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Numerous family Bibles preserved with care, and the old cemeteries of Cheneyville and Evergreen, Louisiana, tell the story of many generations of the descendants of these pioneers. There has been such frequent inter-marriage between them in the past century or more that at this period one of the present generation would make no mistake in calling one of the others "cousin."

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PART ONE.

THE ROBERT FAMILY.

WE first find our Robert family appearing in America with the advent of Huguenot emigration to the colony of South Carolina in 1686. It is to be definitely borne in mind that the name is *Robert* and not *Roberts*. We are frequently prone to use the latter name when we intend the former. The two signify entirely different people. However, it is said within the family circle, that some members of the earlier generations in this country (through ignorance or carelessness) permitted an "s" to become attached to their names and have thus eventually been lost to the family where they rightfully belong.

Prior to the American Revolution that branch of the Robert family dealt with in this work was confined to the limits of South Carolina. Since then a few have drifted to the northern and western States of the Union, but large numbers followed the southwestern tide of emigration and settled in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. It can be said of them that wherever they went they became outstanding citizens in their community. They were ever a prolific people—sterility was never known among them—and today the blood of the first emigrant of that name courses in the veins of several thousand individuals.

We are particularly interested in that branch of the family which stopped in Louisiana in the early days of the nineteenth century and made their home in the central part of the State. The greater part of this work will be taken up with them and their descendants, but before doing so we will give a brief account of their South Carolina forebears, endeavoring to treat the subject in such a manner that those of the present generation will have no difficulty in tracing their descent back through the two hundred and fifty years of the past to the Rev. Pierre Robert, that earnest and fearless Huguenot preacher who led his flock from the persecuted valleys of France to the freedom of the wilderness in the Western Hemisphere. It is to be regretted that we have such meager knowledge of the life of this great and good man, and that we know almost nothing of his forebears. Such services as he rendered are worthy of more notice than it is possible at this remote period to accord them.

Tradition tells us that the Robert family originated in Wales and that several hundred years ago it was spelled *Rhobert*. Sometime after 1598 when Henry IV of France proclaimed the Edict of Nantes, thus giving religious freedom to his subjects, it is said that members of our Robert family left Wales and emigrated to France in order to take advantage of the blessings offered by this act. They located in the Piedmont valley within the borders of what is now Switzerland, and it is there that we meet the first Robert whom we can definitely name. He was Daniel and was born at Basle, Switzerland, in 1625. He was very probably the second generation of the name born in a foreign land. We have very little information about him; however, we do know that he lived at St. Imier, Switzerland, and that his wife was named Marie. It was their son, Pierre Robert, who was the first of the name to emigrate to America.

Baptized 30 Dec. 1655 St. Imier
REV. PIERRE ROBERT (1656-1715) M.D.

Pierre Robert, the first generation of the family in the New World, was (as far as we know) the only son of Daniel and Marie Robert of St. Imier, Switzerland. He is usually known as the *Rev. Pierre Robert*. He was born in St. Imier, Switzerland, in 1656. There is some reference to him in the early Swiss records as a Doctor, but this was probably an ecclesiastical title. The following item from the church records in Basle, Switzerland, verifies his ordination:—

"Ce Dimanche, 19 Fevrier, 1682, le St. Pierre Robert de St. Imier a recu l'imposition des mains."

A glimpse of the early Robert genealogy has been left us by the Rev. William Henry Robert of Centerville, Mississippi, who was a son of James Jehu Robert and his second wife, Phoebe McKenzie, and a grandson of John Robert and Elizabeth Dixon of Robertville, South Carolina. This information was left in an article in his own handwriting entitled "My Christmas Musings," which we will here insert in full:—

A few days since I met these two words as contrasted in their meaning; I have been thinking of times and things away back beyond my own personal being. I have felt like Paul when he was induced to speak of his ancestry. I have thought how the affection of the poor Welsh Christians must have driven them to the throne of grace.

When in 1285, under the reign of Edward II, Wales became an English principality the "H" was left out of the name Rhobert, and it became Robert. Many of the name, however, taking on an "S".

I have been full of the thought of that family (Robert) which went into France to enjoy the privileges of the Edict of Nantes (1598), how they suffered loss of all things, save the love they had for the Saviour. In my thinking I was forced to say:—'We'll glory in tribulation also, for it only worketh patience, experience, hope and boldness in the love of God shed in our hearts.' I was thankfully thoughtful that tho' in France they suffered so much, yet the despised Huguenots were blessed, the Testament and Psalms having been translated into French by Farel and Le Fevre, and that Pierre Robert was enabled to enjoy the religious instructions of his parents in his youth near Basle, Switzerland, and to labor in the Piedmont valley as a pastor of the Waldensian Church until the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when by that cruel act of Louis XIV, he was forced to leave his home or be sent to the galleys.

Swiss Rev. Pierre Robert came with a colony of French and Swedish refugees to Santee, South Carolina, being only thirty years old, with his wife Irania Buysen Robert* and their only son Pierre II, then five years old.† When he, Pierre Robert, died in 1715, and his wife in 1717, they left three sons, Pierre II, Elias, and John. The last two allowed the "S" to their names and thus were lost to our family. One, a Col. Roberts of the Revolutionary Army, a prominent Presbyterian, settled in Pendleton county† and from him a village and church were called *Roberts*. Although we may not be able to trace our connection with many of those who claim and use "S" in the name Roberts, yet it is very pleasant thinking (as was remarked to me by a Methodist minister the past summer) that most of the aged men whom he had known of the Welsh Robert family were men of great piety and prayerfulness.

Jacques (James) Robert, a son of Pierre II, was a man of large size, six feet high and quite fleshy, a man of scientific education, became wealthy, and at one time

* This should be Jeanne Brayé Robert. In the court house at Charleston, S. C., there is a record of the marriage settlement of Pierre Robert II in which is mentioned the wife of Rev. Pierre Robert as Jeanne Brayé.

† In West Virginia.

* Pierre II was born 1675, baptized 9 May 1675.

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owned four plantations in Santee, South Carolina, and at the same time carried on a store. By imprudence in trade, and by loaning the use of his name as security to his friends, he lost most of his property and had to resort to the school room for a living. He went to North Carolina and took his eldest son James with him. From the falling of an old house during a cyclone James was killed. His father soon after returned and moved his family to ~~Cott-~~ ^{Beaufort} ~~ton~~ District, South Carolina. He died and was buried at ~~Stone~~ ^{Stoney} Creek Church in 1774, leaving three sons, Peter, Elias, and John, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Judith and Sarah. In 1775 his wife, Sarah Jaudon Robert, with her brother ~~Thomas Jaudon~~,* her sons Peter and Elias, and her daughters, Elizabeth Grimbball and Judith Cheney, moved to Black Swamp and established the village, Robertville, which was a place of considerable importance until the late Confederate War when Sherman had it thoroughly destroyed—even the fine old oaks and hickories under which I played as a school boy—burning the church and school house and Sunday school, also the fence around the graveyard, wherein laid the bodies of my grandmother and a sweet little girl nine weeks old, as well as other relatives and friends. God be praised! war could not touch their souls, these were at God's right hand, having fullness of joy and enjoying their inheritance undefiled, and that will never fade away.

The compiler of this work feels that we are most fortunate in having the above information from the pen of the Rev. William Henry Robert, affectionately known to his many Louisiana relatives as "Cousin Billy." This same has been handed down to us through other sources—principally tradition—and we feel more secure in our genealogical position in having it from one who really knew. His statements definitely establish for us the names of the first three generations of our forebears in this country. Rev. William Henry Robert was a great grandson of Jacques (son of Pierre II) whom he mentions in his "musings." He himself was the grandfather of Dr. James Jehu Robert of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, one of the prominent physicians and surgeons there at this date (1945).

* Rev. W. H. Robert has evidently made a mistake in the first name of Sarah Jaudon Robert's brother. We can find no Thomas Jaudon of that period. Sarah, who was the daughter of Daniel Jaudon, had five brothers, Daniel, Noah, Elias, Matthew, and Paul.

