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Dear Cousin Robert and Cora,

It was so good to see both of you in Estill and Charleston.

I am enclosing some more of the information that I found on Nathaniel Henry Rhodes. They concern his purchase of land in Barnwell District. One of them concerns the foreclosure on his widow of the his 1737 acres of land. Using the information in the document and an old map of Barnwell District I have roughly outlined where the land was. I am enclosing it. It was in the Lower Three Run Creek area which was near the old Thomas Cater place. I plan to go over to around Millet, S. C., and look around. I would like to find their graves. Since they both died in debt, there might not be any gravestones. Notice that U. M. Robert's name is on one of the documents. I would like to find a plat of the property but have not been able to so so far.

I suppose you have examined the Rhodes history book by now. I think Cousin Alice did a very nice job. I found the parts about George Rhodes fascinating. I wish we knew as much about Nathaniel. There are a few errors concerning the Nathaniel Henry Rhodes side that I want to point out to you.

Page 15----N. H. and Susan Julia did not move to Ga. shortly after their marriage. His son N. H. and Jane Gracen were the ones who moved to Ga. shortly after marrying.

Page 142----James J. Clayton was Martha E. Clayton Beard Rhodes' brother, not her father.

Page 177----Nathaniel Henry and Susan Julia did not have a daughter Julia who married Samuel Liebenrood. She was their granddaughter.

I am correcting these errors in my copy and the ones that I am donating to the libraries. I noticed at least one error on the George Rhode side. He had only one son that was killed in the Civil War didn't he? My mentioning these errors are not meant to be critical of the job Cousin Alice did. I think I will write her about them so it can be corrected on the floppy disk. I am afraid that she will think I am being picky and unappreciative. There are few family histories that do not include some errors.

? I have a question for you about the history. In one place it says that Lady Frances Balgay was the sister of our Thomas. In another place it says she was his aunt. Which is right?

I wonder if it would be possible to trace our Rhodes line further back in England. I wonder if we are any relation to Cecil Rhodes. From what I have read he was not a particularly nice person. I glanced through a couple of books about him. There was talk of the "Rhodes nose" in the book. My aunt has always mentioned the Rhodes nose. In one of the books there was some speculation that the Rhodes had once lived on the Greek island of Rhodes. I always understood that Rhodes (the island) had nothing to do with the surname Rhodes. What do you know about this?

I have found out some new things about my Clayton family. From the history you know about V. D. V. J. Clayton, who was both my great great and my great great great grandfather. Well his father was James Clayton and his grandfather was Isham Clayton of the Orangeburg District. I have some information from the South Carolina Indian Affairs documents that show Isham Clayton involved in the Indian wars in the 1750's. It seems he was involved in procuring or looking after cattle for the army. There are several letters from him to a Captain Raymond Demere in these documents. These documents were published and I have pages from the book. So I go way back in South Carolina on both side of my family.

✓ I wish that I had had time to have shown you the album that I had put together. There were a lot of pictures in it that did not make the family history. I may use the desktop publishing feature of my computer to publish another history someday. I want to trace the descendants of my great great aunt Virginia Rhodes (Brown) in Charleston. I would also like to find out what happened to the descendants of Rachel Rhodes Robert. Carolyn Ramsey is supposed to send me something from the diary of Narcissa Melissa Lawton. By the way, using a chart that was given to me to determine kinship, I have determined that we are third cousins, once removed.

I am also enclosing some information that I have in my family history album. I have highlighted certain items that I would like your comments on. I read in our history book that Thomas and Mary Cater Rhodes lived on Caliwassi Island because it was part of some land granted earlier to the Caters. Can you tell me more about this?

✓ As I told you I am interested in joining the Sons of the Revolution and would be grateful if you would sponsor me.

Forgive my long winded letter. I did not get to speak to you as much as I would have liked in Estill or Charleston. I may try to schedule a visit to you in Hilton Head again. We may

not be able to make the Estill reunion next year if it is on Easter. As you know we have a gathering on Easter already. I do not know why we meet on Easter. It is something my aunts started a long time ago. I understand why all of you in Carolina want to continue the reunion on third Sunday. It ties in to the Lawtonville Church dinner and most of you are there for that already.

I will stop for now and gather up the information I am sending to you. Take care and hope to hear from you soon.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clayton", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.