

Copy of excerpts from an original letter which Cousin Rosalie Howell showed me when she visited me in 1963 and said I could copy it. EKS

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119 Beaufain Street
c/o R. Barton Scarpa
Charleston, S.C.
May 12th, 1921

"Miss Rosalie Howell,
Villa Martherite, City

My dear Kinswoman-

In giving you some of my SMITH data - I did not give you this-
In the Harper Magazine of Dec. 1875 - the writer of the article made many mistakes; there were three Thomas Smiths, also several Smith homes. This accounts for the errors. I can see my Aunt, Mrs. Mary Edith Smith Johnson laughing now. (She passed beyond Aug. 8th, 1910, saying - 'Everyone buying the Harpers Magazine - with all of its many mistakes', and 'for the pleasure of having my old Grandfather's (Thomas Smith's) Portrait or picture! 'My Grandfather being passed as his Grandfather Thomas Smith'. Now I feel this magazine article should be corrected. The 2nd Landgrave Thomas Smith, born 1670. Died 1738, mar. 1st in 1690; mar. 2nd Mary Hyrne 1713; and their son Henry Smith, born 1727, died 1780, mar. 1st in 1753 Ann Filbein, born 1736, died 1762, - and their son Thomas Smith born 1757, died 1821, was First Lieut. in the War of the Revolution. He was married to his cousin Edith Smith, whose parents lived at Palmetto"

Thomas Smith and Edith Smith's son was George Henry Smith, mar. 1st to _____; mar. 2nd to Eliza F. Lockwood. George Henry Smith and his family lived at 'Westoe' Plantation, most of the time. After George Henry Smith's death in 1848, the widow came to Charleston - about 1850, Mrs. George Henry Smith renovated the old Smith mansion at the Old Goose Creek Plantation, and resided there. Mrs. Eliza F. Smith, the widow, then called it 'Yeamans Hall', she liked the name.

The second Landgrave Thomas Smith, born 1670, purchased the land from the widow of Sir John Yeamans. Smith then built his family mansion - basement, first and second stories. No one but the Smiths and their descendants have ever lived in it. It was injured by the earthquake of 1886, and a few years later, was burned. The widow of Thomas Henry Smith, my Uncle, sold it, many years later on.

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During the Revolution valuables were placed in 'Paul's hole'. During the 'War between the States' my Father, Dr. W.S. Brown hid valuables in 'Paul's hole'. After the War, when he went up to Yeamans Hall to get the valuables, on entering the great large Hall, the fireplace was full of burnt paper, and two hair bound trunks with valuable papers were broken up, and lying to one side. Looking into the hearth, he saw a paper that was NOT injured, and on opening it found it was THE DEED, MAKING THOMAS SMITH, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF CAROLINA in 1693. When he brought it to the City my Grandmother, Mrs. George Henry Smith, gave it to him.

In Harper's Magazine is also this Statement: That Barbara Smith was buried on the Back River Place. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE SHE WAS BURIED. NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THOMAS SMITH, LANDGRAVE AND GOVERNOR BUILT THE HOME ON BACK RIVER. THE Landgrave and Governor is BURIED ON THAT PLANTATION. "

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END Landgrave Thomas Smith and many of his descendants are buried at "the old Goose Creek Plantation - since been called 'Yeamans Hall'

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from Mrs.Leize F.B.Lockwood(1921)
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"No tombstone - just cedar post used to mark the spot in the S.E. part of the present brick inclosure that was put up, by Mrs.George Henry Smith. My Grandmother stated to me that she knew that there are many more graves (not mounds) between the House and the inclosure, but - that she really could not put up a longer brick fence, but there was a flower garden - to the front and BACK of the house, with shrubs, and jonquils and all of the old time flowers.

With kindest regards from:

Leize F.B.Lockwood

Telephone 2563-J.

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