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Rev. Pierre Robert was married some years before he was ordained, probably in 1674 when he was eighteen years of age, as the church records in Switzerland show that his son, Pierre II, was baptized on May 9, 1675. His wife was Jeanne Brayé, daughter of Jehu and Susanne Brayé. She was born in Basle, Switzerland, in 1660. They were happy in that beautiful Piedmont valley until Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes and religious persecution began again with all its cruelty and fury. There was one hope for them—emigration to the New World across the ocean.

Captain Philip Gendron, a man of enterprise and daring, organized a large band of Huguenots for transportation overseas and in 1686 they sailed from the Isle of Ré, in the Bay of Biscay, just off the coast of France, and during that same year they landed safely on the friendly shores of South Carolina where they found peace and security. More came later and soon there was a large French population in this southern colony. In September, 1705, the Lords Proprietors of the Carolinas ceded to these French refugees a large tract of land on the Santee river, in St. James parish, for a town or plantation. ~~In the following January the Huguenots moved there and laid~~ out a town which they called Jamestown (probably named for James II, King of England). The streets intersected at right angles and in the middle was a lot set aside for a church and cemetery. The pastor of the large band of Huguenots composing Captain Gendron's expedition was our Rev. Pierre Robert. With him came his wife and their son, Pierre II. ~~He was the first Huguenot preacher in South Carolina, and as far as we can ascertain, the first in America.~~ He organized the church at Jamestown and was pastor of it until his forced retirement on account of bad health in 1715. Jamestown was generally called *French Santee* to distinguish it from another *Santee* which was an English settlement in the adjoining parish of St. Stephen. But in spite of the efforts of the refugees to make it a success this new town never prospered. Its location was its downfall. The river was given to freshets which overflowed the surrounding country and the climate was not very salubrious. By 1712 the people living there began to migrate to other more desirable parts of the colony and the site where Jamestown, or French Santee, once stood was eventually abandoned.

They were
at Santee
1696, 1697,
etc.

No!
R.E.H.R.
1710

Stoney
P. William Par.
Beaufort Dist.
Nov. 1774

doned and sold as a plantation. Even its name at this day is but a memory retained by those whose ancestors once had a personal interest in it, and the vicinity where it once rested is now almost a wilderness. Here and there an old ruin marks the spot where a Huguenot home once stood, and the river flows silently on through miles of waste area, desolate and lonely.

French Santee was about sixty miles north of Charleston and at one time there were about eighty families there. Among them we find such familiar names as Gendron, Robert, Richebourg, Rembert, Jaudon, le Grand, Horry, Huger, Gourdin, Gignilliat, Gaillard, Dubose, Boisseau, Dutarte, St. Julien, Mayrant, Michaud, Porcher, Postell, Ravenal, and others. Claude Phillipe de Richebourg was descended from the Counts of Richebourg of St. Severe. He first came over about 1700 with the Marquis de la Muce and settled in "Manakin Town," on the James river in Virginia, but becoming dissatisfied there he left with numerous followers in 1707 and settled in South Carolina. He was a minister and succeeded the Rev. Pierre Robert as pastor of the Huguenot congregation in South Carolina.

* The Rev. Pierre Robert died at French Santee, South Carolina, in 1715 and was buried there. Unfortunately his grave was not marked and now the exact spot is not known. His wife died in 1717. They had three children:—Pierre II, Jean (John), and Elias. The two younger were born in South Carolina. We regret that we have so little information about them and their descendants. We know that Jean or John Robert married Margaret—and left four children:—Thomas, John, Ann, and Mary Robert. This is the extent of our knowledge of them. Elias Robert, the younger son of Rev. Pierre Robert, married and left descendants. We know that he had a son named Abraham Robert. It is said that the progeny of Elias added an "S" to their family name and in this manner eventually became lost to the Robert clan.

No.1 The first Huguenot church built in Charleston is still standing in a good state of preservation at this day even though it is more than two centuries old. On one of its inner walls may be seen a tablet placed there by some of the descendants of Pierre Robert with this inscription on it:—

Pasteur Pierre Robert
French Santee, So. Ca.
1656 1715

6. Mary
+ 1803 unkm.
7. Lynch
+ Oct. 1812 d.s.p.

PIERRE ROBERT II. (1675-1731)

The second generation of the Robert family in America is represented by Pierre Robert II, eldest son of the famous Huguenot preacher and his wife, Jeanne Brayé. He was born in Basle, Switzerland, in the early part of 1675. The register of the old Waldensian church at Basle records his baptism as follows:

Le Registre de l'Eglise Francaise de Basle ce Dimanche 9 de Mai, 1675:—a ete baptize un fils de St. Pierre Robert et de Jeanne Brayé, presente par le Sieur Rene Frey, le Sieur de Beaulieu, et Demoiselle Elizabeth ^{Not} Tudore, — Pierre.

Young Pierre Robert was eleven years of age when his parents brought him to America, and not five as was stated in the paper left by the Rev. William Henry Robert and already quoted in full. It was in the year 1686 that he first saw the shores of South Carolina where he was to spend the remainder of his days. He was twice married. In 1701 he married Anne Marie Louise le Grand, daughter of Louis le Grand, Esquire, Sieur de la Fresnaye, and his wife, Anne de Magneville. Her parents were from Caen, in Normandy, France. The records in Charleston, South Carolina, show that the marriage settlement was signed in the house of the bride's uncle, Isaac le Grand, Esquire, Sieur d'Anerville. It was executed before Henry Auguste on September 10, 1701, and was witnessed by Isaac le Grand and Jacques le Grand. The text of the marriage settlement began in this manner:—

We, the undersigned, Pierre Robert, minister of the Gospel, native of St. Imier, Switzerland, and now living in the county of Craven on the border of the Santee river in the Province of Carolina, and Pierre Robert, native of Basle, Switzerland, son of myself—the said Pierre Robert minister of the Gospel, and Jeanne Brayé, his wife, - -

Pierre Robert II, and his first wife, Anne Marie Louise le Grand, had but one child, Pierre Robert III, who was born at French Santee, South Carolina, in 1704. It seems apparent that his mother died in giving him birth. This Pierre Robert III married Mary Lynch in 1728 and they had ^{SEVEN KNOWN} four children: Lynch, Jonah, Mary, and Susannah. ~~We have no further record of them but it is quite probable that~~ some of these four children married and left descendants. Pierre Robert III died in 174

Jacques de Bourdeaux (Grenoble, France 1630 - Charles Town Dec. 1699) son of Evereand Purcell du Bourdeaux & his wife Catherine Fresné who fled to Canterbury after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes; married c. 1670 Madeleine Garillond & lived at Grenoble until 1686; emigrated to S.C.; had 400-acre grant between French Quarter Creek & Cooper River; their daughter JUDITH DE BOURDEAUX, THE ROBERT FAMILY

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from de Bourdeaux family records.

Pierre Robert II married his second wife in 1709. She was Judith Videaul, daughter of Pierre and Jeanne Elizabeth Videaul, and grand daughter of Pierre Videaul and his wife, Magdalaine Burgand, both of La Rochelle, France—so we learn from Baird's Huguenot Emigration to America, Vol. I, page 297. Judith Videaul was born in South Carolina. In some family records her surname appears as de Bourdeaux. We are unable to account for this dual name, except that it seems to have been a custom among the early French inhabitants of this country to sometimes use an additional name taken from the locality in France whence they came, thus accentuating their identity. Be that as it may, this name seems to have stayed in the family and three generations later we find a Bourdeaux Robert. Three children were born of this second marriage:—

born Grenoble c. 1685
married 1709 (after 24 Feb) as his 2nd wife

Pierre Robert
(1675 - 9 Mar. 1731)

Bourdeaux
pronounced
"bird-oh"
is not to be
confused
with
Bordaux

Jacques (James), Magdalene, and Elizabeth Robert.

