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Dear Dr. Peeples:

I watched the weather reports about Felix' approach to South Carolina and was relieved when the hurricane passed north of you and became a tropical storm at sea. We visited Charleston several months after the last hurricane had sheared off the tall trees and caused so much wind and water damage. However the old city really looked fine, by then the beneficiary of fresh new paint and repaired roof tops.

Thank you for suggesting that I write to James D. Freeman, Jr. of Sylvania, GA. I hope he can tell me where the Freemans originated (Virginia?). I am also interested in the BUFORD family of Screven. Benjamin Greene lost an arm as the result of his Rev War service and received additional payment in dollars and bounty land. His brothers, McKeen and Col. John Greene, also served and lived around Burke and Screven Counties and Augusta (GA). All were born at Beech Island (now Aiken County), SC; McKeen is buried there. Although Eleanor Greene and William Nicks are mentioned in Screven County deeds and court records, Mr. Hollingsworth may have focused on collecting local tales, memoirs, and legends, fleshing out many (but not all) of those early citizens in his History of Screven County, certainly a more entertaining pastime than reading the public records!

Edward L. Greene and I corresponded during 1988-90. At that time he was living at Lake Jackson, TX, and had recently remarried his next door neighbor! Ed originally lived in Berkeley (CA), my home too (for some 55 years - before moving to Hayward), but didn't know ~~Ed~~. We are cousins through the Rev. Michael Durr line: Ed's ancestress was Charlotte Catherine Durr (1833-c1900), of Autauga Co., AL, sister to my James Pinckard Durr (1816-1891) of Jefferson, TX. Sorry, but I cannot help William A. Durr of Forest, MS with his Jacob lineage.

I have no reason to insist that John Durr of Conecuh County (AL) was Rev. Michael's elder brother, so accept your assumption that John Durr (1772-1820) of St. James Parish was indeed the eldest son and co-executor of Michael(2) Durr (died 1794). The given name, Jacob, was endowed on a son of Michael(2) and the son of John(3), perhaps others. I have no information to offer other than Jacob Derr-Durr (m. Eva Catherine Keyser, 1754), may have been brother to Peter(1) Durr, or that Peter's father may have been a Jacob Durr back in Europe. About ages: Some authorities estimate a 15% error rate in census enumerations. One of my female ancestors was recorded as eight years younger than her actual age in 1850, and born in North Carolina. Her name was Flora McKay, and there were many Scotch lassies by that name. I found her in Mississippi records and subsequently learned that Flora was actually born in Marlboro County, South Carolina in 1802.

Where was your Durr family living in Texas ca1870?

If you know where I might purchase a copy of Salley's History of Orangeburg with the vital records of the Rev's Giessendanner, please let me know. The Reprint Mint, Spartanburg, SC, suggested by the German-Swiss Genealogical Society, does not answer my letters.

Sincerely,

