

The Toomer Herald

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Dear Robert,

Since I am now the Corresponding Secretary of The Toomer Family Organization (TFO), I am trying to get my correspondence on a more formal management, but hopefully not too formal tone, basis. And more timely! Really off to a great start, too! On 5 MAY I wrote you a letter, and now I haven't a clue where it is!

So here I go again. Although I have responded to your 24 SEP 92 letter, I am going back to it now. I still think it would be mutually beneficial for the TFO and The Society of First Families of South Carolina, 1670-1700 (FFSC) if you or another representative were to speak at one of our annual meetings. We have one member already in FFSC, but she used a Sams as a Qualifier rather than one of the ancestors on my pedigree chart.. Most any historical SC topic would be well received, but a list of established Qualifiers should be included, perhaps as a handout. Would you please reconsider for this coming 9 OCT ?

Now on to your 21 OCT 92 letter. I most surely did NOT smile knowingly at either of your letters! I did smile with pleasure at receiving such thoughtful and considerate letters!! I still have not selected a Qualifier, nor have I joined The Huguenot Society. My mother is a member, and I know the Transactions have untapped treasures. But so far the everyday keep me on the run. I have YEARS of data I have not yet extracted, so right now, it's all I can do to fulfill my current obligations and work on the pile bit by bit. I would like to relieve you of Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, No. 87, though.. My check for \$10.50 plus postage is enclosed.

I wish I could give you an update on my contact with John M. Legare, but I never wrote him. Will do so today!

One of our Toomer relatives, Henry Toomer, 1728-1799, lived awhile at "the Lookout." This was within Saint Helena's Parish. I have not yet figured out whether it was on Saint Helena's Sound just seaward of the previous north end of the northernmost of the Hunting Islands, Point Lookout in Samuel Lewis' 1795 map of South Carolina, or whether it was a different island on Port Royal Sound and now called Mackeys Island (previously Pinckney Island, previously Lookout Island). Have you any enlightening information? A family group sheet is enclosed in case you have any question about who/which this Henry is.

Since you mentioned you have some of the people in my database in your ancestry, and you included several dates that I had not yet acquired, I am sending family group sheets on a few others in hope you will be able to fill in additional data. I am a little chagrined to admit that most of my work has been to compile, and consequently my data has not only peculiar gaps but also many of the inaccuracies of the past. One of my cousins includes only data that has been proven three ways, almost, but such a pure approach would make much of my information unavailable to me. I make more connections and identify errors quicker, I believe, in doing it this way. I'm awash in stuff now with two categories, extracted and unextracted. I would not like to maintain a third pile!

I pray this Spring finds you in excellent health and that the Lord will bless you in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malcolm".

Malcolm N. Goodwin, Jr., M.D.