3 Apr. 1711 - Nov. 1774 28 Sep. 1719

Magdalene Robert, the elder daughter of Pierre Robert II, was twice married. Her first husband was Archibald Hamilton and her second was William Gough. In the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XXIII, we find some interesting data on this lady. On page 112 we read:—

Magdalene Hamilton, widow, daughter of Peter and Judith Robert, French Santee, born there September 28, 1719, married William Gough, widower, May 7, 1749. Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Archibald, a lawyer, and the said Magdalene, was born at North Carolina April, 1, 1740.

George Hamilton, son of the same, was born at North Carolina, August 19, 1742.

On page 103 of the same volume of the above mentioned magazine we find considerable data about William Gough, the second husband of Magdalene Robert. We read as follows:—

William Gough, Jr., son of William and Martha, born in London October 5, 1703, married in London January 19, 1727, Mary Bearsley, spinster. He died May 12, 1758, aged 55, of pleurisy. He married 2nd Susannah Le Fong, widow, at Savannah, October 24, 1735. He came and settled in South Carolina 1737 and there married May 7, 1749, Magdalene Robert, widow of Archibald Hamilton. They were married by Mr. Hutson.

Martha Gough, daughter by 3rd marriage, born March 24, 1750, baptized April 22, 1750.

(Page 104) Mary Anne Gough, daughter by 3rd marriage, born November 13, 1753, baptized April 17, 1754.

(Page 107) William Bearsley Gough, son of 3rd marriage, born April 15, 1756, baptized August 31, 1756.

Elizabeth Robert, younger daughter of Pierre Robert II, married Elias Jaudon, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Jaudon, Huguenot pioneers to South Carolina. From the best information obtainable it would appear that they had five children:— Elias, Jr., Sarah, Paul, David, and Elisha Jaudon. The eldest, Elias Jaudon, Jr., married Mary Hyrne Dixon whose grandfather was the Second Landgrave Thomas Smith, son of First Landgrave Thomas Smith, Governor of South Carolina. They left numerous descendants, some of whom married back into the Robert family, thus returning to the fold whence they came. Those interested in this line should read that chapter entitled "House of Landgrave Smith", in Mrs. Annie E. Miller's book, "Our Family Circle."

Pierre Robert II died on 9 March 1731, between March 9, and May 1. We do not know the exact spot where he was buried, but evidently it was in French Santee. The date of his second wife's death is unknown to us, but according to his will we know that she survived him. Fortunately for us the will of Pierre Robert II, written in French, is on record in South Carolina. It was published in both French and English in "the Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina," No. 29, in 1924.

The following is a true copy of it:—

In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost! Amen!

I, Peter Robert, born in Basle, Switzerland, and now living in Craven county, South Carolina, being by the grace of God, of sound mind and understanding, but unwell in body, not knowing when and what manner it shall please God to take me out of this world, do declare to have drawn up this my Testament which I hereby order to be enforced and executed as being my last will.

I recommend my soul unto God my Creator who re deemed it by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, beseeching Him to have mercy upon me and receive me on my leaving this life into His eternal Tabernacles. As to my body commit it to the earth to be therein interred in such place as my heirs shall see fit.

RHP

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(1) c. 1738
(2) 7 May 1749

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Eliz. Robert m (1) 1772 John Grimball (1747-1780) (1750 + 1818) m (2) Jan 1786 Rev. Alex H Scott; Abraham Scott + 1833
Judith Robert m (1) John Audebert 1757- (2) John Cheney (3) John Callahan
PART TWO.

3 Nov. 31 Oct.

Paul (11 Oct 1773 m 30 Nov 1797 Esther Jaudon (12 July 1777-22 Oct 1822)
John (23 Apr 1741) m. Mary Robert m (La.) Paul G. McC Neely
Providence
+ 1833
Gov of Miss 1832-33

CAPTAIN PETER ROBERT

Aug 1740-19 Dec. 1807 CAPTAIN PETER ROBERT m. 1765 Anne Grimball (1740-1807)

French Santee
3 Apr. 1771
Nov. 1774
Pr. W. Parish

CAPTAIN PETER ROBERT was the Patriarch of the Robert family of Louisiana. He came in the early days of the nineteenth century with his good wife and his six sons and his six daughters, and they pitched their tents on the banks of Bayou Boeuf in Rapides parish, near the present town of Cheneyville, and there today many of their descendants still reside. This old pioneer was the second of the seven children of Jacques (James) de Bourdeauy Robert and his wife, Sarah Jaudon*, and was born in French Santee, South Carolina, between the years 1738 and 1740. His grandparents were Pierre Robert II and his second wife, Judith de Bourdeauy, and his great grandparents were the Rev. Pierre Robert and his wife, Jeanne Brayé. He was of pure Huguenot stock on both sides and it was only with his children that other blood began to course in the veins of a Robert. He first saw the light of day on the banks of the Santee and there he spent his boyhood and his young manhood, but when he reached maturity the roving spirit seemed to materialize in him and he was ever moving towards the setting sun. Sometime prior to the American Revolution, accompanied by his wife and children, his mother, his brothers and sisters, and several members of his mother's family, he moved to Black Swamp, near the Savannah river, and there they founded the town of Robertville which for many years was a thriving little metropolis. Some years before this move, about 1763, he married Anne Grimball, daughter of Paul Grimball and his ^{third} wife, Mary ^{Sims} ~~Sims~~, who was born in Colleton county, South Carolina, on ^{9 Feb.} 1749. Her father was a son of Thomas Grimball and was born on Edisto Island, Colleton county, where his grandfather, the Honorable Paul Grimball, had settled in 1682 and for many years was Secretary of the Proprietary Government and probably one of the best known and most important personages in the colony of his time.

Jeanne Brayé (Brayson or Bayen) was daughter of John & Susannah Brayé.

Mississippi Louisiana has always been styled Captain Peter Robert, and according to family tradition this title is derived from the rank he held in the South Carolina militia during the Revolution. However, the compiler has been unable to verify this tradition by any official records. But that does not mean he did not hold such a title. Records were badly kept at the time and many of them have long ago been lost. Military titles in those days were not carelessly bestowed and usually meant service of some kind. We do know with certainty that Peter Robert aided the cause of the Revolution in at least one capacity. He conducted a tannery on his plantation and during the war furnished leather to the Continental Army. Mr. A. S. Salley Jr., Secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission, has compiled and published "Stub Entries to Indents for Revolutionary Claims." In Books U-W, page 149, we will find Indent No. 370, issued on August 1, 1785, to Mr. Peter Robert for £43-10 sterling, which states that this was in payment for tanning leather for military use in 1781. In recognition of this service the descendants of Peter Robert have been accepted for membership in such patriotic organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution. Through his wife, Anne Grimball, all female descendants are eligible to membership in the Colonial Dames of America.

in late 1803

Soon after 1800, Captain Peter Robert, with his own immediate family, joined a large concourse of the Robert and Grimball families in an emigration movement to the southwest. There were ninety-seven persons in this pioneer expedition, and one of the prime-movers of it was Peter Robert's son-in-law Robert Tanner. They left South Carolina and, traveling over land in ox wagons, made their way through a wilderness inhabited only by Indians, in search of the Tennessee river. There they constructed rude flat boats in which they traversed the Tennessee into the Ohio, and thence down that stream into the Mississippi, and on down that great river until they reached a place on the east bank about fifty miles below Natchez known as Fort Adams, in that section of the Mississippi Territory now known as Wilkinson county. In Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi their new location is mentioned as follows:—"The Tanner settlement of 1804 was made four miles southwest of Woodville." This not only gives us a definite date

The twelve children of Captain Peter Robert and Anne Grimball were born in South Carolina—some of them in French Santee but most of them in Robertville. This early pioneer to * Sarah Jaudon Robert died 6 Apr. 1779 at Black Swamp (Robertville, St. Peter's Parish)

as to when they reached their destination but also indicates that Robert Tanner was an outstanding character in the new settlement. He was a surveyor and was engaged to lay off the present town of Woodville. Other friends and relatives from South Carolina joined these first pioneers later and soon a thriving colony was firmly rooted in that section of what was then known as West Florida, and which within a few years was to become the great commonwealth of Mississippi.

