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Dear Robert:

You and Miss Cora almost had a surprise visit in May from your new cousins, I was spending a week with Thérèse and we had planned to phone you so as not to miss seeing you this time. Shortly after my arrival some cousins of my husband came to Beaufort so I was unable to carry out any plans I had made.

I left here the latter part of March and arrived home the first week in June, dividing my time between Esther and Tom, the former has a new son named Richard Stockton after his grand-uncle R. S. Jenkins. Needless to say I received a royal welcome. My sister came back with me but could only pay a short visit as Toland is not well.

It is hard to get back to my "sleuthing" as you so aptly put it. I am making headway but slowly and the missing links are very apparent. You probably noticed the requests Thérèse and I put in the SCHM, Thérèse had no response and the nibble I received was from Mrs. Robert Sams of Atlanta who said that she could not be of any help but suggested that I contact Mrs. Toland Sams in Beaufort, that she and her sister knew a lot about the Talbird family, I got no information but made another friend. Did you get the data I sent you which was given to me by Mrs. Marshall of New Orleans? If so and you have finished with it I would like to have it, recently I have recd. more Screven and other information which I would like to add to it. I have also found out that Mrs. Marshall was right about the spelling of the Balckwood family of S. C. Mr. White, who owns Clarendon Plant, copied all of the epitaphs in the Whale Branch Cemetery for me, the name is "Blakewood" he also gave me the correct dates for Capt. John Talbird and his son Capt. Henry. Miss Runnette had made a number of mistakes, however, you can not blame her as it is hard to decipher names, dates etc. I was trying to get some Johnson data from St. Helena's Ch. Yd. while in Bft. some of the stones were so darkened with age that it was impossible to read them, even in the Church records it is hard to find the date of death as so many have the same names.

No!

What are you working on now? If I can be of any help I will be glad to do so. If Mrs. Stanley, of Savannah, can continue to do work for me I am going to get her to make trips to Beaufort and Charleston, she has accomplished far more than anyone I have delt with so far. Were you able to get any more Ladson data? In your last letter you mentioned that he had more Stanyarne data, I am inclined to believe that John Ladson who married Mary Stanyarne is our ancestor, the Rev. Henry made numerous mistakes but he did say that our Ladson ancestor was the first of the family to come to this country and have proven to a certain extent that he was right as to the Conyers. Thérèse says she is almost positive that Papa said that John Talbird married "Mary" Ladson. Please remember me to Miss Cora,

* your Cousin

Most sincerely,

Christine T. J.