

LeCompte, Louisiana  
August 20th, 1979

Dear Dr. Peebles:

Your letter is such a wonderful blessing to me - I have read it many times and treasure it greatly. Some day I hope to see the Huguenot Church in Charleston - we have never been to Charleston - we have only gone places that we "needed" to go for some specific purpose - never for genealogy or for human interest. But I feel that my life is changing rapidly, and I will be able to do all of these wonderful things that represent precious jewels in this life. Seeing Charleston and the Low Country are surely the highest on my list. I had heard & read of the Low Country but never knew where it was. This seems to be a world all its own - It is interesting that the Huguenots chose this area to settle in - and at such an early date.

So far I have not traced my Mary Richardson who was born in Louisiana 1810. There is a will in the Wilkerson County, Mississippi, Courthouse of one Mary DuBose who refers to her "granddaughter, Mary Richardson, daughter of my daughter and John Richardson". This was in 1814. If she was referring to my Mary Richardson (my g.g. grandmother) then I may have a Huguenot line - Somehow, I have always felt that Mary was of the Hardy Richardson line that came the Va., N.C., + Ga route - being in Bullock County @ 1800 when they soon came to La - But, in spite of all the search and the help from the researchers of many of these branches no one can find a Mary - So, she may be of this South Carolina Richardson line - They had the same names: William, Edward, John, Robert - our house is on the spot where Edward once lived and part of our house was built from his father, William's, house - Wm. accumulated this place from several smaller pieces when he moved here after the Civil War - My husband & I bought this place shortly after we married - It adjoins my daddy's place where I was born and raised -

2/ Mrs. Neperix has been very slow in answering - in fact, she had not answered since I sent the 10 additional proofs which connected me to the William Smith (d. 1710) line, on June 26th - But I received a letter from her last week. She plans to take my papers to the genealogist to review them - I was afraid she may be sick, but she said that she had had a house full of grand-children for most of the summer and had not done her usual routine - We are expecting our first grand child this week or next - So, maybe I will learn first hand how grandchildren can't take up a grand-parent's time -

It will take me some time to answer your letter completely - There are two Robert records I want to send to you - one is contained in a letter from Mrs Fisher, my Cousin - Smith Cousin - who lives in St. Mary's Parish - This Mary Eliz. Sanders is also, our Cousin - She has written many books - some, extracts from St. Mary's Parish early records - She and Mrs Esther Fisher were looking for my Rev. H.D.F. Roberts' grave for me and found some Rev. Robert graves - It is so sad to read of unkept graves - It is such a beautiful thing that you have established a plan for perpetual care for S.C. Robert graves - I feel sure that my local friends will be members of your Robert family will be delighted to hear the news of the book and the care for the graves of these early Saints - The book would be such a meaningful addition to our wonderful Genea. + Historical Library - I hope to see these friends in a few days - Somehow, with a hard patient husband, and a farm to make final decisions about, my genealogy research has gone forward without me - Thanks to you, for the Smith line; and thanks to Mr. Eldon Cox in Mexico for my Cox line -

The copies of letters will be sent under separate cover.  
My kindest regards.  
Edna Rush