~~After about ten or twelve years of residence among the sandy hills of southern Mississippi Captain Peter Robert heard of more fertile lands beyond the great river, and calling his tribe together he crossed over and led them towards the setting sun. Scarcely a hundred miles did he travel when he reached the Bayou Boeuf country, the most beautiful and fertile section of Rapides parish, in the State of Louisiana. He saw at the first glance that he need go no further, that he had reached the "Land of Promise" for himself and his children and their children, that he could now rest and spend the remainder of his years in peace and contentment. It was on the banks of Bayou Boeuf, near the present little town of Cheneyville, that his sons and daughters built their homes a century and a quarter ago, and there today many of their numerous progeny are to be found.~~

~~We have no record of the date of death of Captain Peter Robert or his faithful wife, nor do we even know the spot where they were buried. It is quite certain that they died sometime just prior to 1825, and as private graveyards were customary in those days it is likely they were buried near their home. Most of the private burying grounds of that time have now been completely obliterated by neglect and time. Captain Peter Robert and Anne Grimbball had twelve children, all of whom reached adult life and married. They were:—~~

A.—James Robert (1766-1807)^{23 Dec.} m. 1790 Eliz. Naylor

B.—Grimball Robert.

C.—Peter Robert.

D.—Joseph Robert (1770-18)^{m. 1798 Mary Hymne Jaudon}

E.—Providence Robert. 1774-1856 m. 1793 Robert Tanner (1769-1839)

F.—Anne Grimbball Robert. m. 1791 Rev. Moses Hadley

G.—Paul Jabez Robert.

H.—Sarah Catharine Robert.

I.—Esther Susannah Robert.

J.—Daniel Robert.
K.—Martha Robert.
L.—Mary Robert.

Born in
Beaufort Dist.
23 Dec
(1766-1807)

A died 23 Dec. 1807 Bayou Sarah
JAMES ROBERT ^{Thelma Heights, Miss.}
(1766-1807)

James Robert, eldest child of Captain Peter Robert and his wife, Anne Grimbball, was born in ~~French Santos~~, South Carolina, in 1766. While living in Beaufort District, near Robertville, South Carolina, he married Elizabeth Naylor* and their children were born. He brought his family to Mississippi and later to Louisiana when his father emigrated ~~to those places~~^{to 1803}. We have been unable to obtain any information about his wife Elizabeth Naylor, and only know that after his death she married a Dr. McMullen. There was no issue by this latter marriage. James Robert and Elizabeth Naylor had five children:—

- 1.—Margaret Robert.
- 2.—Esther Susannah Robert.
- 3.—Hadley Peter Robert.
- 4.—Eldred Grimbball Robert.
- 5.—Moses Elias Robert.

1. Margaret Robert, eldest child of James Robert and Elizabeth Naylor, was born in Beaufort District, near Robertville, South Carolina, and was brought to Mississippi by her parents when a young girl. She was born about 1792 and was twice married. Her first husband was James Fanner and her second was a Mr. Hooker. There may have been descendants from both marriages but we have been unable to find any record of them, nor do we know anything further of her except that it is said she lived in Ouachita parish, Louisiana, where her death occurred very suddenly.

2. Esther Susannah Robert, second child of James Robert and Elizabeth Naylor, was born near Robertville, Beaufort District.

* The Lodowick Tanner family records tells us that James Robert married *Betsy Barlow*. We have been unable to find anything to substantiate this, but it is not improbable that *Betsy Barlow* and *Elizabeth Naylor* were the same person. She may have been a widow when James Robert married her. We only find her in the records of this branch of the Robert family as Elizabeth Naylor.

Captain Peter Robert, born Aug. 1740 died intestate 19 Dec. 1807 at his plantation at Bayou Sarah near Lofters Heights, Miss. married 1765

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fairly certain that Peter Robert and Elizabeth Jaudon at least one son, Peter Hedekiah Robert. He was evidently prior when his father died as we find in the record book of William Robert the following item dated 1824:—

Memoriam of P. H. Robert's property delivered him when he came of age, I having been his guardian.

Then follows a list of the property and the value of same. Among the various items we find the following which seems pertinent in identifying this son:—

24 arpents front of land, titles to be made to him hereafter, the purchase being made for him but wait his being of age to take title—the land in part he bought of his father and part of B. C. Robert, and gave them his notes for payment tho' not of age, and his note came in his inheritance of P. R. estate.

The *P. R.* above stands for *Peter Robert* who was undoubtedly his father as is definitely indicated by the fact that he indented the note he had given his father when purchasing land on him while still a minor. In the Rapides parish notarial records we find further reference to this Peter Hedekiah Robert. On May 24, 1830, an appraisement was made of the property of Joseph Robert and in the proceedings we find the following item:—

Amount of sales of thirteen negroes sold to Peter Hedekiah Robert of the parish of St. Mary's and State aforesaid. Price \$7,612.50.

In an old graveyard on Bayou Salé, St. Mary's parish, we find two tombstones and the inscription on one reads:—

Louisa Armstróng
Consort of Peter H. Robert.
Died March, 1832.

The inscription on the other reads:—

Louesar Robert, daughter of
Peter H. and Louisa Robert
Who died May 9, 1833,
Age 2 yrs. 1 mo. 26 days.

Whether Peter Hedekiah Robert married again or whether he left any descendants we are unable to say.

* * * *

Appointed Administrator of his father's estate 10 Mar. 1808 Wilkinson Co., Miss.

* JOSEPH ROBERT.
Leonidas

Joseph Robert, fourth son of Captain Peter Robert and Anne Grimball, was born in ~~French Santee~~ ^{Beaufort District}, South Carolina, about 1770. In the power-of-attorney inserted on a previous page which he executed with his brother Peter Robert, he signs his name *J. L. Robert*. It is quite likely that his middle name was *Leonidas*. One of his sons bore that name and it has been handed down through his progeny to the present generation. But that was the only instance among the many legal documents which he signed in which his name is not simply given as *Joseph Robert*. He married about 1798 Mary Hyrne Jaudon, daughter of Elias Jaudon, Jr., and Mary Hyrne Dixon. She was born in St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, South Carolina, on April 27, 1781, and was a younger sister of Elizabeth Jaudon who married his brother, Peter Robert, and a direct descendant of the Landgrave Thomas Smith who was one of the colonial Governors of South Carolina.

Joseph Robert and his wife left South Carolina about 1804 and came to Wilkinson county, Mississippi, settling on Bayou Sarah near Woodville. At that time they had three children. The location of their home is indicated in the following document:—

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF RAPIDES.

Personally appeared before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the Parish and State aforesaid Mary H. Robert of said Parish who acknowledged on an examination separate and apart from her said husband, that she did freely without fear, threats or compulsion of her said husband, relinquish and forever quit claim unto Prestwood Smith of the county of Wilkinson, State of Mississippi, his heirs and assigns forever, all of her right of dower in premises conveyed by her husband to the said Smith on the third day of December, 1817, by deed bearing date at that time, which said premises or tract of land is known and distinguished as follows:—Situating in the county of Wilkinson, State last aforesaid, on the waters of Bayou Sarah, beginning at a beach tree the south corner of the Bayou Sarah Meeting House lot, thence to the Bayou

was appointed under Tutor to the minor children. Joseph B. Robert was his eldest son, and L. A. Robert was his third son. Mary A. Robert was very probably the wife of Joseph B. Robert, and we know that Tuzette Robert was the wife of L. A. Robert. Joseph Robert died sometime between November 26, 1833, and May 1, 1837. On the first of these dates he signed a note with P. W. Robert (his second son) and Leroy Stafford, and on the latter date the note was protested. In the protest proceedings it was set forth that Joseph Robert and Leroy Stafford were dead at the time. Sometime during 1830 Joseph Robert married his second wife. She was Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of James Thomas and Elizabeth Calliham. She was born about 1790 and first married David Glover by whom she had at least one child, Mary Glover. She married again after Mr. Glover's death but we have been unable to ascertain the name of the gentleman she chose at that time. She then married Robert H. Marshall, and finally Joseph Robert. There do not appear to have been any children except by the first marriage.

