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Greetings to our Cousins... Cora and Robert,

How wonderful of you to respond to my letter with so much interesting information of our family connections. I can tell that I have missed years of enjoyment by not "knowing" you sooner. Crystelle said that you were an interesting person and that I must meet you.

Enclosed is a recent newspaper clipping which might be of interest. I was Conference chairman for this State event and also installed at this time as new State Regent to serve for the next two years. At 72, I am still young enough to enjoy activity of this type. Two days after this meeting, I attended DAR State Conference in Shreveport as delegate and as State Chairman of Programs. I have been into genealogy big for the past 10 years resulting in the many affiliations mentioned in my first writing. It has been fun doing research and I was very fortunate to find so much info on my lines from printed books. I have only one line on mother's side, but went through Founders and Patriots through her Robinson line. ... Christopher Robinson, Founder and Hezekiah, the Patriot. Her family kept good records and a cousin did research. All other family lines which I have established have been through my father's people, but only two years ago did I complete the Riddle family tree. It was the hardest. Now, I am busy working on my husband's people and I am on the 5th generation.

I am pleased to learn that you will likely be the new President of First Fam. S.C. We are lucky to have you. I will promote it here. I have a dear friend who originally came from S.C.. She has your Landgrave Thomas Smith lineage... and this is a fine one... This friend and I have the same ancestor in Gov. Morton. I have suggested First Families to her, but would she not need another person for sponsor? Her DAR Patriot is from S.C. and she has the Warings and Farr families as well as Edmund Bellinger.

When you write again, please tell me more about yourself and of Cora. The Rev. Dr. has me wondering about your status and your church affiliation. Here in our Methodist Church Conference, after about 30 years in the ministry, one who has been a District Pastor and has been connected with one of the six larger churches in the La. Conference, the DR. title is usually conferred upon him (or her). Some get the title by taking special short courses, and a very few attain this as a really true Doctorate of Divinity or special study.

Yes, I think maybe Ed Roberts has reservations about the newest Robert data. He still feels that they may have lived at sometime... way back... in Great Britain. He is constantly working on that puzzle. I did some research for him in the British Museum on one trip to England. ... on a Dr. Robert.

Could you tell me what denomination the Circular Congregational Church in Charleston might be? I think it could be Episcopalian or Presbyterian. Our great great grandfather Peyton was christened there and his parents were married in this church. Richard Henry Peyton, attorney, from Virginia, m. Anne (Wilkinson) Stobo, daughter of Morton Wilkinson (desc. from Gov. Morton).

My sister, Thelma, 14 months older, and living in Baton Rouge, is my only sibling. I do not know if I gave you any background on my family. I did have one brother who died in 1976 at the age of 58. He was a prosperous attorney. Maybe sometime Sis, Crystelle and I can get together and make one of the reunions. Crystelle wanted me to attend at the time she went and you met, but I could not make it then. She loves cousins like I do and is gungho on genealogy. I guess, though we are distant cousins, 3 1/2 times means we do have many of the same genes in our bloodstream. I am glad that you know how to figure that 3 1/2. I do not know that I have Lawton relations.

Many thanks for your offer to sponsor me for Col. Gov. and Col. Clergy. I Later, I might be interested in Col. Gov.

This week I am expecting to go to Baton Rouge to meet a 90 year old Riddle cousin of ours whom I have never seen. He is coming from Georgia to N. Orleans and wants to come to B. Rouge to see us. This should be quite interesting. This past year, I had the pleasure of meeting a Peyton Cousin whom I had never known or heard of. She is the National President of the Daughters of Colonial Wars. She also has the same Fowke line and has met Crystelle too. She was here in Monroe for a State visit. We learned of our connections. ~~It~~ was a real surprise to learn about her and to meet her too. Maybe you will be the next cousin I shall meet. I do hope so, though I doubt that it will be this year. Our Granddaughter graduates from Nursing School at Chattanooga State in June and we must be there, so that would probably prevent attending a reunion this year. Originally, Mike and I had planned to go to Germany to attend Rotary International there when we realized of the conflict with graduation. She reminded us of this in the fall.

This letter has grown much too long. I must save some for another writing.

You and Cora must plan a trip to Lovely Louisiana (all but our Governor) We would be so happy to have you for a visit at any time. Perhaps we can take you up on that Marriot Buffet... Sounds fabulous. I think that S.C. is very much like Louisiana and some of the food specialties are similar. I suppose that our ancestors travelled that long way to La. because they spoke French here and probably free ~~land~~ in Miss and here. I cannot imagine such a trek.

Now it is time to close and get to sleep.

Best regards from Mike and me.....

Your Cousin,

Audrey

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