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Dear Dr. Peeples:

After trying a few times to reach you by phone, I decided it might be best to write.

First of all, I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of "Our Family Circle", and I am sure you have received my check by now, dated, October 12, 1989, for \$27.50 on check number 4174. The book, and my check apparently crossed in mail. Thank you for being so prompt. I also wish to thank you for your enclosed letter and lineage for Landgrave Thomas Smith. As you know, most of this lineage is listed in Vol. IV "The Compendium of American Genealogy", by Frederick A. Virkus, but long under controversy by many historians, so naturally, I have a few specific questions that I need to ask.

- (1) Do you have any new documentation of the father of the First Landgrave Thomas Smith? Do you have the listed John Smith's will; marriage; or a listing of his children, etc.,?
- (2) Do you believe him to be the John Smith that was a Cassique in South Carolina? There are some members of the South Carolina Historical Society, who say that this particular John Smith, Cassique, had no children, and was definitely not the father of Landgrave I. Do you have the proof that they are wrong...or, is your John Smith (1611-1670), another John Smith, and if so, which John Smith, and to whom did he marry, and where did you get his death date? I hope you don't mind my asking these necessary questions. In order for me to believe that the John Smith listed as a son of Sir Nicholas Smith on the "Smythe of Exeter" chart in The Visitations of County Devon...is indeed the father of Landgrave I, (Thomas Smith), I need the link that ties father and son together. On the Smythe of Exeter chart, John was listed as the 3rd son of Sir Nicholas Smith and Dorothy Horsey-ca. 10 in 1620, living in 1630..(which does conform with your birthdate of 1611...but on this chart, there is no marriage or descendancy, or death date, so it is obvious that any information on this John Smith (son of Sir Nicholas Smith), has to be found elsewhere. Apparently, you have found such proof, and, if so, I hope you will share that information with me.

As you know, on the Smythe of Exeter chart, the Smith + Muttleberie and Montague family descent is listed. In my research, I took note that Vol. IV of The Compendium

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of American Genealogy, by Virkus, has accidentally skipped a generation of Montagues...and that generation is John Montague who married Maude, daughter of Sir Adam Francis, Kt. John Montague and Maude Francis should be listed as # 12. on your lineage chart as the parents of 13. Robert (Robertus) Montague, whom you say married Mary of Devon. The marriage of John Montague (son of John Montague and Margaret Monthermer), to Maude Francis is confirmed in other records, as well as the "Smythe of Exeter" chart. I assume that you have a copy of the Smythe of Exeter Chart from "The Visitations of County Devon".

Now, another contradiction I noticed was in the information on the John Smith who married Alice Muttleberie. In Exeter chart this John Smith is stated of Borage, Sheriff of Exeter 1565...Mayor 1567. Virkus Vol. IV says that Devon Visitations had erroneously used "of Burrige" (probably another spelling of Borage) to describe where John was from, and that it should be of Holditch in Thornecombe Co., Somersetshire, and your lineage chart says the same as Virkus. Of even greater concern in this information on John.....you have him deceased, (ob. 1560), and the Devon Visitations (Smythe chart), have him as Sheriff in 1565 and Mayor 1567...both offices which would have taken place after John Smith's (of Holditch) death in 1560. So it appears that this John Smith who married Alice Muttleberi, is somewhat in question, or at least has conflicting information. Do you have information that might clear up this contradiction between Virkus and Devon Visitations? These are the important details that keep us all checking and re-checking our facts- and admittedly, I'm like a dog with a bone, in searching for the full truth.

I would appreciate any documentation, or sources, you have to clear up my questions above, so I can truly get excited about the lineage of our common ancestor, Landgrave Thomas Smith I, to Charlemagne. There is no doubt in my mind, if the Muttleberie + Bevin + Montague line belongs to us through our Thomas Smith, that we, indeed, have many lines to Charlemagne..as it is well documented!

Another final question I have...Can I use my own lineage, that I had worked out myself, rather than the exact lineage you sent to me? You will see that it will still be through the de Roos (Ros) family back to Henry, Earl of Huntington and wife, Ada de Warenne (Warren), who quickly goes back to Emperor Charlemagne, and his ancestor, Charles Martel. I have all the necessary sources and documentation for the lineage I would send in to the First Families.... if I can first of all have my questions in this letter answered, with some documentation of proof concerning the

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John Smith who is supposed to be the father of First Landgrave Thomas Smith by your listing.

I appreciate your kind letter, and the picture of Thomas Smith I. Pictures are always very vital to a history..and I love this one! Your offer to sponsor me in my application to the First Families, is greatly appreciated, and I will happily accept your offer, if I can prove to myself, with your help, that we have attached our Thomas Smith I to the correct Smith family. I have had all this Smith, Muttleberi, etc., information in my records for years waiting for definite proof!

Thank you again for your letter! I look forward to hearing from you....and what your answers to my questions will be.

Sincerely,



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