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Mr. Michael C. Scoggins  
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Dear Mr. Scoggins:

I enjoyed your *A History of the Third South Carolina Regiment* in Volume 3, Number 12.3 of *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution*.

I've long had a special interest in David Hopkins (1737-1816) of that regiment who was my g<sup>5</sup>grandfather. I've collected information on him for many years. I recently gave all my files on him to my cousin L.G.Y. Willard whose address is below. That file includes his cufflinks and a Daguerreotype portrait of his granddaughter Mary Thompson Newton Hopkins (1787-1849) as an elderly lady. Enclosed is a chart of 5 generations of descendants of Col. Hopkins' father; I have more. I will appreciate correction of errors and omissions.

Your footnotes are particularly interesting to me. I've never seen the papers that you cited in the Draper Manuscripts, Colonial Plats, *Orangeburg County*, or *Records*. Please mail me a copy of them, if that's inconvenient, please write me where I can access those parts of the Draper Manuscripts.

I have a copy of the 5 Hopkins letters in Chester County Deed Book B. I've long wondered who had them recorded there when and why. ~~I was not aware that they're also in the Draper Manuscripts.~~ Where are the original letters?

Thomas Hopkins Peake, Jr. (1926-2001) thought the David Hopkins family cemetery was about a mile north of Fishdam Ford, bulldozed to fill a gully.

David Hopkins; daughter Mary Hopkins (1772-?) and William Hopkins (1767-1821), first cousins, were married in 1787. They lived at Hopkins, S.C. below Columbia.

I see that Dr. Wade Hopkins (1800-1872) of Mississippi contributed to the paper record.

I'd like to read Draper's entire report of his August 1871 interview with Joseph Starke Sims (1801-1875). He was a first cousin twice removed of Reuben Sims (1784-1840) who married David Sims' daughter Mary Thompson Newton Sims.

Many descendants of David Hopkins have tried to prove a genealogical link to Mark Hopkins of California. My study of that concluded that there's no link to Mark Hopkins who was born in upstate New York.

A Hopkins family appeared in lower Greenville County on the west bank of Reedy River at the Great Cane Brake, still there. I've found no link between them and the David Hopkins family.

Yours very truly:



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