Furse, wife of James Furse, a small tract of land in Savannah, on which there was a house, the consideration being "for love and affection". This deed is dated in 1766, and the other deed, dated in 1767, gives substantially the same information. The lands conveyed seem to be designed to enlarge a lot already owned by James Furse and his wife, Herodias. My research worker found no earlier mention of Furse, in the old Colonial records. The early Chatham County records have not been searched as yet.

I am inclosing copy of "Index to Savannah Newspapers" in so far as pertain to Furse. You will note that "Capt. Furse" is mentioned in 1769 and frequently thereafter until 1798 in connection with the "Industry" and Herodias Furse is mentioned in 1754 and 1755; and James Furse as late as 1798. There seems to be no doubt that this Furse family of Savannah was the same family that went to Barnwell, possibly in the same or certainly in the next generation. I should like to check each of those newspaper items, but shall not do at this time, but will do so later if it becomes necessary. However, I am thinking of getting copies of the items about Herodias and possibly two or three of the James Furse items, just to get some idea of what they are all about.

I have before me a copy of the will of John James Furse of Barnwell executed July 8, 1872, proved Nov. 9, 1872. He leaves all property to his children in equal parts, but does not give their names or give their names. No wife is mentioned. The executors are "my son-in-law, J. C. Howle, F. H. Creech and J. W. Ussery". In his will John James Furse styles himself "John J. Furse of Boiling Springs in Barnwell County". All this clean up and verify what I have and I feel that I am well on my way to a correct solution of my problem.

Please return the inclosure as soon as you can, so that I may continue my search before the holidays. I shall keep you posted.

Sincerely,
G. H. Hubbard