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Dear Robert:

I have quite recently learned that my First Cousin, Mrs. Claude A. (Marguerite Ellis) Ashley, 424 East Orange Street, Jesup, Georgia, has a picture of George Rhodes (Her Grandfather and your Great Grandfather), hanging on the wall of their house! I understand it is a large picture and is in a large frame. I am sorry I did not know about this, as would have used it in the Ellis book, along with the one you loaned me.

I have written Marguerite and Claude today and mentioned that I would advise you of the above.

In case you do not know, Marguerite is now a member of the DAR as a result of the Ellis book! Also, you may not know that she is practically blind. Her Husband, Claude, does the writing now, but he was in the hospital 3 weeks earlier this year and is not too well.

Marguerite's Sister, Mabel Ellis (Mrs. Preston B. Mitchell, 229 E. Broad Street, Jesup, Ga.) and her Husband were in this area last month to visit some of the family, and we took them around all of one day - like you and your good Wife took us around Hilton Head Island last March! If you do go to Jesup, remember that the two Sisters do not see eye to eye - but don't quote me, as both are fine people.

I am still hard at work on my Lebbý book. Expect to do some research work on it in Portsmouth, N.H., and in Scarborough, Me. (near Portland) next month. The latter is where "The Immigrant" landed in 1635, the former where my Gt. St. Gt. Grandfather Nathaniel Lebbý was born in 1740. He moved to Charleston in 1763, married Elizabeth Howard in 1764 and that is where I come in. Elizabeth was from Charleston. Both are buried in St. Philips Churchyard - probably now under Church Street, as a result of it being cut through! I expect to have the book printed in early 1967 - before if can do so.

Again, many thanks for our delightful day with you both last March.

Love to both from both.

  
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