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Dear Cousin Robert and Miss Cora,

I was pleased to receive your recent letter. All of your letters are so rich in South Carolina history and I save all of them for future reference.

I am writing again so soon to ask about my sponsorship of Allison DuBose for FFSC. I sent the card in around the first of June. He says that he has not received any papers. I told him that those in charge may be ill or on vacation and to wait awhile. In your letter you said that some of those that you had sponsored had fallen through the cracks through inaction. If you think I should send another card in, let me know. Allison said that his wife is eligible also. She is a Bradham and he says he thinks she is eligible through that line. I do not know if there were any Bradhams in S. C. 1670-1700.

Yes I am sure the my great grandfather was a supporter of Wade Hampton. As I understand it Wade Hampton wrested control of the state from the carpetbaggers, scalawags and others who oppressed our people during Reconstruction.

I would be interested to know sometime why James McPherson fell from favor. There was a map of Barnwell District done sometime between 1818 and 1825 that showed a Jm. McPherson living on the Savannah River near Lower Three Run with a Th. Cater living just north of him on the river. This apparently was the Armenia Plantation where E. A. Hagood McPherson married "the Baptist preacher" in 1830. I have enclosed a copy of the map with some notations. If the Thomas Cater location is where Thomas Miles Cater was living in 1818, that may be where Cater Hall was located. I believe the old Cater place that Jack Hazel bought from Pinckney Brown was around the mouth of Lower Three Runs Creek with the Thomas Cater, McPherson and Richard Johnson places a bit downstream. I may be able to locate Armenia Plantation . I wonder if it is the same as Orange Grove Plantation where Elivira Ann and Elliot Estes lived? I will ask Camille Sharp. I hope to visit her at Roselawn soon.

On the map I made a rough estimate of the location of where the Nathaniel H. Rhodes place would have been in 1843. This is based on ownership of land bordering his land. It may be completely off base. I am much surer of the location of Gideon Hagood on the map. I wonder if the road beginning at

Burton's Ferry follows close to the same path as the present U. S. 301. Would the first road to the left be the current road off 301 designated S. C. 3425 that goes through Martin, S. C.? They probably roughly follow these old roads.

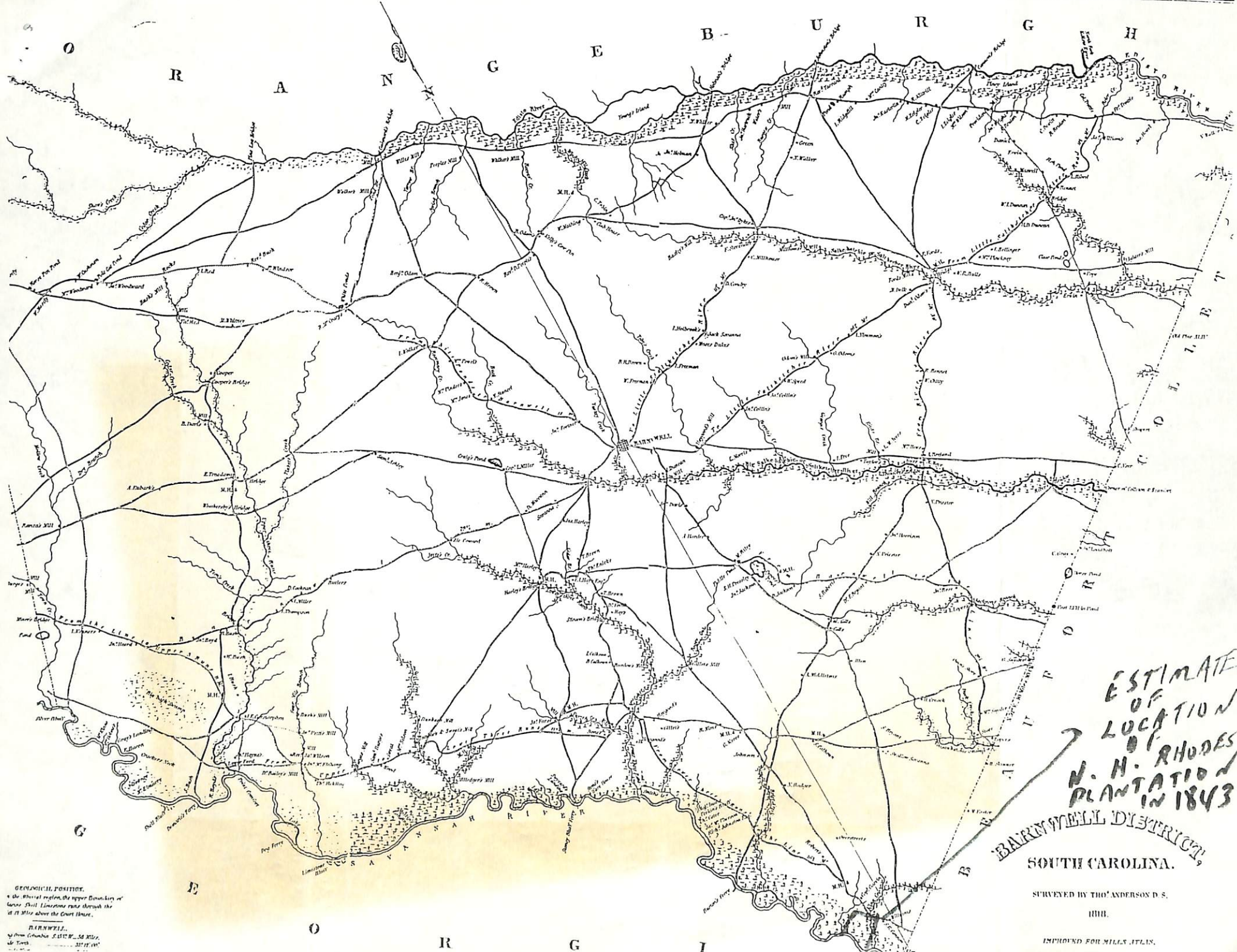
I have some pictures of paintings of John McPherson, his son James and daughter Mary that I Xeroxed at the Fireproof Building last summer. Also her husband Mr. Pringle. I was going through some of the old "South Carolina Historical Magazine" at the Georgia Historical Society the other day and ran across a reply that a Pringle descendant wrote in reply to your article in "SCHM" on the George Rhodes family Bible. I did not understand what she was getting at. I also joined the Georgia Historical Society.

This is a busy time for me. I am President of my civic club. I am chairman of the golf committee and am preparing for our golf tournament on September 18. I am also Secretary-Treasurer of my bowling league that begins play on Sept. 8.

Again it was good to hear from you. I just might call you and come by one of these "fig" seasons and bring a basket. Our visits together all come in April and are so far apart. If in Savannah and you have time, please give me a call and/or come out to Whitemarsh Island.

Faithfully,

Clayton



ESTIMATE
OF
LOCATION
OF
RHODES
N. H. PLANTATION
IN 1843

BARNWELL DISTRICT,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

SURVEYED BY THO' ANDERSON D. S.

1843.

IMPROVED FOR MILLS ATLAS.

1875

GENERAL POSITION.
In the official register, the upper boundary of
this district is the Savannah River, the lower
boundary is the Ogeechee River, the distance
between them is 11 miles above the Court House.

BARNWELL,
South Carolina S. 81° 12' W. 54 1/2 Miles
to Town

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