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Dear Dr. Peeples,

First, let me tell you who I am. My full name is Alfred Withers Maner, born 1917 in Allendale, S. C., the son of William Lawton and Katharine Bell Maner. I left Allendale in 1934 to go to college in Virginia and spent my working career in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. Now retired, we've been living in Hendersonville, NC, for four years.

One of my projects in retirement is to complete a well documented history of my Maner line. Our Family Circle has no documentation and has a number of errors, as you must know. I hope to prepare a book that can be consulted with confidence by anyone who is interested in the Maner family.

There will be no attempt to cover all branches of the family, only my direct ancestry. However, it will be of value to anyone who is descended from Samuel Perry Maner, John Seth Maner, or Cap't William Maner.

I have traced the family back to John Maner, who died in Surry County, Virginia, in 1698. I have also found that one Griffith Maner, aged 21, came to Virginia from England in November 1635. But, as yet no connection between the two has surfaced. I have an English genealogist working on it.

Then, there seems to be an additional generation (that Our Family Circle doesn't mention) between John Maner of Bertie Co., NC, and the William Maner who migrated to SC in 1755. I haven't quite worked that out yet because I've not found any records of John's son William's birth or death.

Because my father was the youngest of Sam Perry's 20 children he had no pictures (photos or paintings) of his father or grandfather. For added interest in the book, pictures are most desirable. Therefore, I hope to include as many suitable ones as I can find.

Paul Lawton, of Myrtle Beach, told me that you are a Maner descendant and an encyclopedia of family lore. Do you have any pictures, anecdotes, family traditions, or other information of Sam Perry, John Seth, Cap't. William, or any of their wives or children? If not, do you know anyone who has? King Maner of Garnett said that he thought that Laura Sanders, a granddaughter of Samuel Perry Maner, left her genealogical collection to the Historical Society in Beaufort. I made a special trip to Beaufort to look at it but the Society knew nothing about it.

If you have anything at all that you think will be useful in my project would you object if I come to Hilton Head to see them? I wouldn't want to suggest that any such treasures be mailed; the Postal Service has a history of damaging valuable items.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

*Alfred Maner*