

LeCompte, Louisiana

September 18th, 1982

Dear Dr. Peeples:

Almost all of last year was spent working on the History of our Church. I researched and wrote this 100 year history, also, did the ink drawings of each of the buildings that the Church had ever used - In my search I found several very wonderful personal records - including the organizing of a branch of the Church near Tramway - and in the house where I was born and raised - So that was interesting - also, that my Methodist grandmother (whose father Seaborn Hyde was a Methodist minister) was baptized in the Red River and became a Baptist - So, I found some real treasures as well as presenting the Church a documentary of events in the 100 yr. history - I, also, had it printed and bound as the Church had not placed this item in its budget. Such a busy year.

But Mr. Ed. Roberts wrote me that you had published a paper on the Smith Family - or book - I can't recall - and I naturally wondered if it might include my William whose 1792 will in Bartholomews Parish lists daughter Elizabeth and his nephew James Smith & niece Mary Goss. I would like, if possible, to trace this family so as to have it included in a book of lineages of early St. Mary's Parish settlers - (La. in 1819) - Mary Elizabeth Sanders has published the early records and Cemeteries of St. Mary's and when I last heard from her she is thinking of publishing the lineages of these early settlers - But that is not my primary purpose - I really just want to know who these people really were - and something of their lives,

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If this publication is for sale please let me know the price and will be glad to send for one - But, actually, I doubt if my Wm. is of the Landgrave family - and I believe I remember that that is your line. Most of these early families married the other early families and there might have been an early connection to the Landgrave family.

Probably this "nephew James Smith & niece Mary Goss" will be the determining factor - as I believe someone from S. C. wrote that that was an "established" line -

I hope that you and Mrs. Peeples are well and enjoying this early fall weather -

My kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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