

March 30, 1988

Dear Cora and Robert,

I had intended writing you a long time ago, but this has not been a good year for me - since last summer - it has been just one physical thing after another, but I am better right now. I hope the past year has been kinder to you.

Robert I am enclosing a check for the Pierre Robert marker and just wish I could send more. I am also enclosing an ancestor chart for me that Bob and I have been working on for some time. We did get down to Ossabaw Island last summer. The State of Georgia Wildlife Assn. took us over in their boat and showed us the island and I brought back a brick from the original Morel mansion. A person has so many lines. I had to go to a UDC Board Meeting in Richmond in early March and we went on to Washington to the DAR Building to try to straighten out some of my supplementals. They are really getting "picky" now and require documentation on everything, as so much misinformation was sent to them in the past. We found two books that we did not know existed and have sent for them. They are a compilation of ~~birth~~, marriage and death dates in the South Carolina and Georgia newspapers and we may obtain copies of the newspapers from the Univ. of Ga.

When we came through Waynesboro I called James Lawton and had a nice conversation with him. I was in hopes we could meet somewhere else other than Hardeeville this year, as I think people are tired of meeting there and maybe we would have a larger crowd somewhere else. I feel sure we will have a good crowd in Charleston next year and understand why, but still wish we could meet somewhere else this year. I told James that I would help him with the table decorations and favors this year.

Mrs. Rouse's brother-in-law (has had his second stroke) and sister with whom she has been living since she fell in her own home and had to finally sell it are making a move. The brother-in-law is still in the hospital (he is 93) so the sister, Mildred, is moving into a retirement part of the same hospital. Mrs. Rouse is going to come and stay with us for a while and decide if she wants to live with us or get an apartment near us or in Chattanooga. She had both knees replaced last year and has been in the hospital for three weeks with sciatic nerve problems. She wants to improve so much and "get on with her life".

Was quite surprised to learn I was related to Edmund Bellinger, First Landgrave of South Carolina, I thought you might be interested.

Bob had to attend an SCV Meeting tonight, but he sends his love and we hope to attend the First Families Meeting if possible.

April 1, 1988

Dear Ones,

Had thought I would have this in the mail before now, but we have had a few complications. We are going to Chattanooga tomorrow to bring Mrs. Rouse back, she is worn out trying to get ready for such a drastic move and is still unable to lift anything.

So will go ahead and ring this off for tonight and send you this long overdue check. As I said before, I wish I could send more as Pierre has enabled me to be in such nice Patriotic organizations and I do appreciate it.

Best wishes to both of you and I hope we can make it to the First Fam. meeting.

Love,

*Monroe and Bob*