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Dear Rev. Peeples:

This Spring in Cheneyville, I became the treasurer of the "Robert Family Reunion".

My ancestor was the Rev. Moses Hadley who married Anne Grimball Robert in South Carolina and then, moved with other souls to Mississippi.

As you know, there is some debate as to whether or not Captain Peter Robert went to Louisiana as Stafford relates or died in Mississippi. From information, I have, I believe it is the later.

The question is where CPR and other early settlers buried. I did find that the Baptist Church in Woodville, MS dates from 1798 which indicates they may have had the services and early burials. I am in the process of checking this out. I do know where Moses was buried.

I have not been to Charleston Area for sometime; but believe I would like to after the holidays.

The major source I have for my line has come from Stafford who did a large amount of gathering information if one looks at the references. I have found errors in the work; but I certainly cannot fault him for that.

I have a great interest in finding the origins of the Grimball Family. It appears the first Grimball in South Carolina was well connected since the colony endeavored to bring persons of substance into the West India enterprise. I would like to spend sometime in the library in Charleston researching this line.

I have noticed that "Robert" can be found in France and England. I have always thought it odd that they were in Switzerland unless they may have been there due to religious persecution.

I note that my line married French women. Do we have a line on the origins of some of the French who came over with Pierre Robert ?

I have wondered and you may know the all the children Moses Hadley who were born in South Carolina. It seems he had more than I can account for as I have several years between Mary Hadley and the next child. There could have been miscarriages.

Do hope you and your wife are well. I would appreciate your comments on the Hadleys, Grimballs, and the emigrant French.

Best Personal Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael J. Kelly".

Rev. Michael J. Kelly