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Dear Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peoples

Goodness time flies past me. I received your letter about the Townsends of Edisto the last of March and planned an early reply but it is now June.

My wife has kept me busy going to doctors and the dentist along with doing the chores of grocery shopping, etc. I have some Charleston furniture which I am trying to evaluate and determine whether to sell or give to the Charleston Museum or others if it is acceptable. I obtained Mr E. Milby Burton's book Charleston Furniture 1700-1825 as an aid but I need to research further as the book didn't help much in style and in evaluation. Mother had said that some of the furniture was made at Bleak Hall and some in Charleston. She sold some to a Greenville dealer when I brought she and Daddy down to finish their years at my house.

I purchased Seige Train, Edited by Warren Ripley, to get some information on the Confederate battles on Jame's and John's Islands since my Grandfather Daniel Townsend Smith was in the Washington Artillery along the Charleston and Savannah Bailroad near Jacksonboro and the Islands. He maintained a detail diary from the time the boys closed the College in Columbia and went to war until the surrender near Greensboro, N.C.; and his return to Greenville, S.C. where great grandfather Thomas Peter Smith had removed from Charleston during the war. I hope to publish his diary in a year or so. I must hand copy it first because paper was difficult to obtain during the war and he wrote over some school notes and with very small lettering. I also need to establish the beginning of his unit of the Washington Artillery.

The Winter 1966 Carologue, P-3, had the Founding Father of Greenville by Roy McBee Smith so I purchased the book Vardry McBee, Man of Reason in an Age of Extremes: A History of the Settlement of the Carolina Piedmont. It covers Greenville, S.C. and Lincolnton, N.C, areas quite well. Vardry McBee got my

Great Grand father John Adams ( 1809 -1891 )to build his mills and factories. So I have devoted some of my time to my Adams Family. A newspaper article on John Adams is enclosed. I enjoy very much Our Family Circle as I read and reread it. I puzzle about geneology of Sabina de Vignon, Anna Cornelia Van Myddagh, and Jean d' Arsens, Signeur Wernhaut, both Dutch Ladies and Jean d' Arsens, Belgium in Our Family Circle and Jean d' Arsens is said to be from Bretagne (France) in Carolina Gardens. When and from where did they come from to arrive at Charleston? Do you know of any writings concerning their origins? Is there any writings on the Schenchingh family?

Thank you very much for the information on The Daniel Townsends of the South Carolina Islands, SHARGOUL, and the section of Charleston termed Cannonborough.

I wish you and Miss Cora the best.

Respectfully Your Cousin,

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