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Dear Cousins,

I hope that you are both well and prosperous and that you have a very happy Christmas.

I want to update you on some research that I did at the South Carolina Archives Building in Columbia. As you know, I have been trying to determine if my grandmother, Ethel Rhodes Peeples, had an older brother who died at a young age. As you suggested, I consulted the 1900 census and looked up Charles Meyers Rhodes and his family. This is what I found:

The household consisted of:

		Born	Age
Charles Meyers Rhodes		Oct 1872	27
Maud Rhodes	Wife	Nov 1874	25
Jesse Rhodes	Son	Nov 1895	4
Evelina Rhodes	Daughter	Sept 1897	2
Lee Youmans	Brother-in-law	Aug 1882	17

Jesse Rhodes would be the brother I was searching for. He was born on November 17, 1895 at Browning, S. C. I have visited the site of Browning. There is nothing left there but a small cemetery. It is located between Gifford and Black Creek on County Road 41. Apparently, the entire area around Gifford and Luray was known as the Browning Community in the 1890's.

Evelina Rhodes is my grandmother, Ethel. She had told me that she changed her name to Ethel when she was a young girl. Her younger brother, William F. Rhodes, was not born until after the 1900 census.

We can now add the name of Jesse Rhodes to the family history. I hope now to be able to locate his death certificate and place of burial.

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Franklin

While searching the Browning Cemetery I found the graves of Medicus O. Youmans and his wife Abbigail Bowers. I believe that Medicus is the brother of my great, great grandfather, William F. Youmans, who is buried at Black Creek. Do you know if this is correct? Are William F. Youmans and Medicus Youmans the sons of James Peeples (1819-1884) Youmans? m. Eliz. d/o James Owens & Eliz. Mc Bride s/o Wm Youmans & Mary Peeples
b. 1829 Rev Sebin

Beverly and I are looking forward to seeing you again at the Rhodes reunion next spring.

Sincerely,

Bill

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