

THURSDAY 25
FEBRUARY 14

Dear Robert,

I hope all goes well with you and Ms. Cora. Thank you for not imposing any pretty little Nativity scenes on us during the Xmas holidays; love that philosophy. You will note that out of sheer gratitude, we refrained from same-ho!

Your letter of 14th Feb was much appreciated and enjoyed, as always. I simply haven't had much time for correspondence lately, probably to your great relief. To paraphrase Michelangelo, Landscape Architecture is a jealous mistress. Also, Betty & I just finished a rather ambitious living/dining room(s) renovation that took the wind out of our sails. However, comparatively speaking (before and after), it now looks great! Finally, after much butting of heads with my denser-than-I academic advisor, have worked out a schedule to finish my degree in (Building) Architecture by Spring '86. Thought it would never end.

Got forms from GA & FL to get death certificates, etc., from Health Depts. for ancestors, also a Social Security document for my Dad acknowledging the use of McBride-Peebles in 1920-30 censuses. So, am on my way to collecting paperwork for joining the Florida F&P and applying for Arms for Capt. David. Yes, I am quite aware that applying for a retrospective grant for Capt. David is a separate activity/function from applying for my own descended arms; however, both require proof of descent and one is prerequisite to the other. I am a tortoise but my goals are slowly accomplished. Promise.

Enclosed is \$43.00 for two copies of Peebles. My cousin, James Wade P., & I are sharing costs to place them in Swainsboro's Franklin Memorial and Eman. County Junior College libraries. Perhaps this will help future generations to trace their ancestries, also.

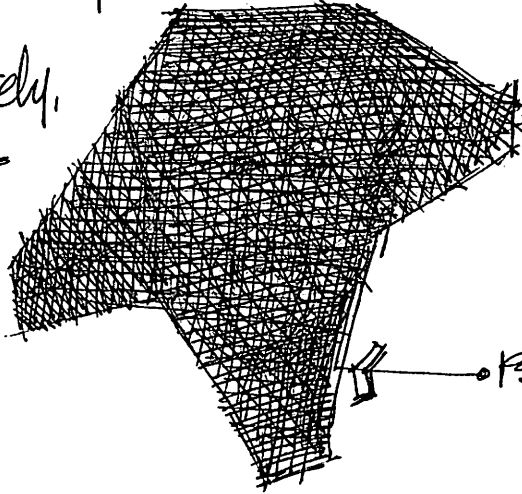
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I loved your idea about buying Neidpath Castle. Probably not a bad place to hang out in the summers. I'll see about getting paperwork started on a VA. loan - ho!

Give our very best to Miss Cora.

Sincerely,

~~Jim~~



PS. I love caricatures but this one of myself turned out so poorly I was ashamed to let you see it - ho!