

Smith

Rowland, N.C.
April 27, 1976

Mr. Robert Peeples
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Dear Mr. Peeples,

My Mother, Sara Gray McCormick, has asked me to write to you for her. She has been hospitalized since June of 1974 when she had knee surgery for severe arthritis. The operations were complete failures and she has been unable to walk ever since. In February of 1975 she suffered a stroke which has left her completely helpless. She does move her left ^{hand} a little but cant turn herself in bed. or stand on her feet. She is now in the extended care unit of the Lumberton hospital where I have a "sitter" with her from 7-3 p.m. to tend her daily needs and I try to go over several afternoons weekly to "assist" thro the supper hour. When I am not there, a hall nurse tends to her. In spite of all this, her spirits stay fine and she is, as always, a real inspiration to me.

Now for the matter at hand. Recently, Mrs. R.E. Smith, president of Colonial Dames XVII Century (Pee Dee chapter) wrote in regard to a letter she had from Miss Mattie Ruth Trube, National Ch. of Geneological Inquiries, asking if the descendents of Landgrave Thomas Smith would be interested in placing a Colonial Grave - Marker on his grave. Several have expressed interest in this project. Since Mother had worked with you on the other Smith project, she wanted Mother to contact you, as it is our impression that some money was left from the former project. We are wondering about the possibility of securing that toward this new venture. Could you please send us a financial report of the old fund, amount left, etc. so we might think further on this new suggestion. There might be a chance to get some or all of this transferred to this new project.

If you dont mind, when you send the report to me, please send a copy to the treasurer, Mrs. W.E. Moreck, Box 1581- 6 Ramsey Dr. Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577.

There would have to be lots of follow up done on this project, but my immediate responsibility was to write, for Mother, and find out just what money might be available in the marker fund. I will appreciate hearing from you about this as soon as possible. Mother has discussed this with me, and asked me to write to you and that I send her special greetings to you and to "Miss Cora".

Sincerely,
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