

Oct. 15, 1945.

Mr. Robert E. H. Peebles

~~27887~~ 9 moon Shell Road  
Hilton Head Island  
South Carolina 29921

Dear Mr. Peebles,

If by any chance you have  
ever one more extra copy of the  
book, "Our Family Circle",  
please sell it to me, my family,  
my grandfather Joseph Scott  
Braynard came from there or  
was over or in some connected  
with Hilton Head Island -

I only about this wonderful book  
having been printed this morning -  
I am afraid time is run out, my cousin  
Mrs. Jerry A. Mitchell wrote me concerning  
the book - her letter came this A.M. -

I am mailing a check to you now -  
I called Mrs. Mitchell, she was not at  
home concerning the books, I will  
call her again, hoping to locate her -  
This book would be most important  
to me if I could get one of them,  
Enclosed is my to "Our Family Circle".  
If possible hope and pray that you  
will have a copy of it on hand -  
If not you may return the check  
or let me know some way by  
letter. I will enclose a self  
addressed envelope for you use -

Thank you very very  
much for your trouble -

Much respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Alexander Clay Jr.  
Alice Ernest Clay  
2988 Ridge Ave -  
Masson, Pa., 31204

Dear -

Dear Mr. Peoples -

Oct. 18, 1975

Drs,  
and thank you  
very very much  
for this letter you  
wrote me. Alice  
My full name is Alice Gerard Ernest Clay.  
I thought for your research this  
might concern you in your history work  
My grandmother Baynard was -  
Alice Gerard Allen Baynard - mother's  
mother - That where I got my name -  
my very best regards to you  
and yours, Cousin Alice

7 Moon Shell Road  
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928

My dear Cousin Alice,

Thank you so much for your nice letter. We do indeed have around 175 copies of our Family Circle still for distribution; the price is \$25 each and so I am returning herewith your \$20<sup>00</sup> check.

If you will send us an additional \$1 35, we'll mail you a copy of my speech to the 1970 Reunion here of the Lawton & Allied Families; it is entitled: "Tales of Ante Bellum Hilton Head Island Families". You would enjoy it very much, I believe. Nearly 2000 copies have been distributed so far and the 3rd edition has been printed.

Do plan to attend the Lawton & Allied Families Reunion in Atlanta next June! Write to our president:

Miss Florence Dewart Lawton  
532 E. Paces Ferry Rd., N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30305

for details of our annual reunion.

With all good wishes to you, dear cousin, I have the honor  
to remain

Faithfully,  
Robert +

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1975

My dear Cousin Robert,

Your letter is very interesting - I must say I am very proud if I am only distantly related to you. You are a very outstanding gentleman indeed - Judging of course of all you have achieved in life - I am a semi invalid, - having had angina seven years and breaking my back from a fall in 1972.

For reason I am unable to attend many reunions or any thing much but church affairs. I am extremely tired tonight, but this history of my ancestors is most

Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peoples + important to me. Thanking you for all you are doing and for being you. Very sincerely  
Alice S.O. Cleary

P.S.  
Please forgive me for being Mason, Georgia  
so late in acknowledging the November 11<sup>th</sup> 1975  
receiving of your wonderful books. ~~I have had a very seriously ill daughter -~~ <sup>Robert</sup> ~~and best wishes~~  
~~I have had a very seriously ill daughter -~~ <sup>to you always</sup>  
My dear Cousin the Rev. Dr V. E. H. Peebles, <sup>a. e. g.</sup>

Please accept my heart-felt thanks

and deep appreciation for sending me "Tales of  
Anti Bellum Hilton Head Island Families" by  
yourself - I mean of course written by you -  
I have enjoyed this little book so very much.  
And "Our Family Circle" has arrived also.  
I am so busy, plus a some invalid that I have  
not read every single word "Our Family Circle"  
yet. I do highly value this wonderful book  
and will pass it on to my beloved son John -  
Whom I am exceedingly proud of and devoted to.  
I might state in passing dear Cousin Robert,  
that I am the mother of four very fine  
intelligent children - Sarah Adelaide, John,  
Alexander Clay Jr. and Catherine Jane Clay  
Godwin, wife Colonel William C. Godwin  
who has an office in the W. S. Penegow in  
Alexandria, Virginia. He has 12 men under  
him and fine secretaries, My daughter Jane  
39 years old is a beautiful lady, a blonde  
fine figure, wonderful Semstress, grand cook.

takes part in many social affairs and keeps  
a beautiful 50 thousand dollar home, that  
she and her family live in. This home is  
located in Springfield, Virginia. My daughter  
Catherine Jane Clay Godwin is the mother  
of a fine young University student at the  
University of Alabama. This is Billy's 3 year  
over there. My Catherine 19 is a graduate  
of High School, Business School and has stood  
a civil service examination and is now a  
secretary of a prominent business man and earns  
over seven thousand dollars per year. She is a  
very beautiful young lady indeed - Elisabeth  
Jane is soon to be 1/2 years old and she is a  
fout and A - student and a very cute child.

