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Dear Rev. Dr. Peeples,

Your book with informative letter and Landgrave lineage with picture arrived yesterday. Thank you for such a prompt response. Don't know what I expected, but the book is larger than visualized and I am much impressed with the quality of writing, the ambition of the work and the good humor and purpose of the author. I am happily browsing before reading it from cover to cover.

Am honored by your invitation to join the FF of SC Society and gladly accept. However, I may not qualify unless you have conditional or such <sup>other</sup> memberships.

Do not believe I explained my SMITH interest. My husband's maternal grandmother was a SMITH from Uchee, Russell Co, AL. Her grandfather - Col. WILKINS SMITH migrated to the Uchee, AL area with brothers, sisters and neighbors from Hancock Co, GA c1838. His father - GEORGE W(ILKINS or WASHINGTON) SMITH m. TABITHA \_\_\_\_\_ ? before 1805. Col WILKINS SMITH was their first born in 1805. 5 of Col. WILKINS children (8) were b. in Hancock Co. GEO. W. died in Hancock Co in 1826. He left a will naming his wife and children - typically SMITH - assorted abstract versions are copied & recopied in various compilations. . . with errors.

I do not know Tabitha's maiden name, parents or siblings or origin. I do not know GEO Ws parents, siblings, place of origin, age at death & whether or not he was a revolutionary soldier. I figure he was b. c1750 on. I do know he owned over 2,000 acres at one point and had some slaves.

Through a genealogical query sent to societies in Eastern AL. I made contact with one of my husband's unknown cousins who eagerly welcomed a fellow family searcher even though we aren't quite family. Tainted blood. It seems my husband's grandmother refused to marry the man her father selected and she had the gall to run off and marry a BREEDLOVE. She was unforgivingly disowned forever. She and her husband died in their mid-forties. Their children had some contact with a bro & sister of the mother - the grandchildren - virtually no contact. Disowned is disowned.

The ALA. Smith tradition on first contact was they were descendants of the early SMITH Governor in SC. That was over five years ago and I have trod many a thorny primrose path since. My eventual conclusion has been they really don't know and I have wasted much time and money following their red herrings.

Failing to succeed with orderly backward research progression, I jumped back to the Landgraves & other early SC SMITHS and attempted to move forward - without success. I cannot prove or disprove an ALA connection to the LG SMITHS. Both are equally possible. Can't give them up and can't claim them.

Meanwhile I have also scoured NC, VA, MD, PA, GA, TN SMITHS. Since SMITHS are endless, there is still much scouring to do.

Am now trying to build a house of cards on the name WILKINS SMITH which truly seems to be a rare given & surname combination. When I first started in genealogy I quickly learned the UNUSUAL names I found were as common as fleas - Ephraim, Josephus, Hekeziah. This will be EASY, I thought, - these names will stand out & wave flags at me. Wrong! But one does not find ten WILKIN(S) SMITH in every county in every state. To date, I have uncovered 5 (not counting their descendants named WILKIN(S) ). Have also found marriages of WILKINS to SMITHS but never in the right time frame.

In RICHMOND/COLUMBIA/WARREN Cos, GA, a THOS SMITH d. 1790 (same land, county changes). His exor was wife and son WILKINS SMITH. This WILKINS m. 1793, had 1st born James 1794/5 and by 1798 was living in Edgefield Co, SC. He too had a son wilkins who had a son Wilkins, etc. THOS left will. *some of his descendants moved to Jefferson Co. FIA.* My GEO. W's firstborn was WILKINS b. 1805 Hancock Co. The Wilkins name has passed through his succeeding generations.

ALA. SMITHS attempted to create this descent - THOS, his WILKINS, GEO. W., his WILKINS. Initially I accepted this but one day I woke up. WILKINS of THOS m 1793 - GEO W who m. c1804 could not

possibly be the son of WILKINS unless WILKINS was much older than will indicated and his m. was a 2d one. Even DAR agrees and does not accept this lineage from one of the ALA. Smiths.

Nevertheless - there may be some family connection due to the use of the given name WILKINS. They were the only two in that area & in the state, in the same period.

Recent correspondence from an Indiana researcher brings up possibly a 3d WILKINS b. c1813 BIBB Co, GA. This family also went to a different area in ALA, then by 1840 to LAUDERDALE Co, MS where she has found a SMITH searcher who has accomplished miracles with her line. Unfortunately keeps changing given names - states Her WILKINS in MS is found in the records as William, Richard & Simkin. So I'm not sure she really has a WILKINS. Cousin Annie's book has been mentioned through the MS source.

SAMUEL SMITH in Carteret Co, NC left a will naming a son WILKINS c1800. This Wilkins also on 1820 census. No other info seems available. Have found a WILKINS LEWIS in same co 1850 census.

And a WILKINS SMITH on 1810 census PRINCE GEORGE Co, VA. No other info. And there were WILKINS families in SC. So I try to find a common denominator among these contemporary tho scattered WILKINS.

Do I qualify for membership?

