PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

23 March, 196

Dear Rev. Peeples:

I have been delayed in writing you, in reply to your letter of 28 January, 1961, because of an operation for cataract, from which I am recovering nicely, and my father's death at almost 92.

There is nothing new in the Wiggins line, except perhaps (and I haven't checked over all the material) the fact that in the 1850 census Daniel Wiggins (1781-1855), my great-greatgrandfather was shown as having been born in N. C., and that in the 1880 census his son Abijah shows his father and mother as having been born in that state. This seems logical, because Mary Wiggins, Daniel's mother, and Daniel always lived around Edward Woodham, who is known to have been born in N. C. (Dobbs County). in then Johnston County, and to have removed from there to Darlington County, S. C., just preceding 1790. As Edward Woodham, on his death in 1820, left his property (by deed) to Mary Wiggins and Daniel, instead of this then lawfully wedded wife, I have been suspicion that Daniel and his several sisters were Woodham's children. One of Woodham's daughters was my great=great-grandmother, Mrs. (Mary) John Alexander. Although I have a record of Woodham in Dobbs Co., N. C. in the 1760's to 1780's (now an extinct County), I have found none of Wiggins or Alexander in that county.

There were so many Wiggins in N. C., and the records are so few, that I am puzzled how to check any further back. I am convinced, however, that Daniel had some relation to the Wiggins about Brun, Ga. and to those in the Wiggins District of Washington County, Georgia, where he lived for some years in the 1820s.

I am sorry I can't seem to help you any at present, but I hope to do more work on the matter some time.

With kind regards, Lelly Celher theseuly

Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Peeples:

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Dear Friends:

I thank you for Robert's letter of 30 August and enclosure. At the same time I apologize for trying to hurry you about returning the chclosure: I thought at the time Mrs. Campbell, a Wiggins descendant from Sylvester, Ga., and husband were coming down on the 25th August, whereas it was a week later.

Re S. C. Grants, I of course do not know whether all the grants are indexed, but there is an alphabetical list of such in the Hist. Com. office at Columbia, a further indexed list of Charleston Grants, and Greene's Index, going back to the 1600's. I have idea that probably a good many 80 grants are reflected in NC records, since the two were once one province.

I intend to get back up to South and North Carolina some time during the winter and spring, and go over some of the county records further. a lot of administration of estates, with herrs shown, in cases where there were no wills; as also a lot of transfers of property inter-vivos to children, etc., with relationship shown. Of course the Hist. Com. s have none of that indexed. The thing that seems tragic to me is that SC had no law requiring return of and recording of marriage alicenses until about 1911.

If you come this way, please stop by to say hellp.

With very kind and appreciative wishes.

Albert Fiseuby