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The R v. Robert Peeples
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Peeples:

I know you are very happy to see your Miles genealogy in print at last. As I have mentioned, I am no genealogist and therefore no critic, but it looks like a carefully compiled piece of work. No doubt, nevertheless, you will be receiving odds and ends of information and corrections. Save these and send them to the editor as "Additions and Corrections" to be used after the last installment is printed. You may recall that the "Sams Family" had a similar notice.

I hope you will not mind my writing you about the matter of reprints. This was the first genealogy that Dr. Rogers had printed, and he did not know that we never offer the privilege of reprints for genealogies. For an historical article we do, for historians customarily send copies of their brain children to all their associates as an indication of professional achievement; and since their professional advancement is very often based on the amount of material they can get into print, they forward a copy to all historical departments which they might intend to solicit for a position. A genealogy, which is of interest only to members of a specific family, we publish primarily for its sale value to us, for it is one of the few ways we have of realizing a little extra help to offset the high cost of annually reprinting issues that are out of print. The compiler always receives several complimentary copies of the issues, in addition to the satisfaction he receives from the fact that he is able, at no cost to himself, to put into print a permanent record of his family. In brief, I am writing to request that, if you sent relatives reprints of the October section of the "Miles Family", you refrain from making the subsequent issues available. I am sure you will understand our reasons and cooperate with them.

I wish you and Mrs. Peeples could have been with us on our Georgetown Tour. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, and the houses were lovely.

Forgive my lack of letterhead stationery. I am writing at home and found my supply was depleted.

With my best to you both, I am

Sincerely,

Mary B. Provi