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Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Many thanks indeed for your kind response to our recent letter to the Fairfield County Clerk of Court regarding the Hornsby Family. Leonard and Elizabeth Hornsby were the parents of my fourth-great grandmother, Phaniel Hornsby, "Ann" or "Fanny," born in Virginia, probably Southampton County, on 5 Feb. 1742. "Ann" appears to have married our family's earliest proven ancestor, William Blake, in Fairfield County, Camden District, South Carolina, about 1761-1763, and we are trying to identify his parents and siblings. Our Hornsby inquiries are a means to that end.

We have written to the South Carolina State Archives, as you suggest, to see if they have a record of William and Phaniel's marriage. Our experience, however, has been that these entries are more likely to have been preserved locally, perhaps in old church vestry books. If you have any such record, we would greatly appreciate receiving a copy, and will of course be happy to pay promptly whatever incidental expense is involved. Another self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. If a search of archives is required, perhaps you can recommend a local genealogist or historian who could conduct one.

We have a great deal of information on this unpublished branch of the Blake family in America, which we would be happy to share with your Museum. If anyone else contacts you about our William Blake or Phaniel Hornsby, please by all means refer them to us.

Very truly yours,

BRIAN P.T. BLAKE

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