Joseph Robert and his first wife, Mary Hyrne Jaudon, had at least seven children—there may have been more. Those we have a record of were:—

- 1.—Joseph B. Robert.
- 2.—Polhill Ware Robert.
- 3.—Leonidas Alonzo Robert.
- 4.—Rosella Ann Robert.
- 5.—Jane S. Robert.
- * 6.—James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert.
- 7.—Thaddeus Sobieski Robert.

1.—Joseph B. Robert, eldest son of Joseph Robert and Mary Hyrne Jaudon, was born in St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, South Carolina, about 1799. His name is frequently found in the records of the business transactions of the Cheneyville section of Rapides parish where he came with his parents when a boy of eighteen. We find him recorded as one of those taking part in a "Family Meeting" held December 12, 1827, soon after his mother's death. On October 21, 1830, he buys a slave from Richard H. Allen of Giles county, Tennessee, for \$400.00. On November 28, 1832, we find a record where "Evolina Griffin, alias Eldred, sells slaves to Joseph B. Robert, by and with the consent of her husband, Peter Robert Eldred, her

interest as one of the heirs of the late James and Elizabeth Griffin." This lady's husband was a first cousin of Joseph B. Robert. On April 24, 1833, "Joel Coe of the Parish of St. Mary sells slaves to Joseph B. Robert." This Joel Coe may have been the husband of Jane S. Robert, one of Joseph B. Robert's sisters. She first married a Coe and then a Myers. We are not certain of the identity of Joseph B. Robert's wife, but she appears to have been the "Mary A. Robert" mentioned in the family meeting referred to above. We learn something of Joseph B. Robert from letters written by his youngest brother, Thaddeus Sobieski Robert, who went to California in 1849 where he lived the remainder of his life. We are fortunate in having obtained from the daughter of the latter who is yet living there some of his letters to his brother-in-law Frank Myers. The following quotation is from one written March 7, 1857:—

I received a letter yesterday from *Brother Joseph B.* He is in New London, Arkansas, and is in good health. He requested especially to be remembered to you and wants to know your office that he may write to you. You will answer me soon that I may let him know, or write him yourself. I was really glad to receive his letter. He went to Tennessee last fall to see his daughter Sarah who went there on a visit in company with Rosella Ann, and Rose while there married a dentist, and it seems he is a worthless man, a gambler and drunkard, and has ere this left her, thinking when he married her she was rich and, as he said, worth \$35,000.00.

The Rosella Ann mentioned in the letter was a sister of the writer of it and had married her cousin, Joseph J. Robert, and the "Rose who married a dentist" was evidently her daughter. In a letter from young Frank Myers to his uncle Thaddeus S. Robert we get a glimpse of the family. He was living with Joseph J. Robert while his father was in California. He writes:—Uncle Joseph and Aunt Rosella, and Cousin Cette and Rose are all very kind to me." This substantiates the opinion we have already expressed that Rose was a daughter of Joseph J. and Rosella Ann Robert. "Cette" was evidently intended for Tuzette Robert, another daughter of the above.

The identity of Joseph B. Robert as a son of Joseph Robert is further established by a petition filed in the Rapides Parish

viii.—Ann Eliza Robert, youngest child of Leonidas Alonzo Robert and his second wife, Sarah H. Coffeen, and better known to her family and friends as "Nannie," was born on Waverly plantation, near Cheneyville, Louisiana, on January 20, 1854. She was married on April 26, 1870, by David May Calliham, Justice of the Peace, to Samuel Blum, and died in Cheneyville on March 28, 1896, at the age of forty-two. Eight children were born of this union:—

- a.—Edward Loring Blum.
- b.—Louis Robert Blum.
- c.—Leonidas Alonzo Blum.
- d.—Henry Simon Blum.
- e.—Aubrey Becart Blum.
- f.—Jeannette Adele Blum.
- g.—Helen Sarah Blum.
- h.—Samuel Price Blum.

a.—Edward Loring Blum married Sallie Wall, daughter of Wesley Winans Wall and Rebecca Currence Burr. They now reside in Cheneyville, La., and have no children.

b.—Louis Robert Blum married Ludie Smith, daughter of John Jordan Smith and Mary Ann Woods. They now reside in Cheneyville, La., and have no children.

c.—Leonidas Alonzo Blum married Agnes Hogan. They reside in Cheneyville, La., where Mr. Blum is a prominent merchant and planter. They have no children.

d.—Henry Simon Blum lived in Baton Rouge, La., for many years and died there in September, 1941. He married and left four children:—Walter, Samuel, Edward, and Mary. Samuel is married and the daughter, Mary, is married to J. B. Efferson and has one child.

e.—Aubrey Becart Blum resides in New Orleans, is married and has three children, two boys and a girl.

f.—Jeannette Adele Blum has never married and has taught for many years in one of the public schools in Alexandria.

g.—Helen Sarah Blum was married to Jackson Smith Rawlins and now resides in Alexandria where Mr. Rawlins is a prominent business man. They have no children.

h.—Samuel Price Blum resides in Lafayette, La. He has never married.

4.—Rosella Ann Robert, fourth child of Joseph Robert and Mary Hyrne Jaudon, was born in Wilkinson county, Mississippi, about 1807. She was married in Rapides parish, La., to her first cousin, Joseph Jerediah, son of Grimbald Robert and his first wife, Mary Sealey Cheney. For their descendants see pages 73-75.

5.—Jane S. Robert, fifth child of Joseph Robert and Mary Hyrne Jaudon, was born in Wilkinson county, Mississippi, about 1810. She was twice married, first to Joel (?) Coe, and second to Francis Myers. The last record we have of Joel Coe was on April 24, 1833, when he sold a slave to Joseph B. Robert. In that transaction he is designated as being "of the Parish of St. Landry." Jane S. Robert was probably a widow prior to September 25, 1834, as on that date she purchases in her own name property from Dr. Jesse D. Wright, and signs her name as "Mrs. Jane S. Coe." Her brother Polhill Robert on January 21, 1836, sells "Jane S. Coe a lot of ground in the village of Cheneyville." She was still the widow Coe on August 2, 1836, when she sold "an equal and undivided half of two certain lots in the village of Cheneyville to Ezra Bennett." By her first marriage she had a daughter named Alma who married a Bennet. In a letter to her step-father, Francis Myers, written in 1854, she signs her name "A. C. Bennet"—probably Alma Coe Bennet. She refers in it to her husband as "my dear Curtis." Jane S. Robert married Francis Myers about 1840. They had one son, Francis Myers, Jr., usually called Frank. She died prior to 1849 as in that year Francis Myers went to California with her brother, Thaddeus Sobieski Robert, in search of gold. He was in San Jose, California, in 1857, and as far as we can learn never returned to Louisiana.

5.—James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert, fifth child of Joseph Robert and Mary Hyrne Jaudon, was born in Wilkinson county, Mississippi, about 1814. He was brought to Louisiana by his parents when quite young and spent the balance of his life there on Bayou Boeuf, near Cheneyville, in Rapides parish. He there married Martha Esther Pearce, daughter of Stephen Pearce, and his first wife, Sally Goodwin Bray. She was born on Bayou Boeuf, in Rapides parish, La., on August 11, 1820. Both died at their home near Cheneyville but we have no record

*your
great
grandfather*

of the dates of their deaths. Twelve children were born of this marriage:—

- i.—Charles Robert.
 ii.—Edward Robert.
 iii.—William Slaughter Robert.
 iv.—Thaddeus Robert.
 v.—Silas Robert.
 vi.—David M. Robert.
 vii.—John Pearce Robert.
 viii.—Amelia Robert.
 ix.—Eliza Jane Robert.
 x.—Elizabeth Robert.
 xi.—Werdner Robert.
 xii.—George Carlton Robert.

i.—Charles Robert died in infancy.

ii.—Edward Robert was one of the Cheneyville boys who volunteered for the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was killed in battle at Appomattox, Virginia.

iii.—William Slaughter Robert, third son of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheneyville, La., about 1840. He was better known to his friends as "Doc Robert." He was twice married. His first wife was Jane Taylor. They had two children:—

- a.—William Taylor Jaudon Robert.
 b.—Lena Robert.

