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Gentlemen:

many years ago a member of my family prepared a family tree. I am interested in establishing the accuracy of this genealogy.

¶ According to my information, our line goes back to Sir Charles Hedges, who was Secretary of State in the reign of queen Anne. His biography is in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, volume IX. He owned an estate in Compton Bassett.

¶ The second person in the genealogy is Sir Charles' son, also named Charles. The only information I have on him is that his will is dated Sept 2, 1730.

third in the line is Joseph Hedges, who emigrated to the colony of Maryland in America.

I am interested in verifying the fact that the second Charles did have a son Joseph, and if possible, establishing the fact that he emigrated to America.

I do not know your policy regarding charges for such information, but there will be postage and stationery costs, and perhaps others. I am sending you my check in the amount of $5.00, which should cover costs, plus a donation to your Society.

Your help in this matter will be very much appreciated.

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Dear Sir,

In addition to the article, to which you refer, about Sir Charles Hedges, the most informative item we have here, is a transcript from the Stowe MS 714 in the British Museum, where a pedigree shows that Sir Charles had two sons that survived, viz.Henry the 4th son(born 1686) and William the 6th(b.1689), whereas four others died young, of whom three were called Charles.

Of course, if there is a will of one such Charles, this information must be defective. Perhaps enquiry from Somerset House, Strand, London W.C.2. would verify the will you quote ,dating from Sept.2 1730.

Otherwise we have no information about Joseph Hedges.

It might be worth noting that Charles's will might be found in the County Record Office,Trowbridge, Wiltshire; we have only been able to verify that it does not appear there amongst the Wanborough entries, where Sir Charles came from. But such a search would not be quite straightforward, even though you are able to quote the date of the will.

We are much obliged for your contribution to our Society funds, which is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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