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Dear Mr. Cope:

I am sending your letter on to Dr. Peeples of Hilton Head Island who is also interested in Copes and has extensive records. Not only does he have records, but he knows what is in them or at least where they are. I recently rearranged my files and although I now consider myself well organized, for the life of me I cannot find an abstract of a Kope/Cope deed I did this summer for Dr. Peeples (Barnwell Deed Book I, pp1 51-52). You probably got this deed when you were in Barnwell, however, as well as information on the estate of George Kope as contained in Deed Book O, pp. 445-447, 1824.

Dr. Peeples will point out to you that he is interested in establishing the parents of our ancestor Susannah Mole who married our ancestor John Platts, Jr. in 1810. Jacob and Mary Mole are likely candidates for parentage, and Mary Mole and her sister Hannah Brant were daughters of Jacob Koop/Kope/Cope.

I share Dr. Peeples' interest and have a further interest in the Cope family. John Platts, Jr., had a brother David who married (1) Margaret Kope, daughter of the George Kope who was deceased in 1824. David had three wives and four children, and I'd like to establish which children belonged to which wives. I'm relatively sure that his daughter Mary who married George William Bishop was the issue of Margaret Kope, hence a Kope-Bishop connection that I have not see established previously.

But, further, I am interested in anyone living on the west bank of the Big Salkehatchie River between Buford's Bridge (Hy 301) and Broxton's Bridge (Hy 601), south to Jackson's Branch and Whippy Swamp, primarily from 1750 to 1850, and I am especially interested in Germans. I am curious about the origins of St. Nicholas Lutheran Church in present-day Allendale County; about what I believe to be "a dense web of reiterated kinship" that existed among the German families for over 100 years; and about the patterns of property ownership in the region described.

I welcome the assistance of anyone doing research on this area in this time period who would be willing to share information or even collaborate. Please let me know what you have, what you are willing to share, and what I can furnish you.

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January 1, 1987

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Dear Ms. Williams:

I found your name through the Barnwell County Probate Office, where you had indicated you were doing genealogical work on various families.

I have been researching the Cope family, which in the early records is also spelled Kope, Keoup, Coup, and Coupee.

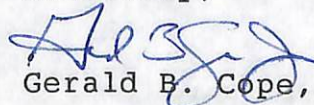
In your list was a name which I thought could be Cope, or Cone -- I was not sure which. Your list also contained the Brant family, to whom we are related. I also believe we are connected to the Platts and Kinard families as of the early 19th century.

My grandfather, Sheldon Bull Cope, was the youngest son of Jacob Martin Cope, who founded Cope, South Carolina, after the War Between the States. He came from Buford's Bridge. We believe that his father was Jacob Cope, who died in the late 1860's; and his father was George Cope, who died around 1821.

I do not know if the family is of German origin, but many of the property holdings of the family were in the vicinity of the Salkehatchie River.

Any help you may be able to give from your research would be appreciated. I can be reached at this address, or by telephone at (305) 579-0060 (office), (305) 361-3685 (home).

Sincerely,



Gerald B. Cope, Jr.

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Cope

George Cope

1790 Orangeburg Dist (South Part)
 2 males 16/0p; 3m 0/16; 1 f.
 1800 Barnwell Dist. (See Cope)
 22200-20010-00

Jonathan Cope
 1800 Beaufort Dist.
 00001-00000-00

Jacob Cope

6 Aug 1797 133 acres Horsepen Bay - grant
 23 Aug 1797 bought from Conrad Augley, Orangeburg
 (Barnwell Dist) 200 acres for £10 with Rachel
 adjoining
 19 March 1814 deceased Barnwell Dist Bk 1 p. 51

Frederick Grant - Hannah Cope
 of Barnwell Dist
 19 Mar 1814

Jacob Mole
 Beaufort Dist
 19 Mar 1814

Mary Cope

George Cope -
 bought 2/3 of
 Jacob's estate for
 \$120 19 Mar 1814
 1810 Census Barnwell

John Platts
 (1790-1861)

1811
 Susannah Mole
 1795-1844

John Francis Jalk 1844
 Matilda Elizabeth Platts
 1829-1897

1800 Census

Mole, George	Beaufort	21010-21010-
Jacob	v	01010-21010-
Sophia	v	00000-00001-
Moles, Jane	Newberry	01100-00101-
Jacob	Colleton	21001-02101-
Jamies	Charleston	01120-30010-