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Dear Robert:

I find myself in much the same position you were in when I sent you that batch of 'stuff' - so much to think about and look up before sending my comments and correcting my notes where necessary. But first - thank you, thank you very much for the material you sent me - I am happy to have the xerox copies of the pages from the Journal of the Grand Council 1671-1680 - re John Norton, and Thomas Smith, and Wm.Blakeway. I have already thanked you for the copy of Will of John Robert.

I will take your letter of 4 Sept. first - have just read it over again more carefully - I was in such a rush when it came.

Glad you agree that the planters lived on Hilton Head in winter, and Beaufort in summer - which supports my belief that Wm.Pope lived at Colgins in winter and Bluffton in summer (despite Mary S's belief of the opposite). *I still think Colgins his principal home on H. H.*

I cannot answer your question about Grahamville because I do not know anything about the stepchildren of Mrs. Buckner or who was the 1st wife of Rev.Mr.Graham or names of his children.

I am surprised you did not see the "Old Auntie's" Record at the time Bess Norton went with us to the Reunion in Allendale and showed it around there. I remember that Alice Tonge made some notes while there. The way I got a copy is that Bess asked me to type it for her as that was her only copy. I wish I had asked her where she got it. I made her an original and 2 carbons as she wished and she said I could make a copy for myself. I have copied it for others several times since then, the last time now for you.

Am glad you are giving a xerox copy of the Chapel of Ease Deed to the Church at Beaufort and to the Beaufort Library. I am surprised if the Church does not already have a copy, or at least all the information concerning the Chapel of Ease. I never thought of sending them a copy and am very glad that you did. It should certainly be in their records. Shouldn't their copy be notarized as being a true copy?

YOU WERE CERTAINLY SWIFT AS THE WIND IN RETURNING MY DEED OF CHAPEL OF EASE TO ME. I never meant to rush you quite that much, but thank you anyway. It arrived safely. I would not have lent it to anyone but you as I know I can depend on you. I never thought how silly it might look when I placed my photos of church and marker on page when xeroxed - but all that blank space.....it seemed a good idea since I only intended it for my family records.

I suppose I was a little hasty in phoning you Robert, but

Referring further to the article by Mr. Wright in  
SCH&G No. 57, p. - Vol. 66, pg. 57 -

Why does Mr. Wright in his footnote speak of Squire  
William as "the redoubtable" Squire William of Hilton Head?

I take that as anything but complimentary. He was  
neither stern nor formidable - in fact the opposite as  
all records prove. He was kind, sympathetic and gentle,  
a true Christian. When Dr. Chalmers Davidson was writing  
his book he and I corresponded and exchanged information,  
and he sent me a letter he had received from one of my  
elderly cousins - a great granddaughter of Squire William -  
and in it she told of his being urged to sell his slaves  
when war seemed imminent (many were doing that I understand)  
and he refused saying he could not find it in his heart to  
separate families. This was later confirmed for me by Walter  
H. who got it from a friend whose ancestors were friends of  
the Popes. I returned the letter to Dr. Davidson but think  
I have a copy somewhere.



I was just so eager to hear your comments - sorry I could not get to the meeting of H.H.Hist.Soc. But thank you.

I may be wrong in assuming that Capt. William did not live on Hilton Head - you know Robert that I never for a moment forgot about the 1823 will of Capt. Pope - how could I ever! I am the one who found it and I must have typed it a dozen times for family and those interested, and I had xerox copies made and presented to various historical societies, including S.C.Hist.Soc. and the Hilton Head Hist.Soc. (thru Mr. Larry Rogers). He said it would be put in a museum to be built (if I remember correctly) - but whatever became of it. I had a nice letter from Mr. Inabinette(?) thanking me for the S.C. Library. I also gave Walter H. a copy and of course Mary Sams who sent a copy to Mr. David Wright. So how could I forget that will. It meant too much to me. I may however have assumed too much in thinking that William Pope (Capt.)'s main home was his plantation on the May River, even though he owned so much of Hilton Head Island. Do you think he just moved into his bride's home Fish Hall? Or do you think he already had a home of his own on H.H., and where?

I am working, now and then, on trying to prove his "Plantation on May River" - its location I mean. I think it may have been at Violet Bank. He owned half of Bluffton remember.

I have just read SCHM - the article by Mr. Wright - but it says very little about Capt. Wm. Pope - or even Squire Pope. I have also just re-read Col. Jos. Daniel Pope's unpublished history and I do note that he refers to Capt. Pope as "of H.H."

My copy of Col. Pope's family history was given to me by Walter H., with a foreword and annotations by David Wright. I find that page 5 is missing. Also page 21 is the last page and it seems to me to end abruptly. Is there more of it after page 21? I would appreciate it greatly if you would send me a copy of the missing page 5. My numbered pages may not correspond with yours - My page 7 is marked "Pope 2" in upper left corner. I see there is a mixup in the numbering - so disregard this until I can check further - then if I am missing a page I will let you know. There is certainly a skip in mine somewhere.

I am disappointed not to have had a reply or acknowledgment from the Regional Planning Council for the large amount of material I took such pains to assemble for them. Of course I suppose that is due to Miss Collyar's leaving them. But surely someone should acknowledge. I not only went to much trouble but also some expense in having things copied for them. I sent it to them on Sept. 5th.

I am really in a stew now - trying to finish up some painting and record copying, etc. in order to get off to Florida in about two weeks. We are going down by train - that is easier than the long two day drive we used to take - especially now they have moved over to Key Biscayne, and we do not need our car once we get there.

I hate to disappoint you about the Pope letters Robert, and I hope you will understand my feelings in the matter. They are still in the bank lockers, but I also have another reason for not sending them for you to copy. I do hope you will understand my feelings. The letters I have are actually of no historical interest that I can see - being simply letters from one member of the family to another expressing such heartbreak and anguish - letters of loneliness due to separation and of longing of a grandmother to be reunited with her beloved grandchildren, etc.etc. It would "go against the grain" with me to put these strictly personal letters on public display. I just cannot do it. I hope you wont press Mary further. After all they are letters written by my own great and great great grandparents and close kin. Please understand. Believe me they would add nothing of historical interest.

I do have other material which I want to assemble for you which I think you would want - however I may not get it done before my return from Fla. We only expect to be away about 2 weeks this time - back by early November - the occasion for going down at this time is that Kimmy is having a birthday and wants us to be there for her birthday party. Her birthday is Oct. 21st - but then if Tom and Ina do decide to take a little trip while we are there we may be a week longer getting back. It all depends.

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*In haste*  
*Eleanor*

Now to answer your letter of 18 Sept. with which you returned the Chapel of Ease Deed...

I am so glad to have your thoughts on this. I agree with you that it does seem strange that the Chapel was built on Jonathan Norton's land BEFORE the Church had secured the property.

It is also puzzling to me that it should have taken so long to complete the job once they got started. And why did Jonathan wait until 1756 to deed the land? But the facts are there in the records and in his will.

What did you mean about---

"Cook even baptized your Sarah Norton (Mrs. Samuel)Green; IT PROBABLY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT HER EARLY DEATH ON 5 May 1765."

Did she get pneumonia from the immersion????? Or were you being facetious?