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Mrs. Charles H. McSwain, President  
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Dear Mrs. McSwain,

Your interesting letter was received yesterday regarding the Parker - Barham - and Brewster genealogies. I am also delighted to learn that you are a sister of Mrs. Ged Giles in Marion, N.C. She has always been a dear friend to us and remembered us with her most delicious pound cakes several times a year, which we thoroughly enjoyed. She is a dear.

I am not aware that either the Parker or Barham lines have descent from Mayflower ancestors, inasmuch as my Richard Parker (there were a number of Richard Parkers in Virginia) and Capt. Charles Barham came to Virginia direct from England after 1620. My Elder William Brewster line was from my mother's ancestors, Gillette, Miner, Turner to Brewster.

My Richard Parker arrived Dec. 20, 1670, and settled in Surry Co., Va. He was the immigrant. He married Judith Hunt (widow) on May 1, 1668 of Isle of Wight Co., Va. Richard died in 1677 in Surry Co., leaving only one child, Richard Parker Jr. of his own, and two step children, William Hunt, Jr., and Mary Hunt. My William Parker was a "brassier" and musically inclined. He was not the doctor, Richard Parker.

Descendants of my Richard Parker, Sr., bear the names LeGrand and Johnson to my father.

Capt. Charles Barham was born in England about 1626-1627 after the Mayflower had arrived. He came to Surry Co., Va. before 1654 and probably died in James City, Va. in 1683. His descendants (daughter, Elizabeth,) married into the Parker line (Drewry) and has the same descent from that point to my father. It is the Charles Barham line that goes back to Charlemagne.

Thank you for the enclosure regarding descendants of King William I, the Conqueror. It is most interesting.

Genealogy is fascinating but I have not been able to do any searching for the last 15 years, and I love it. I lost my mother October 1977 and my husband last December and looked after them both in the home. I am still swamped with business and things demanding my attention estate-wise, so I still have much ahead of me to demand my attention.

I hope the gentleman will succeed in finding his Richard Parker that might go back to the Mayflower. Mine does not.

With best wishes to you, and give my love to Mrs. Giles when you write her,

Sincerely,

*Helena Johnson Mc Murray*  
Mrs. Carl W. McMurray