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Dear Robert,

I apologize for not responding sooner but things here have been rather hectic.

Yes, I gave Betsy Caldwell copies of the Family Bible including the included therein Charles and Sarah Coachman Dupont family. Copies of the Bible pages were sent to demonstrate the Bible still existed. The Bible was in Savannah during Sherman's occupation.

Interesting is that Savannah was Sherman's first duty post following his graduation from West Point. As a young Lieutenant he was befriended and became friends with many of Savannah's leading citizens.

Before John³ McNish lost the Bower Plantation and StockFarm (St. Luke's Parish) and moved to Savannah in 1828, another John (of Galloway) McNish had resided there. This John McNish came from Galloway, Scotland in 1802 to serve as Couper's bookkeeper on St. Simons Island. There he met Couper's ward, Ann Mary Johnston and her sister. Since their parents' death, Couper was managing the Johnston plantation at White Bluff, Georgia, several miles south of Savannah. A short time later John of Galloway McNish went into partnership and established himself as a cotton merchant in Savannah (about 1897). He became a naturalized citizen and married Ann Mary Johnston and resided at White Bluff. He died there along with his son 1826, survived then by his wife and daughter.

At about the time John of Galloway arrived, his brother William McNish arrived. In 1814 William received a land grant of 500 acres on the Great Satilla, Georgia. He died there in 1822.

Henry McNish--we believe it was Henry² McNish that married Jane Dupree Dupont in 1798. We haven't been able to establish a relationship between either Henry to

our McNish line. Henry McNish did have land grants in Anson County, NC, in 1765. We did find in the Charleston Public Library a WPA typed report that Henry McNish was a bonded person; but no other information. Being bonded meant he borrowed money which was different from an indentured person or servant.

Howard in her "Tale of a Legacy" concerning Henri Bourquin and John Neufville's claim of bond (a false claim made 18 years after Henri's death) listed Henry McNish as the son of John and Mary Catherine Keall McNish. This was incorrect. Henry was not John and Mary's son.

Yes, Linda is interested in joined the Magna Carta Dames if eligible.

I'm enclosing a typescript of the pages from the McNish Family Bible, including the Dupont information which was signed by Thomas C. Dupont--this would be the Rev. Thomas Coachman Dupont. Also enclosed are some genealogical charts.

We are working on completing the application form for the First Families of SC; but as I said above, we've had a lot going on and Linda has been traveling a lot, which limits the amount of time we've had for genealogical pursuits.

Cousin George and Linda

P.S.

*George's Greene line
is also enclosed.*

*Herman Daggett Greene and his wife Harriett
Maria Hart came to Savannah from
Long Island.*