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Dear Robert,

Has your summer been as busy as Mine? I had hoped there would be a little more free time due to fewer meetings, but somehow it just failed to happen and things have been as hectic as ever.

My granddaughters, Katherine and Rushton Mellen, were picked up by Mary and Henry this past Wednesday after spending six nights with us while their parents were in Florida on business and pleasure. While we thoroughly enjoyed having them and they are very precious, they also made us thankful that we weren't Sara and Abraham. How on earth did they live through having Isaac? The girls are exceptionally well behaved and never bother anything of ours, but----!!!

Lewlie was in the hospital in Mobile for six nights in July, but seems to be doing well - loss of equilibrium and movement of his good eye toward the right. They ran numerous tests on him and we still don't know just what happened. Fortunately it cleared up during his sleep one night, and we hope it won't occur again.

While Mary was visiting Mary Blue this summer, my sister gave her a box of old papers to bring to me as I seem to be the one most interested in such. The oldest was dated 1800 (Washington, Ga.) and very tattered and in an envelope. There was a Christian Index published in 1837 with a long article about the death of my great-great-great grandmother Mary Owens at the age of ninety. Her husband, John, was Rev. soldier, and they were the grandparents of Sarah Ann Frances Colley who married Milton George Robert. As there were others from Washington published from the 1840's through the 1890's as well as 1918-19 and during the 1920's, I have had a marvelous time reading them. I went by the library this morning and made copies of some things in which you will probably be interested. Am sorry they didn't copy well, and wish I could have used the machine at Leslie's office but didn't think it would run them through properly. You will note that James Jehu is referred to as James John in one paper and as James Leslie in the other. Evidently both were typographical errors as they had probably never heard of the name Jehu and perhaps the writing wasn't plain enough. Hope these will help you in someway.

The meeting of Colonial Dames XVII Century will be here next week. At present there are only fifteen members so we are working toward twenty-one in order to be chartered. And speaking of ancestral organizations, what is the lineage for the Magna Carta Society and where can proof be obtained?

My son King was married July 3rd to Mrs. Janice Thompson Harkness at First United Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. All the family wishes that he had married prior to visiting us in May so we could meet the bride. I know she must be a lovely person if he chose her, and ~~ma~~ looking forward to meeting her. Now I don't worry about him as much since he has some one to care for him. They are in Ely, Nevada at present.

Leslie had me call my brother last night to see if he and Emily will come down Labor Day weekend and bring my sisters for a visit. We surely do hope they can come. Cissie (my sister Clifford Arnold) is expecting her first great grandchild in September. Having never known any grandparents, I think of the "greats" as being really old so it's hard to reconcile my thinking to her becoming one!

We had rain and more rain earlier in the summer, and now it seems to be starting all over again. Leslie is in the early stages of building the John LeFlore School (black section) in Mobile and the weather has played havoc with him. It's an over \$9,300,000.00 job and has everything. Somehow I feel they could have left out the indoor swimming pool and such and concentrate more on teaching. The children of today seem to be sadly lacking in grammar and math and little respect for others. Besides this, most are over-indulged.

Along with the news paper clippings are things I copied from papers written by some of the family long ago. I may have sent some of this to you earlier. If so, please excuse the repetition. Had you ever heard that Lord Cornwallis had George Mosse come over here? Am also interested in Patrick McKenzie as to whether or not he is listed any where as a Revolutionary soldier. Where is Sisters Ferry?

I do hope that you and your wife are well. If I don't hear from you soon, know that I look forward to your Christmas letters. They are always so interesting and I save them.

Sincerely,

Ann

P.S. How was the family reunion in Savannah? It would have been wonderful to be able to attend as I so thoroughly enjoyed my seven years during which time my children were born.

Since typing this, my brother called and he, his wife and my two sisters are coming for the weekend. We can hardly wait!