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Dear Robert,

What a delightful surprise to receive Our Family Circle as well as your letter and brochures. My husband had warned me that Hurricane Floyd might delay my hearing back from you, but I trust you were spared by Mother Nature.

The information you've provided is fascinating. I only have Calder Payne's 1976 account of B.G. Willingham descendants, and so have used the Internet and the Technical Services Librarian at Salem College (Winston-Salem, N.C.) to follow the Fries side of my family - my father's father, Richard Furman Willingham, son of Calder Baynard and Lila Ross Willingham, married Rosa Eleanor Fries (May 19, 1909). Our Family Circle has her incorrectly listed as Nell Frieze (page 382). I'm still working on this Fries line, which runs through the de Schweinitz line to Court von Zinzendorf and the formation of the Moravian Church. But now with O.F.C. I can study the Willingham side as well.

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Well, as you can see, I got side tracked!! My husband has been having a grand time with O.F.C. We've just spent a week at Pawley's Island, S.C., where my family vacationed every summer during the '50's and '60's until my mother's death in '67. Little did we know there was so much family history so close by. My husband & I took a side trip to Charleston, where we visited the Huguenot Church and saw Pierre Robert's marble plaque, and yesterday we visited the charming St. James Santee Parish Church and saw the bronze memorial tablet you erected in 1989. We were both so

pleasantly surprised to find the church in such good condition - the brick fence surrounding the church is currently under renovation. We would be delighted to make a contribution to the maintenance of the church - do you know whom we should contact about that?

In reference to your kind letter of 9/20/99, I would most definitely like to purchase copies of your Transactions No. 87 (\$10.00); the color miniature of Dr. Morse (\$5.00); and Tales of Ante Bellum Hilton Head Island Families (\$3.00). I would also like to join the Soc. of First Families of South Carolina 1670-1700 (the brochure states that 2 members are needed to endorse an applicant); the Fruguenot Soc. of South Carolina; and the Soc. of Descendants of Colonial Clergy (what is the procedure for this one?) Also, where can I purchase a copy of Anne Willingham Willis' A Family History and Stephen Barnwell's Story of An American Family?

I really regret missing the S.C. & C. conference, as I would have loved to meet you and attend your lecture - but most of all to thank you in person for opening a door to such interesting information for me. Recently, my sister-in-law remarked jokingly that getting close to 50 must be the time when one starts to look backward, as her uncle became interested in genealogy at about that age. For me, it has to do first of all with the new free time I have with the last child in college - as well as the exposure my mother gave to me when, in the last years of her life, she began her own research of S.C. history and became so engrossed in it that she joined the S.C. Historical Society. But I also feel a responsibility as the eldest of 3 to provide this information for my brother & sister, their children & my daughter, since virtually nothing has been given to me.

I hope the conference went well. I enclose my check for the items listed above, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon, as I have lots of questions one of which is which denomination are you affiliated with? In the meantime, thanks again for sharing all this info with me! Love in Christ, Julie W. Spear