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Dear Dr. Peeples,

I hope this letter finds you and Miss Cora well and happy. It was good to see you in Charleston last April.

I thought you would like to know what I have found out about Nathaniel Henry Rhodes and "Sarah" Julia Ha(y)good. I went to the courthouse in Barnwell in May. There I found the will of N. H. Rhodes. Actually he died without a will but his brother George settled his affairs and that is well documented. I am enclosing what I have found. Of great interest to me was the "Susan" J. Rhodes who bought some of the inventory of the plantation. I have decided that Nathaniel's wife's name was Susan Julia Hagood instead of Sarah Julia as was written in my grandfather's letter and the Gracen family history. The names have the same number of letters and could easily be mistaken one for the other. I am enclosing the will of Gideon Hagood, the father of Susan Julia. Notice that Nathaniel H. Rhodes bought some of the inventory of Gideon Hagood's plantation. Also enclosed is some information on the will of Sussanah Yonge, the grandmother of Susan Julia Hagood. Gideon's first wife was Harriet Peckham Yonge. In the book Meet Your Grandfather by General Johnson Hagood it says that Gideon had a daughter Sarah and a daughter Susan. This is obviously wrong. I think I have the proof that my great-great grandmother's name was Susan Julia and that she was the daughter of Gideon and Harriet Yonge Hagood. Do you agree?

You once asked about the name Vandy Vastine J. Clayton in the family bible of Thomas Ha(y)good Rhodes. He was the father of Thomas' wife, Martha E. Clayton Beard. In Barnwell I found him referred to as Vanda. His wife was Sarah Jeter. His son Jesse J. Clayton was my father's great uncle and my mother's great grandfather. I already knew Jesse J. Clayton was my mother's great grandfather and I knew my mother and father were distantly related. Now I know how. I met a man in the Allendale library who knew you. I do not recall his name. He pointed out the name Vanda Vastine Jamieson in an issue of the South Carolina Historical Magazine. Dr. Jamieson lived in or around Orangeburg in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Apparently V. D. V. J. Clayton was named for him. V. D. V. J. Clayton was born in 1789-90. V. D. V. J. named most of his sons Jamieson it seems. There was James J., Jesse J. Joseph J. and Jonas J. Jesse J. married Teresa Atteberry.