I also have 13 other fine grandchildren -  
One 20 year old grandson, very handsome was  
killed while serving in the air force in Germany.  
He was a young surgeon over there - They almost  
killed all this family and dozed ones, Harry was  
a very special young man, deeply beloved by all,  
as for myself, I am the only charter member living  
of Ingleside United Methodist church, Been the sec.  
for 20 years of my Sunday School Class, a  
member & officer of Womans Auxilery of World War  
I for several years - My health is not at all good, I  
have had angina for 7 years - I do appreciate and value  
your kindness in remebering me. But I wish to you all a

November 18, 1975  
Macon, Ga. 31204

My dear Cousin Robert,

First please let me thank you very, very much for your trouble the Hilton Inn of Yellow Head, S.C. My Son John and his oldest son Richard have both visited the Island several years ago and they were full of interesting stories about what they saw. Johnny has 4 children & his wife Doris Guanita Heule live in Des Moines, Iowa. They have lived out there about 2 1/2 years or maybe a little longer. Johnny's children Richard Heule Pickens, is a young 25 year old banker in Des Moines, Iowa. Dick is a college graduate, & post graduate. He is married to a sweet girl Linda Lou, also a graduate. They have no children. Matthew Bryan is his second son graduate this year. He studied in London, England last year. He is extremely intelligent. His 3rd son Kevin Paul is in his 3rd college year. His 17 year old daughter Alice Susan Pickens entered college this spring, after graduating from Valley High School in January, all four of Johnny's children are handsome, intelligent young people. My Son Johnny is the very joy of my life. He is the most knowledgeable person in the Hilton on paper money. He works all over the nation for a millionaire. He looks and acts so much like me. He says "Mama if anybody can't get along with you and me there is some wrong, with that person." Johnny is kind and long suffering & most forgiving. He adores his poor frail mother. I only weigh 124 pounds. He comes all the way from Iowa and carries me out there to visit him & his family every 6 years - and nests me.

once, sometimes twice a year - he gives me lot of  
gifts, money when he sees me & never fails to  
phone me on Christmas night, he and every  
member of his family calls to me then. Johnny's  
Daddy died when he was three years old - I adores  
Johnny's Daddy. Both of my Sons served in the  
Armed forces, my first child is Adelaide -  
Sarah Adelaide - she is a pretty blonde, the favorite  
grandchild of my parents as she was born in  
their home and carries my Mother's name.  
My 3 children Alexander Clay Jr - a handsome  
40 year old man, the image of my Father  
William Holt Ernest. This Son is electronic  
foreman at Warner Robins - air Force Base and  
has been for a good many years. He can do  
almost any thing, build fancy tables, beautiful  
kitchen cabinets for sale - He can also build houses  
and garages in his spare time. He lives in a \$40,000  
dollar brick house, his wife also works as receptionist  
for Dr. L. C. Dickey - all 4 of their children attend  
private schools - Timothy goes to Junior College -  
Melinda is a senior at Jonesco School in Gray  
Ga. Gregory Alexander 13 is in the 8th grade  
in Jonesco, he is extremely handsome and is a  
state base ball player - please - also across the  
board A + B student - the most intelligent child  
Alexander Jr - has - Little Neal is 8 years old  
in the 3rd grade - Timothy is also an artist -  
Kathrine Jane Clay Dodwin, my baby child is  
a beautiful gifted young woman - 39 years old  
she is an excellent cook, sews beautifully, knits  
sweaters for her whole family and for me - She  
can make rugs for the floors - weaves them  
Does her own laundry - not the day cleaning tho'

Jane married a second Lieutenant, now a full colonel who adores Jane, calls her his beautiful wife, she handles all the finances for him, Janet & Bill are very happy, so are Sarah and Alexander Jr. Bill & Jane have 3 wonderful children - William Cason Godwin Jr., a student at the University of Alabama third year - Katherine Mary Kay they call her is a rare beauty, graduate of high school, business school & has took a civil service examination all before she was 19 years old - Mary Kay works for some big business man & earns over 4 thousand dollars a year - Cousin Robert & have only 15 grandchildren, not 20, I did have 16 - Larry Alan Adams - Adelaide's son was killed only 20, while he was in the air corps in Germany, he was a sergeant, a great favorite in our family, lovable & handsome, my sister is named Katherine Adelaide Foley - She has 3 sons, both college graduates - Joseph is a minister Carl Edward Ray Nelson was a fruit inspector in Florida - Katherine has 2 daughters - Mary Adelaide and Katherine Doris - I lost a brother very dear one, in 1946 - he was only 48 years old he was 2 years & 2 months my senior - Sam met Alice Guerard Ernest Clay, Katherine Adelaide my sister - In 1909 the year my grandfather Joseph Scott Baynard died in his chair, age 75 years, a grand old man - Mother lost an infant son one month after grandpa died - she named him Joseph Baynard Ernest, he breathed one time and died, a beautiful infant. He was in mother's sister home & buried in Dayton, Ga, where my grandparents lived in a 2 story beautiful house.