Another correspondent from TN of the Millwood/Elwart line sent me pp84-91 from Cousin Annie's book - apparently the original ed. since it does not have the correction notes my book has. She claims descent from the LGs through JAMES LAURENS SMITH & again through JESSE MILLWOOD who m. Jame's dau Elizabeth - stating JESSE MILLWOOD is a proven ggg/son of LG Thos<sup>1</sup>. I have never been comfortable with JAMES LAURENS SMITH being the son of JAMES<sup>3</sup> Thos<sup>2</sup> LG THOS<sup>1</sup>. Dates I have for James<sup>3</sup> are b. 13 Aug 1715, d. 3 Jan 1736 at age 20½. Yes, he could have been m & left a child or post-humous child but surely - in that period of fairly good records, there would be some record.

Nor do I believe GEO<sup>2</sup> SMITH was a doctor. Other men who WERE doctors are mentioned in records as Dr \_\_\_\_\_. George is not. BALDWIN - FIRST SETTLERS OF SC 1670-1700, 1985 obtained her info from records and lists GEORGE SMITH son of THOS<sup>1</sup>, arr 1684 as - INDIAN TRADER, CAPTAIN, MERCHANT, GENTLEMAN, member of Commons House of Assembly. THOS<sup>1</sup> had all these medical supplies and he wasn't a doctor. No records have been found to estab. attendance and graduation from a medical school in Edinburgh. Besides, he m. Dorothy Archar before 1700 in Jamaica. It took time to travel the high seas then, to court & woo - when did he study & attend classes? But the basic facts are the medical supplies, equipment & books of THOS<sup>1</sup> were standard basic household & espec. Plantation first aid kits. It was a necessity. Part of it went to THOS<sup>2</sup> & nobody says he was a doctor. Chirurgeon equipment was the primitive forerunner of modern Orthopods. Chirurgeons often were part of a ships crew - they learned their TRADE thru apprenticeship and they took care of broken bones, amputations, rotten teeth, etc. The accidents of work & life.

p165 Henry Smith (Thos<sup>2</sup>) & Elizabeth Ball are credited with 9 children. Henry, in his will, names ~~his~~ his two living children by his first marriage and refers to his 4 DAUS by his 2d marriage. p184 speaks of Elizabeth Ball Smith being sad and lonely with only her 4 BAUS about her . . . I mention these not in criticism but as differences between my findings & those in book.

Wind me up and I do go on. Never did believe in BARBARA SCHENCKINGH, the beautiful German Baroness. My recent preference for 1st wife of THOS was: - JOAN & JANE DABNEY were sisters and daus of a clothier. Joan m THOS<sup>1</sup> & JANE m Aaron Atkins. Thos & Jane d. - Joan & Aaron m. Somewhere I have some church & baptism records which seems to support this. Maybe this is too neat. Don't know what to think now. I'll stay loose!

No where is Edith Waring (that I have found) referred to as Edith Elizabeth - not even in WARING Genealogy. I personally believe Elizabeth who is named as wife in will of ARCHAR is a 2d wife I have not pursued trying to prove this.

And I am confused - still - even with your chart over the name of father of Thos<sup>1</sup>. I have found it to be Thos<sup>1</sup> in most of my research, JOHN or JOHN THOMAS from others. Capt. John of Pocohantas fame who as far as I know d. unhappy, lonely and alone in a room in London.

Most interested in finding Gen Edmund Kirby-Smith p467. Through the years, my mother-in-law has always said she descended from him Or he was an ancestor. His picture was said to hang in the capitol at Montgomery. No one currently seems to know about that portrait at the capitol. I wonder if the portrait might have been of EPHRAIM SMITH, the General's brother. EPHRAIM was the first federal or territorial judge of AL and d. soon after taking office. Do have info on these SMITHS but have not aggressively continued research since I found nothing to indicate Ephraim was a highly regarded lawyer & left a body of writings (legal) which remain legal standards today.

a relationship - which is not to say there isn't one. Don't think it was thru the Smiths.

You may hear from a Linda Cheek in Easley, SC. She has several SMITH lines - one being a Christopher of SC. I probably will loan my copy since she has been trying to help me locate this book. And she will probably want to have a copy for herself.

I really appreciate your lovely informative letter and the lineage/picture you included. Apologize for the length of my response and spelling errors. Broke my right wrist in Nov and it still plays tricks with me.

Are the corrections in my copy made by the society? It is very nice to see an effort to update & correct and I like seeing the corrections with the original work. I wish someone would do that with the du Bellet material. I totally agree with Miss Annie that it is time (even 60 years later) to dispose of the Smith errors and mythology.

When I ~~first~~<sup>first</sup> found some meaty good Smith material (DuBellet, H.A.M. Smith's Baronies & several others) I made a 6 foot spread sheet of lines and generations along with data found in books. Now I can say that discarded sheet was hilarious. I have never seen such a confusion of contradictions and variance of "facts".

A SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY: MILLS - SMITH and Related lines by Laurens Tenney Mills & others seems to be a well researched & proven book. Perhaps it would be good to make a list of WORTHY research books. I have not found Arthur M Smith's book on the Exeter Smiths nor Compton Reade's book available locally. Can you suggest a source? I would love to read those.

Sincerely yours,

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I think it is impossible to write an error free genealogy book - if the author doesn't err at least once - the printer surely will.

re. above: Have not concerned myself with pre-colony pedigrees + research - no point until I can "prove" + solve my 1750-1800 gap.