

THE CITY OF TROY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TROY, ALABAMA

October 22, 1964

Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples
Folly Field
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

I have received the photostat that you returned and the covering letter and thank you for the information you gave me with reference to the Screven connection. I have known of my grandmother's association with the Screvens and Postells but had thought that it applied only to an association after my grandmother's marriage and removal to Savannah. The Screvens were Baptist as were the Provost family. When I last wrote you about the photostat indexed *copy of the Notice of Sale in the newspaper* I did not intend that you should be put to any trouble or expense in the matter but I failed to note that in the letter. In the meantime, I have found the one that you typed and sent me and will not need another. *I am having a copy made from that.*

I recently had a letter from the Clerk of the Court at Barnwell and he tells me that some of the old records in his office are being rebound but some are so fragile from age they crumble on handling. He is to write me further about how the reworking comes out so perhaps I will not have to send anyone to Barnwell. I am about convinced, however, that it would be better for me or for someone familiar with the matters of my interest to go. There is so much of it that it is practically impossible to make the search unless someone familiar with the objective is on hand so I will let you know as soon as I hear from the Clerk.

Yours very truly,

G. J. Hubbard

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I have an arraignment for you in Savannah, as to which I shall write you soon. It relates to the identity of Thomas Catering St. Simons Island, Ga. My report will not be available again until next Wednesday.

GJH:djw

"Milestone", Summerville, S.C.

18 August 1965

Dear Bob - Received your letter today with the good news!
Sorry rules will cut short your careful work, but
will be pleased to see some in print and you get
public credit for your long and tedious job.

I can't remember whether the Hist. Soc. has
a fall trip or if no, will this year - but we are
counting on you and Cora for the week-end.
I hope, by then, to have the directions to a McPher-
son grave yard which we may visit. I keep
after Louis, Louis keeps after a Mr McP., who
is supposed to get directions from "a friend"
who found the place near where he lives -
In the North Charleston (generally speaking)
area - This time I promise not to be
either on or on the verge of being sick and
we can "go" all day, and talk all night.

I know of no Branford - Cater families, but
there is in Columbia, S.C., a Mrs. Clinton
T. Gradon who was Raven Van der Horst
Simkins - as she is a Colonial name,
she must have some historical data, and
surely no innocent girl baby would be
named Raven (and so called) unless it
was a family name. You could write

her - surely she ~~could~~ could tell you

something - Mrs G.T. Graydon, 1630 Green St.
Cala. S.C.

haven't done much "history work" lately -

went to Texas in June and been trying

to do various other "waste" and "needs"

will be more ambitious in the cold

weather - the little work I must do

to have a garden, such as it is, keeps

me completely ^{id} posted (as well as

my 62 years!)

Sincerely and affectionately
John Jay W. Miller

Good for you Cora, I need a "writing"
companion!

Answered
1 Nov 65
RMB

1102 C Ave
Lawton, Okla
11-4-65

Dear Cousins Robert & Cora,

Summer has gone and autumn is upon us, and I have not yet written to you expressing my appreciation of the Devotional you gave at the Lawton Reunion last June. I thought it was most appropriate. That evening at Cousin Oregon's, he said "I think Robert's devotional is the best one we have had, ever." Those words coming from Cousin Oregon are a compliment in anybody's book. He always means what he says. I value his opinions very highly. It seems the reunion day is never long enough to visit all I wish

We and Carrie Lee stayed in the area until following Tues. A.M. We then went to Columbia and searched in the libraries for three days and then on home.

July was a busy uncomfortable month for the weather was so hot.

I was invited by some former students now living in Colo. to visit them in August. I accepted. While out there, I also ^{visited} two friends, and a Jordan Cousin I had not seen for forty years. I had played with her when we were children in Mo. You can guess that we had much to talk about. She was eager to hear about our reunions, and I showed her how she is a Sawtan descendant. I ranged from near the Sangre de Cristo.

Mountains southwest of Pueblo to Denver. The trip was a very delightful one for me.

We began having rains in Aug, and weather has been pleasant ever since.

Mattie and I are now planning to go to Kansas City and its environs the latter part of October. That was the original home of Jaudens, after Great-grandfather left S.C. Some are still there.

