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Dear Robert,

This year has passed entirely too quickly, and with my sixtieth last February I feel somewhat like Uncle Mit (M.G. Robert, Jr.) in his eighties when he remarked, "How did I get so old so fast?" At least life isn't dull - simply hectic!!

Attended C.D.XVII C. state convention in Mobile this year, and had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Copeland, the National President. Seems we share the same ancestor as the Landgrave Smith house was on the cover of the magazine in her honor when she went out of office. Still have failed to hear anything concerning the fact Judith de Bourdeaux married Pierre Robert, Jr. but hope to do so some day. May have told you that my daughter, Mary, has joined this and has also been invited to join Colonial Dames of America. I filled out her papers for that earlier this year.

By the way, I would like to present the name of my first cousin, Elizabeth Williams, for membership in First Families of S.C., and believe that she would be able to attend some of the functions. She is the former Elizabeth Sims Green and the daughter of Mother's youngest sister, Edna, who died this year. Her address is:

Mrs. Walter A. Williams
1849 Oak Lane
Orlando, Florida 32803

Her husband (dec'd) was a colonel (ret.), she has held office in various organizations such as A.A.U.W., U.D.C., DAR, etc., and has traveled extensively. How do I go about this?

Mary and her family will be here tonight and return to B'ham Wednesday. We're really looking forward to their visit though it is such a short one. They would have come on a weekend but the girls were in a wedding Saturday, and there were various other activities to prevent this. King is in Utah and hopes to be able to visit next summer. My sister, Mary Blue, is coming on the 26th to spend a week. Has a ride with a lady who is going to Mobile to visit her daughter. Leslie says there is only one thing wrong with her visit - she should stay two weeks!! k

Thanksgiving was spent in Washington with my family, and dinner that day was almost like the days when we congregated at the Cedars. Was such fun as Billy and Emily had us, the other two sisters, their children and grandson, Sarah Sims Way (first cousin), and Mary and Jim Reynolds. Mary Reynolds has had such a time. Had knee surgery last year and then broke her hip the end of June later developing phlebitis. Their daughter, Mary Morrison, and her family were spending Thanksgiving in Savannah, so at least they didn't have to spend the day by themselves.

Leslie has been so terribly busy during his semi-retirement that he says he is almost afraid to retire!! If anything, he is working

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harder than ever. However, it seems to agree with him though he says he plans to fully retire this September. Sometimes I wonder how this is going to affect me. When he's home he always wants me near him and I'm wondering if I'll ever have time to myself for other things! We'll see. Perhaps we'll be able to do a little traveling though.

Leslie joins me sending best wishes to you and Cora. May your Christmas and the coming year be blessed with joy and good health.

Sincerely,

Ann