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Dear Dr. Peeples:

Thank you very much for your prompt and informative reply to my recent letter of inquiry concerning the Carr-Willingham relationship. Your speculation is as good as mine, but I really would like to be able to establish it positively. The dates for Benjamin Franklin Carr are 1822 and 1888. The reference to his connection with the Willingham family was provided the state archives by the late E.D. Willingham some thirty or forty years ago.

Ben Willingham mentioned, I thought, that you had written a history which included the Willinghams as well as other families. If this is so and it is available for purchase, I should be pleased to have an opportunity to buy one. If not, is A Family History, by Willis, available from any source? If neither of these books *is* are currently available, and considering that private family histories are almost never available for examination in public libraries, I wonder whether you would be willing to make Xerox copies of the title page(s) and pertinent portions, for which I would gladly reimburse you.

It is remarkable that so extraordinarily large a family as that of the Willinghams could have vanished from South Carolina without leaving any descendants in its original locale. I infer that the Lawton family probably has descendants in the area of Lawtonville. One of the loveliest women I have ever known was the late Mrs. Ralph Ragan of Atlanta, who was formerly Margaret Lawton of South Carolina. The Peeples name also is familiar, as it was once a large and very prominent family in Atlanta; there are still descendants of it in that city.

Thank you very much for your gracious cooperation. I am enclosing another envelope for use should you decide to accommodate me further. Any cost incurred by you in my behalf will be promptly refunded.

Sincerely,

William B. Williford
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