In our research this summer we found more history on Staffords which a lady, Mrs. Helt, of Birmingham wants, also some clues for a lady in Wichita, Tex, & for another in Guthrie, Okla.

I am not a genealogist. We are

just exchanging information.

My other sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Abbott and her husband made me a short visit in September.

I hope both of you have been well and have had a pleasant summer. How missed your letters. Just because you are no longer president is no reason for you to quit writing.

Love from your cousin
Lily F. Stafford

325 Country Club Drive,
Charleston S.C. 29407.

15, November, 1966

Dear Cousins:

Thank you for your nice note and the clipping about Mrs. Gibson, in Hampton. She must have a lot of ingenuity and ambition. I am enclosing the clipping.

I will be thinking about you at your Thanksgiving dinner party. I know it will be a most enjoyable occasion.

Things are about as usual here. Rose is counting weeks till time to be promoted to a walker. She has been very uncomplaining.

With our love,
Billy,

Thursday -

Dear Bob

Writing because think I have a real deal on getting Miss Margaret's recliner chair done over and have offered to do Randy's too. Am thinking that possibly yours needs an upholstery job too and wondering if you are interesting^{ed} in letting me have that done for your and Cora's Christmas. The man had no material except some leather like stuff but said I could choose a fabric and bring it to him. Think Randy will do well to use this stuff since his chair is a den chair and gets such wild use. There were a couple of samples that looked like fabric and I have sent them to Margie and asked her to send them to you, and for you to promptly mail them to Ruth P. so she can see them before Randy brings his chair about Wed. of next week. Possibly one of those would suit her...if not, then there is black brown, green and all solid colors in this leather like stuff. If not that, then have to go to the store. Told Margie would let Randy's chair be the guinea pig since it is coming apart at the seams and anything would be an improvement. If that is satisfactory and you would like yours done, let me know.

Took home two bottles of Tawny Port and one Claret and one $\frac{1}{2}$ gal of sauterne (spelling?) in the Great Western brand for you if you want it. Like Helen says, I will buy last year's calendar if the price is right. Heard this store had this Great Western Sherry on sale since Great Western is changing labels (really the same as Taylors) so ran down but all the old biddies in town had bought out the sherry. I don't like sherry but was going to buy it to give. Miss Margaret and I toured the Great Western winery when we were in NY State two summers ago and the wine they served us after the tour was good. Anyway, the stuff is at home for you if you can use it. Let me know if it is decent.

Hear you're having the Thanksgiving dinner catered this year. Think that's smart. Be glad to share the tab with you if you will let me. LBJ just gave all government drones a 3.6 raise and I look to get a grade raise shortly...Of course, need a car and much more and this will amount to very little. Salaries such as mine never make anyone rich but then so long as we are healthy and eating regularly we should be grateful. Just had a checkup today and was told that all was well. Don't count on this as the gospel but it helps every three or four years to know that all the aches and pains are just natural...Hope all is OK with you. If not and there is anything I can do, let me hear. Miss M. wrote today and said she had a nice letter from you and that you had taken that boat trip I'd like to take again. Always been curious about the local waterways and am familiar only with Bluffton and that less and less. Take care and let me hear if you are interested in the chair business.

Lana -
Ruth

Monday A.M.

Dear Friends:

I have been a long time
telling you how much I enjoyed Fr. Bob's
message to the National Guards and to
thank you for "Forward" but I don't have
to tell you what they mean to me, you
know.

Baby is just getting over a kidney
infection. She was in the hospital four
days. She came home as soon as we
could handle the medication here at home.
She isn't completely well but improving

I hope I won't be disappointed. I am
way behind with my yard work. It rained
so much and now that it has stopped I do
not have any help. Maybe I will catch up
before the sun gets too hot. I have never
seen such heavy foliage as the bushes and trees
have this year and there are so many black-
berries. It has been a beautiful spring.

This is one of my days at the library
so I must get busy. I tried to write letters
yesterday but we had so much company I didn't
get it done, so I am writing early this A.M.
I hope you are both well.

As ever,
Shelma.

The enclosed dollar is to help with all
the postage for "Forward" and different material.