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Rev. Robert E. H. Peebles
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Dear Reverend Peebles,

or I should also dear Cousin, for without a doubt we do share this in "Our Family Circle", by yourself. I was delighted that you autographed my copy of "Tales of ante Bellum Hilton Head Island Families"; I had ordered, along with "A Sea Island Chronicle". Mrs. Stark was good enough to say she would get a copy of your book, and also give me your address. She also sent me a notice of a book you have, "Our Family Circle", compiled by Annie Elizabeth Miller.

I am ordering this book from you, even though I have no idea of any connection with most of these people, except the Screeners, from whom I am a direct decendent - So I am hopeful of finding further information on them, where my papers leave off. There are possibly connections among the others mentioned, even though cousins.

One of my dear cousins, now deceased, from Bluffton was Elizabeth Gerard Heyward, a direct decendent of Thomas Heyward of S.C. and her mother's mother, a direct decendent of Faudgrose Smith.

Would you be kind enough to tell me where you, as Robert E. H. Peebles are connected in our circle? I never knew there were so many relatives, as after a long illness, I let so much just slide by - But now pressure is on me from other cousin - the who, what & where? Are you by a very good chance related to the Rev. David Nathaniel Peebles, of Bluffton, S.C.? My great grandfather always Park Vail Woodward

Was long before him, as other relatives, Verdins, Heyward
✓ Gurnard, Pritchard, Bell, Mellichamp & possibly Baynard
and others I do not have all names at hand.

Pt. Rev. Albert Sidney Thomas, L.D., D.D., S.T.D Retired Bishop of
South Carolina, would you know where to reach him?
The family has been quite concerned, that no one can
locate a picture of Rev. A. P. V. Woodward, although we
have pictures of Eliza, Cathina Pope, his wife, and
some before her time - Perhaps there never was one,
and if my questions are too many, please forgive
me - I am just 'chasing' down every avenue - while
still believing we are what we are right now,
regardless of ancestry.

Rev. G. Edward Haynesworth, conducted grave side service
for my father, Woodward V. Gurnard, when I brought him
home to Bluffton, from New Orleans, La., in 1952 (Feb.)
The next morning, every thing was covered with snow.

Thank you ever so much for reading all this,
and another thank you for the Autographed Book.
No one, except my children will get this one.

Please find enclosed, my check for \$6⁰⁰ - for
this third edition of "Our Family Circle". The notice you
wrote back said me said \$25⁰⁰ plus 1⁰⁰ postage.

It is a good thing I purchased two "Sea Is. Chronicals"
as my husband is a history buff, and I had to read
the other one, I'd purchased for a first cousin.

With every good and thoughtful wish for you, another
unknown relative.

Your cousin,

Martha Gurnard George