Mr. Robert's second wife was Eunice Bailey, daughter of Walter Bailey and Margaret Gertrude Allen. Her sister, Clara Alice Bailey, was the wife of William Henderson Robert, a first cousin of William Slaughter Robert. Of this second marriage four children were born, all girls. They were:—

- c.—Ethel Robert.)
 d.—Octavia Robert.) twins.
 e.—Tuzette Robert.
 f.—Eunice Robert.

a.—William Taylor Jaudon Robert, son of William Slaughter Robert and his first wife, Jane Taylor, was born at Cheneyville, La., on October 24, 1872, and died at the home of his son, Frank Robert, in El Dorado, Arkansas, on July 8, 1941. He devoted his entire life to planting and was considered one of the best plantation managers on Bayou Boeuf. For many years he managed that portion of Greenwood plantation at

Cheneyville owned by the heirs of Mrs. Willie Campbell Scott. On February 13, 1895, he married Frances Elizabeth Warner, daughter of Stephen Ragan Warner and Nancy Paralee Pigg. She was born on January 25, 1879. Three children were born of this marriage:—

- az.—Edward Walter Robert.
 bz.—Frank Robert.
 cz.—Lessie Lucille Robert.

az.—Edward Walter Robert was born at Cheneyville, La., on January 21, 1897, and married on June 11, 1918, Tee Woods, daughter of Herbert Edgar Woods and Iler Watkins. She was born on February 8, 1897. They have one daughter, Nancy Claire Robert, born November 17, 1929.

bz.—Frank Robert was born at Cheneyville, La., on November 21, 1898, and now resides in El Dorado, Arkansas, where he is a conductor on the Missouri Pacific Railway. He married on April 3, 1924, Pauline Sprigg Gordon, who was born on July 30, 1904. She is the daughter of John Thomas Gordon (born May 6, 1862—died January 29, 1924) and Alice Ruth Percy (born February 9, 1867). They have one son, Frank Robert, Jr., born in New Orleans on April 13, 1927.

cz.—Lessie Lucille Robert, only daughter of William Taylor Jaudon Robert and Frances Elizabeth Warner, was born at Cheneyville, La., on September 11, 1900. She was married on July 29, 1919, to Douglas Mann Hueston, son of Willie Hueston and Bell Vienna. He was born on October 27, 1891, and is now Chief Dispatcher of the Missouri Pacific Lines. He and his wife reside in DeQuincy, La., and have no children.

b.—Lena Robert, daughter of William Slaughter Robert and his first wife, Jane Taylor, was married to George W. Stevens who is now dead. She has one son, George W. Stevens, Jr.

c.—Ethel Robert, eldest daughter of William Slaughter Robert and his second wife, Eunice Bailey, and the elder of the twins died young.

d.—Octavia Robert, younger of the twins of William Slaughter Robert and his second wife, Eunice Bailey, is living at this time but has never married.

e.—Tuzette Robert, third daughter of William Slaughter

*years
great grandfather*



*Thaddeus Carlstadt Robert
(1842—
father of Alexander
Campbell Robert*

Robert and his second wife, Eunice Bailey, was married to Louis Bartel. They have one daughter.

f.—Eunice Robert, fourth daughter of William Slaughter Robert and his second wife, Eunice Bailey, was married to Eric Outard. We have no information as to any children.

iv.—^{Carlstadt} Thaddeus Robert, fourth child of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheneyville, La., about 1842. He probably bore the full name

his uncle ~~Thaddeus Solski~~ Robert but our record only shows his name as given above. He participated in the "Colfax Riot" in April, 1873, when the negroes attempted to take charge of affairs in Grant parish, and due to the menacing activity of the Federal Government against the participants he left Cheneyville and went to Texas, settling near Gatesville, in Coryell county, and there spent the remainder of his days, never returning to his native State. He married and left eight children. We regret our inability to obtain any information

them. ^{Father of Alexander Campbell Robert who m. twice & has 11 children; the youngest (by 2nd wife Margaret (Dolly) Kellum was Curtis Dean Robert}

v.—Silas Robert, fifth child of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born in Rapides parish, La., about 1845. He was probably named for his mother's father, Silas Franklin Pearce. He died unmarried.

vi.—David M. Robert, sixth child of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheneyville, La., about 1848. He married Providence Brewster and lived for many years in the vicinity of Forest Hill, Rapides parish, La. Every effort we have made to get information from the family has failed. The following death notice from the *Alexandria Town Talk* is the only data we have on his descendants:—

DIED:—At the Pineville Charity Hospital, Monday, January 6, 1941, at 11:30 p. m., Wesley Robert, 68, of Woodworth, La. The deceased is survived by two brothers, W. L. Robert of Warren, Texas, and Henry Robert of Woodworth; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Ferguson of Ball and Mrs. A. A. Darby of Alexandria.

This Wesley Robert was a son of David M. Robert and Providence Brewster. His sister, Mrs. A. A. Darby, mentioned in the above notice, was Emma Robert. She was the second wife of Andre A. Darby who died in Alexandria on December

28, 1943. They had one daughter who married Leon Asscherick and has several children.

vii.—John Pearce Robert, seventh child of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheneyville, Rapides parish, La., about 1850. He lived all of his life in the community where he was born and was principally engaged in farming. He married Mary Ann Sandifur and both have now been dead for many years. They had three children:—

- a.—Mary Alice Robert.
- b.—Simmon Geneva Robert.
- c.—Willie Jaudon Robert.

a.—Mary Alice Robert was married to Stephen Rushing Jackson, son of Andrew Kendrick Jackson and Ella Pearce. Both are now dead. They had one son, Stephen Rushing Jackson, Jr., who is now postmaster at Cheneyville, La.

b.—Simmon Geneva Robert was married to James I. Hendrick of Shreveport, La. Both are now dead. They had one daughter, Ann Hendrick, who married William Henry Jordan.

c.—Willie Jaudon Robert was born at Cheneyville, La., on June 6, 1890, and still resides there. He married on December 29, 1914, Clara Augusta Heirtzler of Lecompte, La., where she was born August 12, 1896. They have two sons:—

- James Luckett Robert, born January 12, 1919.
- John Lewis Robert, born August 5, 1921.

Both of these sons are now serving in the armed forces of the United States, James Luckett in the army and John Lewis in the navy. The latter enlisted in August, 1940, and was on a destroyer at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked it on December 7, 1941. A letter written by him two days later informed his parents of his safety. He married September 15, 1944, Marie Lolette Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myatt Bond of Golden Meadow, La.

viii.—Amelia Robert, daughter of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheneyville, La., about 1852. She was married to Benjamin Spencer but we have been unable to get any information as to any descendants.

ix.—Eliza Jane Robert, daughter of James Bordeaux Jaudon Robert and Martha Esther Pearce, was born near Cheney-



P.O. Box 94
Falfurrias, Texas 78355
February 6, 1980

Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
8 Moon Shell Road
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928

Re: Alexander Campbell Robert (II), D.O.B. 11-14-48

Dear DR. PEEPLES:

I am the Grandson of Alex C. Robert of Colfax, LA, Jonesboro, Desdemona, and finally Freer, Texas, and the first son of Curtis Dean Robert, the last of 11 children from two wives of A.C. Robert.

