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Hi Cousin Robert!

Very glad to get your letter, and the info about your part of the Michael Durr family. And I am happy to enclose several items that may already have, but possibly not.

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I am also enclosing a chart that shows how I tie in to the Durrs. My Mother was the Marie Lane Floyd in no. 1 spot. I have the Floyds back to the immigrant from Wales, one Nathaniel Floyd, in Virginia ca. 1620. I also have my Andrews line to about the same time. Haven't worked on the Tinsleys much yet. I have the Pinckards back to Capt. John, the immigrant ca. 1650. I have the Lanes back to about the same time also, with some supposedly authentic ties to Sir Ralph Lane, but this I haven't proven yet. I have my Flints back one more generation past Mary, to her father David Flint, of Wake Co. N.C., and I have the Burges and Fretwells to ca. 1700, with a gap of about one or two generations that may tie in with Plymouth. My Germany line has been a frustration for me. Here again, a one generation gap that I can't prove, and it is driving me up the wall. My theory is that John P. Germany, was son of John Germany and Elinor Peek (or Peak), and if so I already have the Germanys back to Ireland ca. 1730, and the Peaks, and Comers to about the same time. Haven't had much luck on the Stringfellows yet.

I didn't intend getting carried away on this, and on my Dad's side, I haven't done nearly so well.

Now, as to the Durrs, you can see by the chart, that I am descended from no. 6 child of Michael Durr, who was also a minister, a Methodist circuit rider thru Ga. into Ala. ca. 1815-50. Haven't been able to find out too much about his ministry, but was fortunate enough to find his will in Macon Co. Ala., which listed all of his children, and some of his gr. children. It also proved I was related to a James J. Durr of Montgomery, with whom I had been writing to for about a year prior to that.

I have also been corresponding with a lady in Louisiana, who is a descendent of the Emmanuel A. Durr I mentioned in my query. We both feel very strongly that he was the son of Jacob Durr, son of our Michael Durr. We have found a Jacob Durr in Mississippi, but he is the son of an Andrew Durr, of Charleston, who may be a younger brother to Michael and Lewis. (See the L.D.S family group sheets.)

Thru the efforts of the above mentioned "cousin", who found the index for the land grants, I obtained the enclosed grants from the Archives in Columbia, S.C. And the enclosed maps of earlier days. Judging from the maps, all of the Durr, Derr grants were in the same general area, except for Jacob's in Orangeburg. But on a map of the S.C. area now, Four Hole Swamp goes all the way into Orangeburg, so who knows how close the grants really were in those days!

Based on the land grants, I had decided that ~~Peter Durr was~~  
Michael's father, and that Jacob Dirr, from the ~~Orangeburg~~  
History, was Peter's brother. Your notation about Peter and  
Katherine Durr fits nicely with what I had, and you will note  
that my Rev. Michael named a daughter, my gr. grandmother,  
Catherine (Charlotte C. was Charlotte Catherine, or Catherine  
Charlotte, I have it both ways); and of course the boys Peter,  
Jacob and Michael, as well as John, appear in several generations.

From what I have read, I surmise that the Durrs, Derrs, Dirrs,  
came into S. Carolina from Pennsylvania. Wish I knew for sure.  
There were quite a few that came into Philadelphia ca. 1720-40,  
from the Palatinate.

After re-reading this, I feel I have really jumped about. But,  
I was anxious to give as much info as I could, and hope that you  
could piece it together.

My wife and I took a month off in '71, and drove thru Alabama,  
Georgia and Florida, visiting relatives of the present and the  
past. I still have an aunt in Jacksonville, Fla., a sister-in-  
law in Atlanta, cousins in central Fla., and the other Durr  
relatives in Alabama. It was really quite a trip for us. Ethel's  
people are from the northwest, coming from Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma  
etc. on the westward trek, but she enjoyed visiting with my rela-  
tives. She lived in Atlanta for a couple of years after we were  
married, before we moved to California, so the south isn't really  
an unknown item for her.

I am enclosing a couple of my brochures, for a little info on  
my past history. I am an artist, mainly commercial, but dabble  
in fine arts as well.

Well, I guess I'll go for now. Do write again when you can, and  
we will see if we can solve the Durr puzzle.

Best regards.



Ed Greene

P.S. I do have copies of wills of Michael Durr, 1793, John Durr,  
1820, and John Derr, 1791, all South Carolina.

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