In 1922 when my parents were in their 40s, my youngest brother David Anderson Ernest was born - He is now 53 years old - and not married - My great grandmother Alice & Gerard Allen was born in <sup>my own grandmas</sup> Maryetta, Ga. She had 11 children and was married to a Methodist minister, George Allen. Alice Gerard Allen died at 51 years of age in Savannah from yellow fever - she was nursing one of her sons & caught it - she was a great Christian lady my grandmother said. about the Stoney's Cousin Robert - Aunt Julia married a Mr. Stoney - She had 2 daughters that survived - Kate Stoney - a stately beautiful brunette and Madelyn - Who they married I do not know, there was Lucia Allen, Eddie - my grandmother, I believe the other 7 children were boys - This is about all I know - If you can think of anything else concerning the Allen or Baynard family, that I know and can tell you please let me know dear Cousin - I would just love to <sup>buy</sup> more copies for my children and grandchildren, cousin Robert, the truth is the money in my family has played out, I am home free on Ridge Avenue - that my grandfather Baynard brought down Mother was buried to the ground in 1926, a complete loss of all our beautiful furniture, mother was an artist, all her pictures marble top side board, marble top tables and I dresser solid ~~Mary~~ogany, piano, clothing, money books a complete loss, I had gone for help from the department & no service would come out this far. Grandmother was carried out of the house by 4 men on a mattress, she was an invalid, my baby John 8 months old was carried out of his bed asleep. I only have my Social security of \$4.90 to live on. I am 75 years old Best regards Alice - Hanes a nice old neighbor

grandmother, Alice Stewart Allen  
Raymond - grandma passed away in  
September 12, 1928 and Mother left  
us on March 24, 1964 - You see cousin  
Robert, Mother had a picture of the  
Raymond castle, there was a picture of  
great grandmother Alice Stewart Allen in  
our house & many other valuable  
information, but our home was  
completely destroyed by fire - one fire  
engine would come out ~~that~~ far from  
the city - we lost our clothes, money,  
every thing we had in this terrible fire.  
grandma Raymond had to be carried out of  
the house on a mattress by 4 men, she  
was a bed ridden invalid, my 8 month old  
son John was also carried out, he was  
sleeping. This happened early in the A.M.  
I was begging the fire department to  
rescue the house at a neighbors home.

Macon, Georgia  
2988 Ridge Avenue  
Dec. 9, 1975

My dear Cousin Robert,

You just don't know how much  
pleasure your book and all the  
other literature and information  
concerning my relatives means to  
me and will mean to my children  
when they come home and read it.  
None of my four children live in  
Macon now. All that you sent  
me is wonderful and I am so thank-  
ful and pleased to read about it all.  
and own it. I shall forever be  
greatful to you and all the people  
who helped you get the information  
together. My mother often talked about  
all those wonderful people so did my

Macon, Ga.  
May 20, 1976

Dear Driss Cora and Cousin Robert Peoples,

I found a small picture of Kate Stoney, Aunt Tallie Allen Stoney's eldest daughter. The picture was taken years ago when Kate Stoney was young. Aunt Tallie Allen married Mr. Stoney of Charleston S. C.

I hope this will be of some help to you cousin Robert. My daughter Jane Clay Godwin who is married to a Colonel in the U.S. Army, Jane & her

12 year old daughter Elizabeth Jane Godwin are going to Germany in June some time. Bill has been ordered to go to Germany for three year duty. He

will be a general after the three years are up. We are very distressed that our daughter is going to be gone so far away for 3 years. Both her Daddy and Grandpa are bad health and we are old too. So is Bill's Dad. Jane is very interested in your book cousin William and I think she will buy one from you when they get settled in Germany. It is hard to carry or ship much so far away. My love to you and Cora. I have been very ill in the Hospital in Macon.

cost a lot of money to be ill. I am always  
under a doctors care. Hope both of you  
are well and doing nicely.

Lovingly,  
cousin Alice Burnet clay