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Dear coz Robert,

We had a fantastic time with 22 of our cousins. Such a delightful group - some first timers for our gathering.

We made the "Cross" on Santee - so serene - almost "Holy Ground" - the brick church - museum at M & Glenville - Echaw grounds etc.

The next day to Estee and all sites there - Robert cemetery, pointed out Sarah's marker & at Stony Creek - Jaquet's marker. Every place was in good shape, but the high light of the trip - thanks to you, was the ruins of the Sheldon Church. Everyone was in awe, even a young lady from Washington DC who didn't really seem to be too interested - she only came because of her mother, came alive and took more pictures than anyone. ~~How~~ I was so glad in the car with her to the airport the next morning and she admitted she began to fall in love with the area and what it meant to our family.

Seven of us arrived Charleston, Sat afternoon and went to 10:30 service at our Huguenot Church. After service, I & others went to their reception following the service, I met a beautiful young lady, so friendly & kind and served me a glass of red wine. We visited, I asked her if she was a Huguenot, and she said no, I asked her where she was reared - she said Allendale, asked her if she knew Tom Lawton - she said oh yes, my grandfather's name was James Lawton Oswald, I ^{said} honey you are one of us - we have Oswald's in "Our Family Circle" book and I told her to get with Barbara Clappool and to help her fill out an application. Her name is Marty Dinn. She told me Barbara was at church but I missed seeing ^{her}. I plan to call Barbara, I want to order more Transactions - so hopefully Marty will come to our Lawton Reunion in June.

Everyone enjoyed the trip - Lawton O'Brien was great as usual - how we miss you & Aora but hopefully we can all get together in June.

Sincerely -
Lester Coy JOE