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Dear Cousin Robert: William Daniel Family

I have made a trip to Camden, SC and have been corresponding with a number of people about the descendants of William Daniel I and II.

Of course, much more information is available now than was at the time Our Family Circle (Miller) was published in 1931. I have a copy of the 1987 reprint which I think I was given to use in First Family applications. On page 489 after "William Daniel, the eldest brother, had 12 children" (actually he had 14 but two died young) is handwritten the following:

Will dated 4 Nov. 1795, proved 9 Nov. 1796 names 7 children. 1790 Census Fairfield Co. Camden Dist. 15 slaves.

I think you wrote this in and I am very interested in knowing if you have any information at all on the will of William I, such as where I can find a copy. I have the will of William Daniel II in 1828, the year he died. In fact, I have copies of the original and typed copies. Every time I try to get the will of Wm. I, I end up with another copy of Wm. II's will. I am pretty sure there is a will somewhere of Wm. I. Mr. Salley, in old records, referred to the old will and gave the date of 1793. I have records mentioning several places the will is- usually all say Columbia, SC- but so far I can't find it.

Recently, I have met, by letters, a cousin now living in Winnsboro, SC whose line lived in Alabama. She is descended from a daughter of William II. The wife of William II, I discovered last year, was named Ellen, and from the above cousin I got the last name of MARLOR. She said her papers indicate it might have been MARLOWE, which I think is more likely. A letter in the SC Historical Society (old) says that William II married a young girl from an Irish family and I think Marlowe could be Irish. Another fact that surprised me, is their branch says that William II, who was the oldest son, was born in England. He was born 1755. By the time the last child of Wm. I was born (I have no date) the mother died and the child was raised by his sister Polly (Mary). If William II was born in England, then they must have come to SC as a family, William I and his wife, and several of the oldest children. I wonder why no one has found them? They also state that the family of Daniel is Scotch-Irish.

* Wm. was 40, Ellen 20 when they married.

Can you add anything to the above? What do you think is correct? I have discovered that the plantation of Wm. II was 1200 acres as I have the deed from 1/3 he left one of his sons. I went and saw the remains of the cemetery (and therefore plantation). I think that the plantation, White Oak Creek Plantation, off Wateree River 12 miles NW of Camden, was the same one that belonged to Wm. I, but is it?

Regards - Mary