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Dear Cousin Robert,

Thank you for your prompt reply  
and picture. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00.

How fortunate for you that you type. At  
best my handwriting is terrible - now worse.

I feel so sorry for those who receive my  
letters. The news clippings are most interesting -  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending  
them.

I have no Reid Charleston connections. My  
father's people were from the Up-Country, and  
my parents met when he was at Porter Military  
Academy. He was of Scot-Irish descent. They  
settled in the Asheville area in mid 1760's.

You were graduated from C. & C. before I arrived for my junior year, having been at Brenan College, Greenville, S.C. for two yrs. However, we must have met somewhere, <sup>sometime</sup>

I believe Ann Hasell (one of my bridesmaids) graduated in '37 or '38. You might remember her - she also attended St. Michael's Church.

None of us "oldies" are happy with the way <sup>the</sup> Episcopal Church has changed. It is not the church I grew up in.

I remember hearing the family talk about the Miles cousins. Another of my great aunts <sup>(uncle's)</sup> (Mary Waring Brown) had inherited a house in Summerville when her mother - my great grandmother - (Mrs. Wm. Stevens Brown nee Elizabeth Smith) died. Aunt Mamie finally moved to Wash., D.C. died there age 102 -

Those of us who grew up on "family tradition", only in many cases, to be proven wrong, are now being told to prove your claims! Is there any hard evidence of the miniature being of Landgrave Thomas Smitt? Was it done from a portrait originally? Any knowledge of the artist?

How I wish I'd known you when you presided in 1967 at unveiling of marker, and <sup>sd</sup> brought some silver (coin) spoons with "Smitt crest", hatched down from the first Landgrave. We had a breakin in 1980, and it was all stolen. That was when silver was selling at its highest value.

Wish they'd taken the modern pieces  
and kept the irreplaceable heirloom things.

My grandmother died blind and her  
sister, Aunt Mamie, had glaucoma (with  
drops used daily) and blind at death (102).

I use drops twice a day - both eyes  
are affected - one almost gone even  
after 4000 Laser beam treatments. It  
is a ~~terrible~~ horrible situation to be in,  
especially when I want to do so much  
research and no longer can. Thank  
goodness, it is no worse, and I  
can do some reading with my good ???  
eye. Didn't mean to get into my ailments -  
sorry. Thanks again. Cousin Jeanne