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Dear Robert,

Thanks for your interesting letter of July 17 with explanations about Heywards and your ancestor, Landgrave Thomas Smith. I'm recuperating but still slightly weak from a couple of weeks of illness which has delayed much necessary work--the occupation of which has to be done. It should take probably a month, also delaying my application to TSFFSC.

For my application to your good Society, I have in type the papers necessary with applicable paragraphs or sections, identifying the place recorded, number and page of wills, real estate transfers and miscellaneous records which tell and show my descendantcy. However, unless I misunderstand the requirements, it seems I may have to go back to the Probate and RMC offices, look up the records and have copies made, whether each are one page or seven, to include with the application. A copy of this letter is being sent to Ms. Heins hopeful she may advise me that what I have (above) and can furnish, with essential references, may be sufficient. Please excuse the misspelling of descendant.

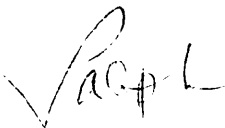
You are so right that my British correspondent, Anne Wadley, is not a descendant of the 4th Colleton Baronet, Sir John, though she does descend from his brother, Robert--both grandsons of Sir John, the 3rd Baronet. And from Robert's wife and cousin, she also descends from my ancestor, Charles Colleton. Robert, born in 1713, married Anne, James Colleton's (the one killed by Indians) only child, granddaughter of Charles. Their son, James Nassau Colleton became the sixth Baronet.

It's been over a month since my order to England for a Colleton coat-of-arms, with a second request for hurry. If it finally comes in, I know a photographic shop where I believe a large print can be made if you still want one. Please let me know the approximate size that will suffice.

How you accomplished all the research activity with copies of needed papers with over forty qualifying ancestors is beyond me. It must have taken you years. With your permission, I would certainly like to keep in touch, as you've not only become a good friend but are truly a genealogical professional-master.

Jane joins with our best wishes--and to Miss Cora.

Respectfully,



documentation would be
notarized