

Bamberg, S. C.
May 31, 1977

Dear Cousin Robert:

I hurriedly wrote you a note while I was in Charleston while my husband was a patient there. We stayed down there for three weeks having returned to our home last week. He is improving slowly after an exploratory operation, but I hope he will soon be able to get out of the house. I am still hoping that we will be able to attend the Lawton reunion, but it will depend on him. I am very anxious to attend.

I appreciate all of the information you sent in your last letter and I have been going over it with interest.

I have contacted Sadie Harter Cooner and got this information: Her grandmother Rosa ~~Ex~~ Kearse married Holbrook Platts and one of their daughters, Julia, married Mr. Harter who was Sadie's father. Her grandmother's brother was Joe Kearse who was the father of the late Senator J. Carl Kearse. His son, Carlisle, is my next door neighbor. Carl first married Daisy Rizer, a daughter of Corey F. Rizer of Olar, and 2nd married the former Eunice Johns of Allendale.

Also another Platts is Judy Cone Ramsey who also lives in Bamberg. Her mother is Mrs. Clyde Cone of Ridge Springs, S. C. and I think maybe she would be a good one for you to write to. Before her marriage was Dorothy Loadholt Platts and her father (Judy) was R. E. who married Pearl Loadholt. Her niece, Mrs. Kermit Barnes of Brunson is a daughter of Shelly Platts.

All of this I hope will be of some help to you.

Again, Daniel Rhoad was the husband of Johnnie Durr Copeland. Two of her grandchildren are J. C. Smoak and Maggie S. McMillan (Mrs. John Henry). Both of them get their mail at Route 2, Branchville, S. C. Their aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Rhoad Shuler is in the Methodist Home in Orangeburg. She is their mother's sister. Another aunt is Lena who married Alford McCormick of Dillon, S. C. I got this information from Ned Byrd Rhoad, Sr. who also lives ~~xxxxxx~~ in the same community, Hunters Chapel. I think if you get in touch with J. C. Smoak he can help you quite a bit.

Should anything prevent me from attendin the reunion, I will certainly at some future time want to talk with you and get as much information as possible.

Will write more later, but for now I must close.

Sincerely,

Katherine F. Brabham