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> Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2001 8:39 PM

> To: 'canisha.martin@twcable.com'

> Subject: South Carolina

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Pelham,

Thank you Thank you .....Thank You

I am reading some of NARRATIVES from South Carolina Slaves on the Library  
of  
Congress WEB Site...and I love it.

This is another example of the "my family tree project enriching my life". I  
started with  
the family tree, and that project has lead me to other areas of  
enlightenment.

Again, you and I will call you soon.

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**Subject: Call from Bob**  
**To: Pelham L Sprong Johnson E-mail <fairfieldmus@InfoAve.Net>**

**Pelham,**

**I received a call from Bob [Herald Independent] yesterday. Bob, was very interested in hearing my story and the discovery of Adeline Jackson. He also had a question that a few people have ask me. And that question is - What motivated you to do this?**

**My answer as told is. "I went looking for the missing [unidentified] children of my Greatgrandfather" and that journey has taken me to places I never thought I would be." Pelham, Bob also mentioned that fact that I live in Michigan, and it was interesting that I had such interest my families Southern Roots. I guess he was expecting me to be living in the South.**

**I spoke to Bob for about fifteen minutes, and he told me that he was going to log on and read Adeline Narrative and call me back.**

**I hope you had a nice Birthday and visit to the shore at the shore. Yesterday and today we are reaching 98-105 degrees.**

**Also, Pelham I just received a call from my sister, who tol me that our 88 years lod aunt wants to buy me dinner the next time I am in Pennsylvania. My sister was upset because our aunt wants to treat me and not her. She wants to treat me because, I am the one doing all the hard work, identifying and recording the history of our family.**

**Until next time...**

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Good Morning Pelham,

I took a small break from my Project. I had some out of town guess during the last two weeks. So I did some little entertaining.

I did read you email last night concerning Bobb Hanes...**very interesting**...

Concerning Adeline Jackson. I received two replies from the Library of Congress and they indicated that their Photographs and Prints Division is looking to see if a picture of Adeline exists. They think all the Photos associated with the Slaves Narratives may have been published.

My family Friends , co-workers are very excited about this. One co-worker had her husband log on at home and read the article. And he wants to meet me. One thing that I have noticed. The LOC of Congress site is fairly new, but we are spreading the word. And every one especially some older Afrian American are enjoying reading these narrative. And to know someone who is related to Adeline makes her story **Special**.

Here is something I ran across a few Sunday's ago Adeline was a Slave on the John Mobley plantation. One of her Granddaughters got married, and aJohn Mobely was a witness at her wedding in 1924. His name appeared on the back of the Marriage License. A realative in South Carolilina gave me the **ORIGINAL MARRIAGE LICENSE**>

**I will be a work later in the day, and if I have time I will call you.**

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Pelham:

I forgot in the other email, to ask you. You mentioned before that the Herald Independent was a local weekly newspaper. Can you spend a minute a tell me what type of stories are covered in the paper.

And also, It's it kind of strange that a few local african-americans in the community don't want to see a story about slavery, when the SLAVE NARRATIVES are on the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WED SITE, and close to 50 million americans have access to the INTERNET. I am spreading the word and for those in my family who do not have a computer, I print copies and distribute them. As I mentioned, everybody is very excited.

This is my family history. This shows a direct link to a descendant who was a slave. Adeline is telling her story in her own words.

I am developing a chart showing the simularities with what ADELINE talks about and the notes that I had prior to discovering her story on the WEB. And, i will be glad to share that with you and the Fairfiled Museum

I hope to talk to you soon.

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Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 1:11 AM  
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**Lester, I have not had time to write before now, but must relate to you Bobb Hanes apologies about not being able to feature your story. His publisher required him to query some African-Americans in the community about their opinion on the story and the majority did not want to see an article on slavery featured. I am so disappointed and he was too. It is a very stupid attitude to deny a part of history as if denial could erase it.**

**Besides, your story had nothing to do with promoting , but rather showing the institution as a gateway into your rediscovering a part of your history.**

**Did you get any bites from the LOC? I have been telling people your story and a couple of others have followed suit in searching the site.**

**Any other exciting developments? I have still not been able to find anyone to help me at the museum on special projects and my desk gets piled higher and higher with unanswered mail and work. Keep in touch. -Pelham**

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