

M. E. Folk  
Thursday a.m.

Bobby...

This is about the time Miss Margaret would take out her checkbook and remember you as her first born child and number one boy. Must admit that last year this time she was "no longer with you" and there was no remembering for the first time. However, I may be wrong there since Randolph and I both saw tears in her eyes those last weeks in that damn place he put her. She knew.

Earle has asked me for any pictures of his family that might be in Mama's family group and indicated he would "pay" for them. I do not see where anyone in Mama's family would be interested in pictures of Earle and his sisters. At some future time I will let him see the pictures again and pick those he is interested in and check with you before I give them to him. I still cannot understand why Mama's grandmother was taken to Texas to die and why Papa took Mama's mother there too. I stopped in and asked Bessie the other day, but she has no knowledge of why they went to Tex. except possibly to "look for gold"... She is going to send me a copy of what she has on Mama's Mother's family. Earle said the obituary even had the wrong name for her mother. I still have not received a reply from you on my request for what you would have submitted. Nor of what is to be put on a stone when one is selected. I have been able to push myself a bit on that recently. I like the stone Reba selected for Barney and have also considered changing to granite. I did put in an order for the three stones for the Folks at Beech Branch. These will be markers in granite. When they are ready I suppose I'll haul them down and get a bag of cement or whatever I am advised to use in placing them.

I finally received a thank you note from Marce <sup>short time</sup> some time before Christmas with a bit of information of her move. Later I received a note saying she had received the \$1000 and she hopes as "Mama's namesake and mine" that she could be "so generous" as Mama always was, etc. Later, she and Snoopy stopped in Christmas afternoon on the way to Sumter to bring us our gift of a frozen steak. I gave her a twenty dollar bill I had in my wallet and one of Mama's last Christmas gifts from Bebe I believe... some warm bedroom shoes. <sup>she</sup> she looked more rested than she appeared in her wedding pictures. I hope she will not get involved in keeping David's business again...but then that's not my concern. I probably won't see or hear from them again until next Christmas or some distant "significant" time...if then.

Apparently you and Cora stay busy with your many endeavors. It is good that you suffered no damage from the cold. We were not so fortunate but have repaired enough to manage until spring comes. Doug began reading the book you gave him when we were in Estill last. I was there Mon. p.m. and will be back Sat. p.m. and Sunday. Don't know if Doug will go with me or not.. If he does we will probably stay a while. Need to get the grape vine repaired.  
Ruth

Margaret Anne

1 Dec. 1894 - 20 Feb. 1983

daughter of

E. C. and M. O. E. Folk

wife of

Robert R. Peeples

Wed. pm.

Dear Bob...

Spent a long weekend at home and Miss Margaret mentioned several times she had not heard from you in over a month. Reminded her that you had visited when we were at the river and then again when she was there with Randy but you are her favorite child and her first-born and all that and she likes to hear from you especially. Please try to keep her posted with some regularity.

Bob Major showed me some writeups in the Wall Street Journal on the United Family and their dismissal of Charles Hornig. Seems from the writeup and Hornig's report that Nelson wanted to give \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000 worth of United Family Stock to a Moore who had some company that Hornig had evaluated from all standpoints and this showed it worth at most \$8,000,000 and a liquidation value of around \$5,000,000. This would give this man control over United Family since now no one man has over 10% of the stock and this would be such a terrific block. Anyway, Hornig stopped this deal but Nelson was able to come back and get him voted out. Bob says Charles says he is staying on the Board and has no plans further than this. He said that he felt he owed it to the stockholders to try to protect their interests. Bob says that he does not feel with all the publicity Charles brought to light on the "deal" that it can ever be put across but he is reserving his decision on selling his few shares for a while or until it hits 6 if ever. Bob says insurance stock does not pay any dividends to speak of even when it is a sound company going places. Looks like with this type individual pushing against our interests that it won't have too much chance at anything.

Had a few flareups with my car and started looking for a change but can't meet the prices. There is this 1965 baby blue Parklane Mercury with white upholstery, power everything even to the vent windows, am fm radio with stereo speaker, electric aerial, electric trunk opener, one button to lock and unlock all doors, and all kinds of gadgets including adjustable steering wheel...offered for \$3550 since it was repossessed with 18,000 miles (originally cost about \$5500) but don't think I could keep it going. Sure is pretty and would be fun but don't have that kind of fun money. Only considered it because realized that a Ford or Chevrolet with air, power steering, and radio would run about \$3500 (that includes automatic transmission too which I have never had). What I need is a bonanza so could fix up the kitchen at home and enclose that porch and modernize some. We all have so much but there is always something we want. Have to keep reminding myself that good health is the main thing. Really would not be interested in trading at all if I had had any satisfaction with the Chevy II but never have been pleased with it and with the several recent flareups when I've been stranded I would like a change...needing new tires again in a couple of thousand miles.

No news here with the Courts yet but still the big promise. Am going to try to take the Federal Service Entrance Exam when it is offered in October and, again and again until I pass it in hopes that something might come of it that would offer a future more rewarding. Hope you are all well and happy. Don't forget to write Miss M. ~~Kane~~ - me

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Dear Robert and Cora:

My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your mother. A mother is such a very special person, it is hard to give her up no matter her health or age - it is a traumatic and painful time to bear. I shall always be grateful to Mrs. Peeples for giving us Robert.

I have been out of town almost continuously for the past month and read of your mother's death when I returned, thus my delay in writing.

Betty Moore, the Association President is coming to the Inlet on Monday to spend a few days of her Spring break and get the letter written and plans for the reunion finalized. We will have it at Hardeeville again. Betty has lined up a guest speaker, sorry I don't know his name. He is a young man, Curator of the DAR Museum in Washington, D. C. He was at the reunion in Wilmington and you might remember him. Betty sat at the table with him at the luncheon and remembered him. Bob Willingham has never come through with our file folders of minutes dating back to 1923. We have asked, cajoled, begged, threatened and even had Tom Lawton write a letter. Now, Bob claims he never had them.

I hope you are both well. Hope to see you soon.

With love,

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July 5, 1983

Dear Bob and Cora,

We were distressed to learn from the Lawton newsletter of Bob's mother's death. You have our deep sympathy, love, and prayers.

We had hoped to attend the reunion this year, but when our daughters, Lyn and Mary, wanted to have our 50th anniversary celebration at that time (coming with their families from Texas and California for the purpose) that, of course, precluded our coming. The enclosed clipping is for your scrapbook, Cora. (How great it is of you to keep the scrapbook going. It's lots of work, I know.)

The Editor-in-Chief of Mercer University Press tells me that my book, Kith and Kin, a Portrait of a Southern Family, 1630-1934, is on schedule for an early fall publication (possibly in September). I'm getting terribly impatient after all these months and years I've worked on it. But he assures me that it's worth waiting for and that everybody--my editor, the designer, the artists, the printers, the promotion manager--are all putting their best effort into it. I'm flattered that they selected it for one of the books in their Southern Regional Studies series.

I remember with such gratitude, Bob, your assistance and advice on some of the early draft chapters. Your comments were very helpful indeed, and I hope the "finished product" reflects what I learned from them.

I've asked the Press to send you and Cora an early copy with my compliments--I hope it will be before Christmas!

With love, in which Glover joins,

*Carolyn*