

Lecompte, Louisiana
August 24th, 1979

Dear Dr. Peeples:

Please advise me what ^{to} do at this point. Mrs. Nepuey has had my papers since Nov. 1, 1978. They were complete through William Smith of Bartholomew Parish. Also, a Dalton line - but during this time I found records to support the Benjamin Smith, William Smith (d-1710) Connection. Mrs. Nepuey has searched 20 hours @ 5.00 since that Nov. 1st date - She found the 23 Feb. 1765 Wm. Smith and Elizabeth Dalton marriage in St. Bartholomew's Parish - (S.C. Hist. & Genea. Mag. II p. 28) - But now to decide that Benjamin Smith had no children is very disappointing to me - From the start she stated that some Smith records were conflicting. To conclude on what appears to be a questionable record has left me with a very sad heart. I wanted to finish this line before starting on the Richardson line.

Almost as if it were providentially sent to comfort me comes the letter from Frances Pevey of Cat Spring Texas. She moved out to her son's farm after her heart attack. He is an orthopedic surgeon at the Medical Center in Houston & commutes to work. Besides having sons who are doctors we have several lines in common. She has joined the Huguenot Society on the Richardson Du Bose line - I have not traced my Richardson Du Bose line yet - have not gotten on the right track - which she is confident is her own. She loans "Our Family Circle" by Miller and sent me several pages from it as reference - I must remember to check if it is in our library - But I want one for myself and am enclosing 27⁵⁰ If there is a mailing cost in excess of 1.50 please

21. let me know.

In genealogy it is as important to know if a line is not true as to know that it is true. Truth is the objective. And that is what I feel is established in my records of this line. But I am anxious to have them correctly adjusted if that is proven positively to be the right procedure.

Whatever the outcome, I am very anxious to use good judgment at this point. While I may find that I am eligible for Dist Families on other lines I feel that this line is my "Special Baby" & I would so love to have it handled with care. These ancestors have become dear to me, and I cannot discard them at this point.

Thank you so very much for your wisdom on this problem.

Sincerely,
Ethna Rush