My aunt, Penelope Robert Harrison, of Liberty, Texas, and I have communicated and I am eager to obtain the book:

OUR FAMILY CIRCLE by Annie Miller

Enclosed you will find \$25 plus \$2.50 postage and insurance. Please send the book ASAP.

Also, with regard to the phrase in paragraph 3, page 124, "We regret ~~our~~ our inability to obtain any information on them": DO YOU have any information ON THEM* or can you lead me in the right information/direction?

My excitement is exceeding my typing ability by leaps and bounds, so I'll close. The more rapidly you respond, the more ROBERT you are.

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ROBERT (II)
P.O. Box 94
Falfurrias, Texas 78355
512-325-2847

Enc: Ck: \$27.50

* of course this reference is to THADDEUS S. ROBERT
and his eight children, one of whom was
ALEX C. ROBERT I.
ACR II

Box 129
Liberty, Texas 77575

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Peeples
Hilton Head, S. Carolina

Dear Dr. Peeples:

My nephew, Dr. David Jarrott of New Orleans, and his wife told me of a book called OUR FAMILY CIRCLE by Annie Elizabeth Miller, which contains quite a bit of the family genealogy of the Robert clan., and is available only from you. I should like very much to have a copy of the book.

David and I are descended from Captain Pierre Robert through his son Joseph, who migrated to Louisiana.

I am also interested in the June meeting of the Lawton and Allied Families Association in Savannah, Georgia. I shall appreciate any information you can give me on it.

I do hope you still have a copy of the book that you will let me have. Please let me know the cost of the book so I can send you a check to cover the cost of the book plus postage. I have been trying to compile a complete history of my Robert line and will appreciate any help this book may be to me.

Yours truly,

Mrs. B. F. Patterson Jr.
Penelope Robert Patterson
(Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Jr.)

Mrs. B.F Patterson, Jr.
Box 129 1508 Holly Street
Liberty, Texas 77575

*Pierre Robert Dubich
de Bourdeaux*

*Elias Jaudon | Eliz. Jacques | Sarah Jaudon
Robert Robert*

*Mary H. Dixon | Elias Jaudon Peter Robert | Ann & Grimboll
Mary Hynes Jaudon | Joseph Robert*

bch.

Thaddus p. 214

1508 Holly - Box 129
Liberty, Texas 77575
May 6, 1979

Dear Cousin Robert;

How nice to find that I may have a lot of Robert cousins. I grew up in a nest of my mother's family but I know so very little about my father's relatives. I want to find out if the Lawton reunion in June will have people who would be considered any kind of close relatives of mine. Is the reunion mostly of the Lawton side which would be by marriage only several generations back?

I am so pleased to be able to get a copy of OUR FAMILY CIRCLE. Dr. G.M.G. Stafford (also a Robert descendant) referred to your book several times in THREE PIONEER RAPIDES FAMILIES (one the Robert clan) - enough to make me want a copy of your book, but I had no idea there would be a reprint available.

Thank you for your offer to sponsor me in the several historical societies. I may just take you up on your offer one of these days. There are active chapters of many of those you mentioned in Houston so I could attend any of their meetings.

I am enclosing a check for \$27.50 to cover the cost of the book plus shipping costs. Thank you so much for reprinting the book so that the lost tribe of the Robert family from Louisiana can have copies. I hope one day to get to South Carolina again and visit some of the Robert "firsts". I did not know where to look the last time I was there.

Sincerely yours,

Penelope R. Patterson

Box 94

FALFURRIAS TX 78355

Dear Robert -

Thank you for your Rapid Robert Response. I wrote Willingham + am of course anxiously awaiting his reply. If at all possible we are going to the reunion.

I talked ±/hour w/ Aunt Penelope "Nell" Robert Patterson two nights here. FANTASTIC! we hadn't talked since the funeral of my paternal grandmother, Margaret "Molly" Kellum ROBERT, wife (2nd wife) of IAC ROBERT.

Thaddeus' middle name was Carlstadt, and not "SOBIESKI" as per his uncle (uncle).

Interesting to note: Thaddeus, we have discovered, had only one son, ACR, and ACR had 4 sons, only one of whom sired sons; this is of course my father, Curtis Dean. Miss Kappy, my wife, and I are planning a family at present. There is of course the remote possibility that neither my younger brother nor I could sire successfully — but in true ROBERT genealogy, not likely.

I am studying the copious contents of your letter, so bear w/ me as I find time for a careful treatment of same. But thank you, cuz, for such an exhaustive missive. I shall respond "in kind."

I am intensely interested in the "First Citizens of South Carolina" designation and SAR, DAR, Dames of the Magna Carta, and whatever else. Help me.

My interest in our family was piqued recently when my father said to me — "you don't understand, Alex, but my <ROBERT> side of the family has always been prosperous, hard-working and of good, moral, + ambitious stock." So I began. He was right!

Question: Did Pierre II and son Pierre II sire sons or was the male line broken there?

See you soon, I hope.

AC Robert

P.S. I did mean p. ¹²⁴ 214 — see enclosures.

(letter from Penelope)

Box 129
Liberty, Texas 77575
February 3, 1980

Dear Buster;

It was a nice surprise hearing from you - even if it was only to borrow a book that I do not let ANYBODY borrow. I have copied all of the book that has to do with our direct lineage. The ones of our ancestors are underlined so you can see just where you are.

I was doing some family research summer before last to help David get in the Sons of the American Revolution in New Orleans and found another book - or rather a reprint of a book referred to in the book I have. It is called OUR FAMILY CIRCLE, by Annie Miller. There is a section on the "House of Robert" in it - not as long or as full as the one I have but ^{has} a lot of interesting things. David and Chris found out about the reprint and I ordered the book. It is \$25.00 plus \$2.50 insurance and postage from

Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples
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I wrote to him and gave him my connection to the Robert clan. I got a letter from him "Dear Cousin Penelope" - I flipped. He invited me to a big annual reunion held the 2nd weekend in June in Savannah, Ga. I'd liked to have gone but got afraid of the gas situation.

I joined the Daughters of the American Revolution so David could get into the SAR, so if you are interested in such or if Marianne or Nita are interested in DAR - or Curtis in SAR, you may use my number and application to go in on. .

Some people are trying to get the woman who has the rights to the book I have to reprint it. It has been reprinted once that I did not know about. I hope she will have it done again.

Thought your daddy was going to come to Houston to let Denton Cooley look him over. What happened to that idea? We've been through the heart surgery bit - not any fun but it worked miracles.

Again - it was nice hearing from you.. Hope this bit of family history will be of interest to you.

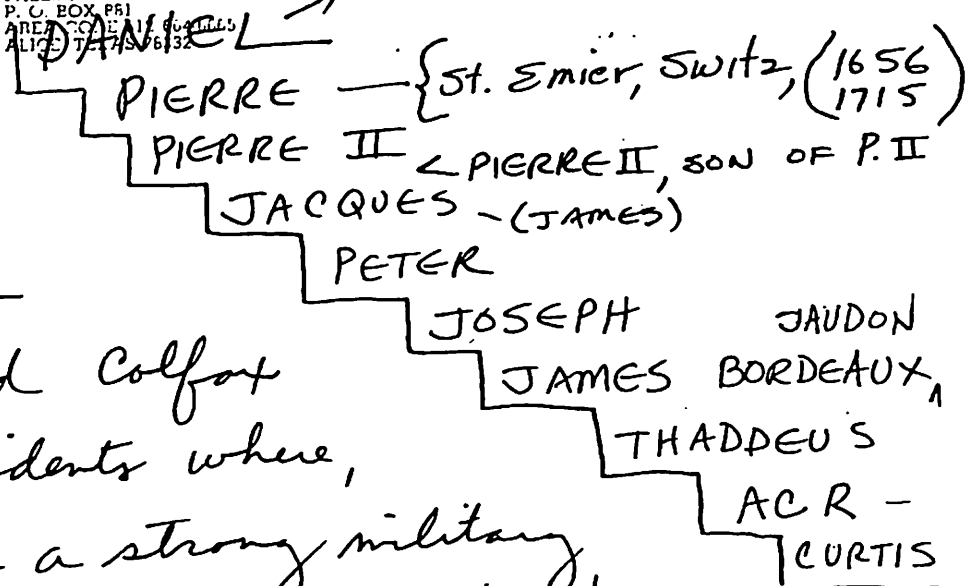
Love,

Aunt Nell

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 what (ACR II → to my brother)

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the part about
 "we regret... them" p. 124
 which probably
 is a result of the
 unpopular position
 of Thaddeus around Colfax
 after the many incidents where,
 of course, he was a strong military
 leader & probably, if the truth be known,
 popular, moral, righteous, respected, and
 so forth, but for these reasons and for
 face-saving motives ACR left to come
 to Jonesboro & start a fresh new life,
 which was probably a good idea.

