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Dear Dr. Peeples:

I read your letter with interest and have thought I would like to do some geneology work on the Roper family, which seems to keep getting shoved aside because of other pressing responsibilities. Consequently, I doubt if I can be of much help to you at this time.

I will share a few facts which may be of interest to you. I have been told by others who have interest in the Roper heritage that originally there were two brothers who came to America from England and that one settled in Virginia and one in South Carolina. Of course, I have not verified that information.

My family came from Pickens County, South Carolina. I was born in the Oolenoy Community near Pumpkintown in 1939. My father was T. L. Roper. He had several brothers and sisters. My great-great grandfather was Tyre Lewis Roper, and he was the pastor of Oolenoy Baptist Church for 38 years in the 1800's. There are many Roper names on the headstones in the Oolenoy Baptist Church cemetery.

I have not ever run across the name of Agnes Roper, although it is likely she was a part of my family geneology. The only one I know who might be able to give you valuable information on the Roper family is my aunt (father's sister), Mrs. Jackson (Bertie) Lynch, who lives above Pickens near Table Rock State Park. I believe you might be able to get more information by calling her, perhaps sometime when you are in the area, than by writing. Her telephone number is 803-878-4638. She would be very cooperative if she had any information.

Enclosed are some facts on the Oolenoy-Pumpkintown area which come from a book done by Bert Reece, a distant relative of mine, a few years ago. She lived in the area until she died.

Thank you for writing and if you ever are in Greenville, look me up! I would be glad to talk to you further.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Roper