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Dear Cousins:

What a heart-warming occasion it was to meet so many hitherto unknown members of our distinguished ancestor. I think all of us felt a thrill of pride at our connection with him and what he stood for.

The event will long be remembered by all of us. My only regret is that Edward Jernent (Spartanburg) couldn't be with us - he would have enjoyed it so keenly. He, besides myself, is the person in the Jernent branch, most interested in the Smith genealogy. He has collected a number of books, letters, documents and papers dealing with the subject. My work on the book continues slowly - so much of the research must be done at the Chapel

Hill unit of the University of N.C. some fifty-odd miles away. None of the libraries in Greensboro own a set of the S.C. Historical and Genealogical Magazines. While in Charleston on Monday and Tuesday I spent as much time as I could in the fine County Library so close to the hotel.

I was surprised to find a reference to a third marriage of Dr. George Smith, second son of the 2nd land grave - according to the Crimball records. When I spoke to Feila Miles she said it had not been proven. I ran across it when hunting for the name of the second wife of Dr. George, son (younger) of the first land grave. So far I have been unsuccessful. But I do know he was married after his first wife's death in 1732.

Another puzzle I ran into concerns a George Smith who in 1801 married

Esther Channer and had baptized
within the next few years three
children all bearing "Smith" given
names. Somewhere there must
have been a George Smith no one
seems to have claimed. The reference
was listed in the Magazine under
George A. Z. Smith and George Archer
Smith. The A-Z puzzles me - what
I wonder was its significance?

The whole celebration, thanks to
you two was thoroughly enjoyable
and you deserve the gratitude of
all of us who were pleased to be a small
part of it. I'm sure you should be
gratified at its success.

My best wishes to you both
and affectionate regards.

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