

Dear Bob:

Please mail this card on to William
I can't find her address anywhere - or
remember it. I understand she is a grand-
daughter of Wm. Joyner Peeples, but she's
never written me names of her father -
I don't even know the name or initials of
her husband, or his father & grandfather.
Do you think she wants to send them?
Six months from now will be forever too
late to get into book.

CBP

Send on Edward Harding's descts, but make Brief. I shall have to struggle for brevity all through and I'm afraid we'll have a six or seven hundred page book. A two volume book would not sell.

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Dear Bob:

Or, to be correct, should I say Dear Fr. Bob"? I have a friend who uses the Fr. in front of his name, as return address on letters. Just began using it a year or so ago. Is it something the Episcopal clergy adopted as a custom recently - I mean in last few years?

The church in Statesboro really should have been less remiss in forwarding letters. I did not know whether you had died, or decided to cut my acquaintance completely.

Mr. Sandiford phoned me when here sometime in the fall - I forget just when. I couldn't even talk - the first of two bad colds: one in October - most of October - and one in November - ditto. No cold now, but the penicillin that had to be used and used again, left me pulled down. Or else that last cold was like the influenza epidemics, at least one of which left me with sciatica and neuritis, and I could not type for a year or more. Hope this won't be that bad.

Guess I'd better fill you in on the Peebles work:

I kept plugging away at charting and working records against each other. And suddenly, in September a year ago, things the historian of Barnwell Co., S.C. had told me over phone when he was in D.C. and I'd written down, clarified a lot of the records. And other branches of the family in Virginia and North Carolina settled themselves in groups - a family name used as a given name in one group, and not at all in others, etc., etc. And I put the lines together, but still did not quite believe it. Since then I re-checked all records against the tentative charts I had made, and everything upholds the charts. I've done that again in the past few months after re-checking all records found, and checking one line against another, etc., etc. Those charts stand up. And the custom when original area records have been destroyed, and everything else strongly indicates certain things, is to accept those things as facts. At any rate, unless some sundry family Bibles are discovered or resurrected, there is nothing to disprove my conclusions.

So in October I made a synopsis, and sent to many of the people with whom I had corresponded vigorously and who had helped as much as they could. I had not corresponded for some years - one can't keep up correspondence with 30 to 50 people, and at the same time earn a living and also do this whole-time compiling work. So I'd stopped writing to folks, and knew I had to let them know the developments. Most of those I'd not heard from for a long time I sent letters or p. cards asking if they would like the synopsis. 95% did want to see it. Two letters to you and two to Lillian Peebles never got an answer. To tell the truth I guess Lillian doesn't know what a synopsis is. And then the first letter - it took so long to make copies of that synopsis, 10 pp. of it, I had most of those sent it send right back to me, and a few send on to others to save time. So I'd asked you and Lillian which one I should send to first, and that one send to the other. As Lillian heard nothing from you, she did not write me! That seems to explain it.

The first several chapters of the BOOK OF PEEBLES are written, now, and others will follow as rapidly as I get the time. Then we talk about printing. My brother who was Atlanta, now Fort Lauderdale, wants the book

printed and so do others and are ready to help in the expense.

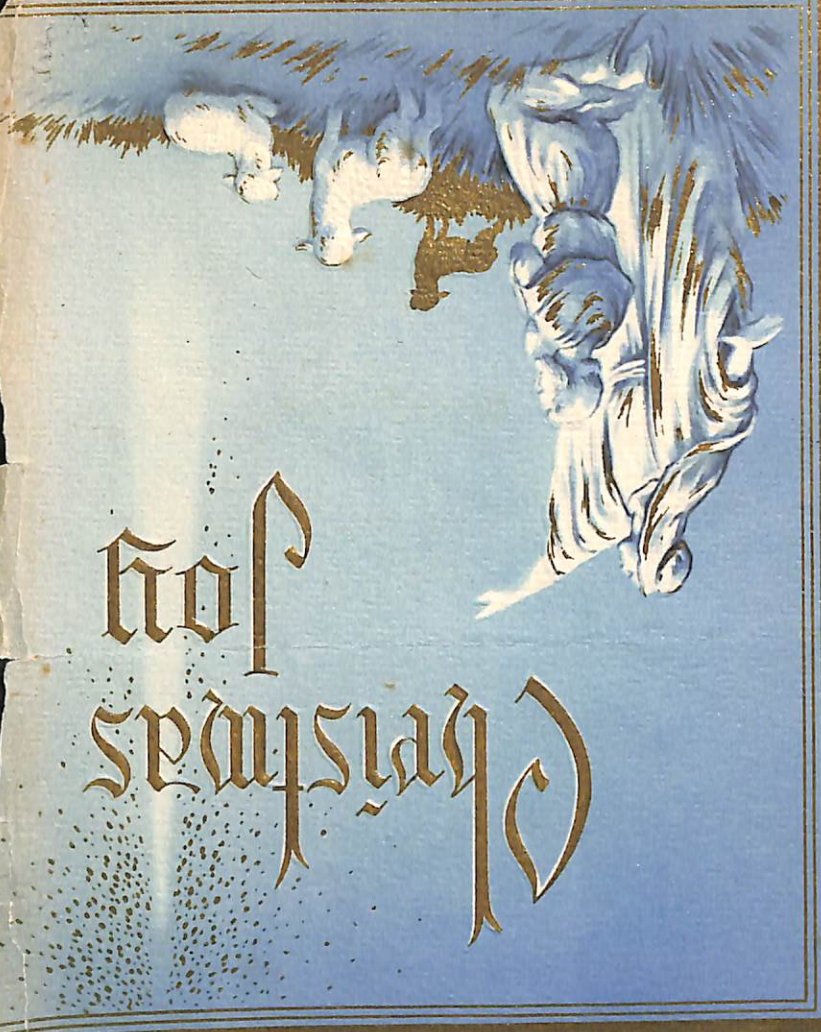
Please return synopsis. I'm still sending them to people every now and then. Carbon herewith was done by a lady in Chattanooga, and she made many errors in last several pages. I can't take the half hour to correct them.

As for Beaufort lines, I have much on the charts not indicated in synopsis. Was putting in some data I found loose night before last, and astonished to see how much I did have. And if some one could work those Florida and Camden Ca. Ga., lines better they should join on to Beaufort and Barnwell. But I have done all that I can. Right or wrong, what is charted goes in - unless someone sends me the right thing before the book goes to print - then I'll be delighted to change and correct.

Do I say "Miss Cora" when I send her - and you - my best Christmas wishes?

I'll write Mr. Sandifer when I get at the John of Beaufort line. Barnwell historian said he and Henry of Barnwell were bros., and sons of Wm. Isham Sr. of Barnwell had to be another bro. Nephews of Isham Sr. of Beaufort.

Save a copy



Wolf Synopsis

Do you think I should send synopsis to Wilbur? Or do you want to send this on to her

and explain to her to send me



May each cheerful Christmas tidings
Be a promise, ringing clear,
Of the joys you'll find abiding
Along your pathway,
Through the year!

*My landlady's
Aunt who married
her mother's
the landlady*

Shelley Brown

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men."
Luke 2:14