

T. W. and I went to South Carolina the day before Mother's Day. We visited the site of the Hermitage Plantation and the grave of Mary Cater Rhodes Lawton. The tombstone reads "In Memory of Mary Cater, wife of Rev. Winborn A. Lawton. Feb. 25, 1823. Age 46 yrs, 8 mos. She was a member of The Baptist Church at Black Swamp 7 years". Also buried nearby are their children Mary and Alexander and his second wife Isadora and their infant daughter Leonora. The spot next to Mary is vacant as if left for Rev. Lawton. Of course he was buried next to his third wife at Lawtonville. We also visited Britt in Estill for awhile that day.

I forgot to mention in regards to the Sarah vs. Susan discussion that my great grandfather, Thomas H. Rhodes, named his first daughter Susan Julia, obviously after his mother. Also note in the Gideon Hagood will that there was a son Thomas Gideon. My grandfather's letter mentions an Uncle Thomas Ha(y)good in Colleton County. I can find no evidence in the census or elsewhere that the Hagoods lived in Colleton County. They seemed to have lived in the Barnwell District. My grandfather did live in the Colleton District. The only Thomas Hagood I can find in the census was living in Richmond County, Ga., in 1850-1860.

In Barnwell I ran into a young man, Jennings Rountree, who does genealogical research. He helped me at the courthouse. I may get him to do a few things for me if it is not too expensive. He has heard of you. You are quite famous. He says he is trying to find a tie-in in his family through the Caters and would like to join The Society of First Families of South Carolina.

I will keep you informed about anything else I find. I have a lot of typing to do for the family history. I also want to type up the wills of N. H. Rhodes and Gideon Hagood so that people can read them better. I hope I can decipher all of it.

Please forgive some of my punctuation. I am using a new word processing system and I have not learned how to underline yet.

By the way I am sending you a copy of the article on the reunion in 1938 or 1939. Marjorie Scott may have already sent one to you.

Hope to hear from you, especially about my discovery of the Susan Julia Hagood item. Until then-----

Your Cousin,



Clayton

P. S. On the other hand Nathaniel Henry Rhodes and Belle Gracen named their first child Sara Julia Rhodes (Fries).

V. V. J. Clayton — Sarah Jeter  
1789-

Bears — Martha E. Clayton — Thomas Haggard Rhodes

Laura Ellis Smith 1898 — Stephen Peter Rhodes — Teresa Williams — Jesse J. Clayton

Clayton

Thomas William Rhodes — Orris L. Clayton — Clayton

(1904 - 1948)

Clayton Rhodes