Notice our distant Matavier — BLUM, PEARCE,
 NIXON, MCKENZIE, JAUDON, BRAYE, le GRAND, de MAGNEVILLE,
 LYNCH, HAMILTON, GOUGH, le FONG, ~~HIDEAUE~~, GRIMBALL,
 TAYLOR, McMULLEN, FANNER, HOOKER, ARMSTRONG, COE,
 MYERS, BRAY, BAILEY, ALLEN, PIGG, WARNER, WOODS,
 WATKINS, GORDON, PERCY, HUESTON, STEVENS, BARTEL,
 BOUTARD, BREWSTER, DARBY, FERGUSON, JACKSON, HENDRICK,
 HEIRTZLER - BOND - SPENCER

Christine Ranson Jarrott
1234 Eighth Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

July 11th 1978

Dear Dr Peoples,

Your name was given to me by Gaydon Robert - Dr A. Roberts son. Gaydon was our neighbour for the past year. My husband and I are trying to trace our families and his mother was, before her marriage, a Robert. Gaydon Robert lent us his fathers book "Our family Circle" by Miller. We would like two copies of this - one for Davids parents and one for our records.

I enclose a cheque for \$53 to cover
this.

Yours sincerely,
Auntie Louise Janett.

P.S. We are descendants of Alexander
Campbell Robert who left for Texas as
described in the book "Three Peoples
Pansel families".

CRS.

p.246 Campbell Robert m. Mary McGee

son of Ulysses Maner & Rachel (Rhodes) Robert
p.284

1744 White Street
Alexandria, La. 71301



Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples

Rt. 2 Box 28

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

October 1, 1969

Dear Cousin Robert;

I read with the greatest of interest your letter of September 18th. These are the things that make genealogy a most fascinating, intriguing, and evasive hobby. I only wish my father were here to receive this delightful piece of evidence. He was the genealogist of the family--I, a poor neophyte!

As for Judith Videaul-I can only quote from my father's book, "Three Pioneer Rapides Families", page 8.

"Pierre Robert ll married his second wife in 1706. She was Judith Videaul, daughter of Pierre and Jeanne Elizabeth Videaul, and granddaughter of Pierre Videaul and his wife, Magdalaine Burgand, both of La Rochelle, France- so we learn from Baird's Huguenot Emigration to America, Vol. 1, page 297. Judith Videaul was born in South Carolina. In some family records her surname appears as de Bordeaux. We are unable to account for this dual name, except that it seems to have been a custom among early French inhabitants of this country to sometimes use an additional name taken from the locality in France whence they came, thus accentuating their identity. Be that as it may, this name seems to have stayed in the family and three generations later we find a Bordeaux Robert."

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Robert Family Records furnished by Mrs. Evelyn (Brewer) Gray
of Lecompte, La.

Data on Robert Family furnished the compiler by Mrs. Mary
Boyd Fleming of Nashville, Tennessee

South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XXIII
pages 103, 104, 107, 112.

I have many letters from Cousin Annie Miller to my father which I
will search through to see if they had any correspondence on this subject.
I leave on the tenth for Hawaii but will be back in Alexandria on November 1st.
So if you do not hear from me, you will understand. As for the Book, we are re-
printing under the original copyright, so there will be no changes. It will
have to be in the original form. However I am very interested in this matter
as I am in all of our genealogy so please keep in touch with me.

It was nice to hear from a new cousin.

Sincerely,

Virginia S. Kramer
(Mrs. Casper P. Kramer, Jr.)

Search: I am missing p. 15 (include # 33, # 34 & part of # 35) please
 I don't need a copy.
 Have written to Mr. H. D. # 26

Sue Kaufman has rounded up descent cards of Martha Ann # 31 who either has already or will supply us with up-to-date data. We can I have a good to incorporate in our study. These items please re-number as follows:

- 57. 2. Thomas Wesley Jenkins, born 11 May 1839
- 58. 3. James Albert Jenkins, born 4 May 1841
- 59. 5. Benjamin Walter Jenkins, born 8 Mar 1845
- 60. 6. Basil Henry J. b. 24 Mar 1847
- 61. 7. Mary Eliza J. b. 2 Nov 1849
- 62. 8. Henry Elias J. b. 26 Apr 1852
- 63. 9. Anna Isabelle J. b. 12 Mar 1854
- 64. 10. Susan Cornelia J. b. 12 Feb 1856

- When we reach # 49 Phoebe South ^{+ 1852} 13 ch. m. 13 Nov 1823
- 65. 1. Sarah 1827 date 57
 - 66. 2. Benjamin 1829 b. 10/10/23
 - 67. 4. Wm Alex 1832
 - 68. 6. Thos Henry 1835
 - 69. 7. Cornelia
 - 70. 8. Edward G. 1839
 - 71. 9. John 1840
 - 72. 12. Mary Phoebe b. 25 Apr 1850 (epitaph) - 7 May 1903
 - 73. 13. Phoebe 1853

at 14 ch. for household
 attached him to the 6 children
 drummer boy

This will be the order to get us down on 6. We have children we can arrange chronologically - etc is wrong here

- numbers for 50 - Charlotte Esther Landon will need
- 74. Captain William Esquire People (1833-1892)
 - 75. Elizabeth Spang People (1834-1910) m. John Landon (1830-1908)
 - 76. Moses South People (1839-1910) m. John Sharpe Sewell
 - 77. Edward Hayden People (1846-1902)
 - 78. Anna Cornelia People (1848-1891) m. Joseph Valentine Morrison
 - 79. John Williamson People (1850-1910)

At Robert's

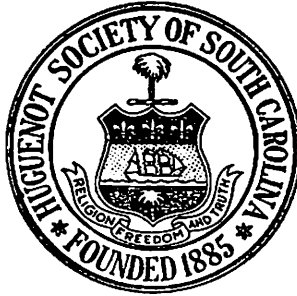
8 Oct 1860

8 Nov 29

1 Dec 1831

James Stoney 25 Feb 1846 - 19 March 1846

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Dear Robert,

Thanks so much for your check in the amount of \$187.50 for the fifty copies of Number 87. (This is your receipt). I'll bring the other fifty to Fish Families if you want them. But, Robert, don't take them unless you really want them. They are selling so fast that number 87 will be out of print before 88 appears. In short, they will not be a drag on us, but might be on you. Just let us know.

I thought of you, as of Cora, and your group, the day of our meeting. And wondered, if the rain was coming down on you as it did on us. But Chalmers Davidson was superb. He could have gotten a standing ovation if he had allowed it. And, here's how he did it: he made every member of the audience feel like he/or she was all that was left of the small bastion of aristocracy in the pre-war (and you know what war) South. I felt like a combination of Scarlett O'Hara and Mrs. Astor's horses, myself, so I can imagine how elevated the others felt. He chose four of the great Huguenot families to elaborate on -- Ravenel, Trapier, Porcher, and (you guessed it!) Bourdin.

Love to both of you,
Martha

Robert, we are hearing from the Tandon descendants en masse now. Several re-instatements of those who had ~~dropped~~