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Mr. Robert Peeples
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Dear Mr. Peeples,

This past week I received a copy of a letter you wrote to Mrs. John Chandler dated July 31, 1987. Fortunately Julia Youmans was able to help me out and provide your last name this afternoon.

My descent is through Benjamin Franklin Owens, brother of Caroline Elizabeth who m. James Peeples Youmans, children of James Owens of Barnwell who died before November 6, 1848 (estate papers on file, Barnwell Court House with James Peeples Youmans, administrator). James, in turn, was the son of Thomas Owens.

We've been thinking that the Youmans and Owens could have been long connected and imagine my surprise when the letter indicates:

".....I suspect that all seven of the 1790 heads of families of Youmans/Umans/Yomans descend from WILLIAM YOUMANS/YEOMANS the Charles Town merchant who was Executor of the 29 May 1735 will of Thomas Owen, Granville County planter of Owen's Lodge Plantation on "Cussa Hatchey Creek", will proved 8 March 1737. The other executors were Jeremiah Owen, brother of the testator, and CT merchant Joseph Wragg, a prominent gentleman. Since Thomas Owens mentions only a daughter Elizabeth who is to inherit the plantation, I suspect that said plantation ultimately came into possession of JAMES OWENS (probably son of her Uncle Jeremiah whose daughter (granddaughter?) Elizabeth Owens b. 1829, m. James Peeples Youmans. Yes, I know there is a tradition that James Owens "came from Philadelphia to Barnwell Co." where he left 3 sons (Augustus, Frank and Cuthbert) and the daughter Elizabeth. The time space just doesn't fit"

Researching:

*William Anderson, Priscilla Brewer, Gadi Cook and Thomas Owens - Winton, Orangeburg, Barnwell and Beaufort, S.C.,
Peter Anderson of Edgecombe, Halifax and Nash Counties, N.C.,*

*The families of Caroline Elizabeth Owens m. James Peeples Youmans, Benjamin Franklin Owens and Greenbury Cuthbert
Owens in Hampton Co., S.C. Frances R. Owens m. Hansford Williams and Augustus W. Owens of Barnwell, S.C.*

We have not been able to link our Thomas, father of James, to this early Thomas or to Jeremiah either but we were unaware of the "Philadelphia to Barnwell Co. tradition". Can you shed any further light on this "tradition". Can it be credited to Elizabeth Owens Youmans?

This Saturday I fly to Salt Lake for a week of genealogy research joining another Barnwell Owens' researcher. Am sure we will spend some time in available Philadelphia records.

Can tell you that James Owens actually left eight children and a daughter Sarah who m. _____ Minors and predeceased him, her share going to her son, Robert J. Minors ... possibly Robert J. Minors, 21, 1850 Beaufort census.

Believe Elizabeth Owens was born in 1825 and there are strong indications that her mother was Sarah Anderson. No wife (mother) is mentioned in estate papers.

Can you shed any additional light on the "Philadelphia to Barnwell tradition"?

Hoping to hear from you,

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