

Rt. Box 316
Hilton Head Island, S. C., 29928
March 23, 1967

Dear "Cousin",

You and your family are invited, as decendants of Honorable Thomas Smith, Governor of Carolina 1693-1694, Landgrave and Cacique of Carolina to participate in the erection of an Historical Memorial Marker, at the site of his town house, in Charleston, S. C., at the corner of East Bay Street and Longitude Lane. The only present memorial to this Colonial worth is a Highway marker, some miles North of Charleston, indicating the location of his home and grave, Back River Plantation, "Medway". The proposed Charleston marker has the approval of the S. C. Department of Archives and of the Mayor and City Council of Charleston. It is sponsored by the S. C. Society of Colonial Dames of XVII Century, The Tison Family Association, and a Committee which consists of the following members: Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, Chairman; Mrs. Dan A. McCormick, Co-Chairman; C. Norwood Hastie, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. W. V. Moreck, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert E. McNair, wife of the Governor of South Carolina; Wilson Tison and W. Walter Tison, past President and President of the Tison Family Association; Mrs. Joh L. (Bessie Miller) Lobingier, daughter of "Cousin Annie" Miller, who first proposed such a marker in her book "Our Family Circle" about the descendants of Landgrave Thomas Smith; Maj. Betty Frank Coy, (USMC Ret.); Mrs. Ben Hendricks; Mrs. Gustave Kalber; and the Hon. C. B. Berry, Mayor of Crescent Beach, S. C.

After the dedication of the marker, a Master list of names and addresses of the descendants of the Landgrave, participating in this memorial, will be placed in the Archives of South Carolina. These must come from you. It is proposed that each contribution to the marker be only \$1.00 per person (living or deceased) to be inscribed on this list, child-grands and greats. Send your list and a check made payable to "Gov. Thomas Smith Memorial Committee" to Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, at the above address, by April 30, 1967. Also, please give him name and address of any descendants, whom you know, who may not be aware of this project, so that a letter may be sent to them. We want no one left out.

After the marker is erected, appropriate ceremonies for the unveiling will be held, at the site. All who participate in the project will be notified, and invited to attend. It has been arranged that "Medway" home of Governor Smith, will be opened to all descendants, on the day of the unveiling of the marker, through the courtesy of Mrs. LeGendre, the present owner.

Our hope is that many of these scattered descendants may meet each other and renew blood-ties of love, and loyalty to the memory of our revered ancestor, who contributed, so ably, to the founding of our beloved country.

Warmest greetings to you and yours from "Cousins"

Robert
Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, Chairman

Sara Gray
Mrs. Dan A. McCormick, Co-Chairman
Governor Thomas Smith Memorial Committee