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Dear Robert:

Thank you so much for your fascinating letter. I am so grateful for your taking so much time and trouble to send me so much information. I am overwhelmed indeed!

I am called Bill and would be happy if you would call me so. I was born in El Paso in 1928. My father was an attorney in El Paso where he moved from Las Cruces in 1915. He was a fine Christian gentleman who passed away in 1976 at age 88. My mother was born in Iowa in 1886 and met my father in Las Cruces in about 1908 where she was vacationing with her mother. I attended Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago after attending college in El Paso. I graduated in 1950 and had my surgical training at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. I returned to El Paso in 1960 and have been in solo practice since. My first marriage produced three fine children and ended in divorce after 19 years. I remarried and adopted my second wife, Karen's, son and we just had a son born 10 months ago. We belong to the original Episcopal church and I am a vestryman and lay reader.

First, of course, I am so interested to learn that our family can possibly be traced back through Landgrave Thomas Smith to the 13th century. I will indeed get the references you mentioned and see if I can learn anything about the Smith-Monck-Granville situation.

I thank you for mentioning the societies that I am eligible for and your kindness in offering to sponsor me. I have recently become a member of NSSAR (my father was a member) and have recently sent an application to the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. I had no sponsor but used OFC as a reference and have been informed that my application is being considered. I would very much like to join the Society of First Families of South Carolina, the Descendants of The Colonial Clergy and the Descendants of The Colonial Governors and your sponsorship would be deeply appreciated. Just out curiosity, what is the Chatham Artillery? I have a ggg-grandfather, Isaac Middlebrooks, who was in the Siege of Savannah and is said to have helped carry the wounded Count Pulaski from the battlefield.

I am so interested in the information you gave about Sarah Daniel's family. Do you know anything about James Erwin's ancestors? All I know is what is in OFC which, of course, leaves his connection with Nathaniel Irwin ambiguous. I have also wondered if James Erwin was in Francis Marion's Brigade and have wondered the same thing about John Robert who according to OFC was a Revolutionary soldier but no details are given.

I will write Robert Willingham III at once and send my dues to the Lawton and Allied Families Association. I would love to attend some day. I am also going to ask him for copies of your addresses and Dr. Inabinett's. Which historic family cemeteries are maintained by these funds and which, if any, of my ancestors' grave sites are known?

You mentioned that one of our Huguenot ancestors is Jacques de Bourdeaux. I presume he was the father of Judith who married Pierre Robert, Jr. Do you have any information on him?

I have tried to identify "cousin Lizzie Wade" but without success. My sources include, besides OFC, Waid-Wade-Waide and Wade Ancestors and Related Families by Mrs. H. Jeff Wade of Butte City, Missouri and History of Brooks County, Georgia by Folks Huxford. I take it that you do not know whether Wade was her married name or where she lived.

If I am able to learn anything in the future, I will surely let you know.

I wish you and Miss Cora a blessed New Year.

Warm Regards,



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