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March 22, 1985

Dear Cousin Robert,

As you can see by the enclosed notice our Alabama cousins, Annie Reynolds Day and Mary Reynolds have been busy this year! They have already been in touch with you or they will be shortly. In the meantime I am helping with some advance publicity and sales. As an author yourself you well understand the problems of financing a family genealogy.

In the past few days I have mailed out many of these notices to persons and organizations in South Carolina but I am sure with your many contacts you will be able to reach people I don't know about.

After a colonial history of some importance in S.C. the Reynolds name seems to have slipped into obscurity, at least in S.C. I am sure the decendants are there but possibly under the names of connected lines such as: ALISON, BARNWELL, BEEKMAN, CAPERS, CHAPLIN, JENKINS, LADSON, CODNER, EDINGS, FICKLING, FRIPP, GRIMBALL, LEE, LOCKWOOD, SEABROOK, STANYARNE, THEUS, TOWNSEND and other Low Country names.

I have seen Mary Reynolds's rough manuscript and can attest to her thorough research and her resolve to document sources and verify data. Even a historian like yourself would approve. (the cost should be around \$30.)

Mary Beekman Reynolds  
b. 5 May 1869 - bapt. 23 June 1869  
Carlowville, AL  
d. 28 Jan 1953  
Tallahassee, FL

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If you could pass the cards to interested persons and perhaps mention it to your various organizations it would be much appreciated.

I do hope your Miss Cora has gotten her Dawson line in order. Thank goodness for St. Helena's well done parish records in the SC HS...this made the early Reynolds family so easy. Of course Mary has had family records to use that have not been available to others. It all helps with the big puzzle.

Last fall I spent some time in the Beaufort library and saw your much needed letter to Ger hard Spieler about Etta Foster's errors in the Chaplin information. I do feel that we are going to avoid this in the Reynolds book. This is due, in great part to Mary's determination. She will be giving documented sources for others to refer to.

Speaking of errors, I only recently noticed in my correspondence with you of Feb. 6, 1984 a serious error on chart "A" included in my letter. Enclosed is a sticker with correct info to be put right over #3, Mary Beekman Reynolds. Of course you may have tossed it all away by now but in case you havn't it would be doing me a great favor to use the correct info on sticker. (I would hate for someone to come across this some day.)

Your article in SCHS "Old Hilton Head Island Names" mentions one member of this Reynolds family.... Benjamin Reynolds, in 1783 <sup>by</sup>ing two plantations. He must have been the Benj. m. to Sarah (Chaplin) Smelie. (1750 - 1826)

Hope you can help.

A JOYFUL EASTER TO YOU!

Sincerely,

*Dorethy*