

475 Indian Creek Drive
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Dear Robert:

I was delighted to get such a warm and prompt response from you to my queries. Have spent most of last week with my daughter in Maitland, Fla. while my wife, Joanne, was in the hospital in Winter Park having an operation to remove torn cartilage from her knee. She will be on crutches for several days but should be fine in two or three weeks.

It would be great to attend the family's reunion and I have tried to work it out but it would affect too many people if we changed our travel plans so we can't make it this year. I am particularly sorry to miss your address on "A History of Robertville."

I will write Benjamin J. Willingham
for an application to join the Lawton
Harris Families Assn. Also I am
interested in accepting your kind offer
to sponsor me for membership in the
Society of First Families of S.C. I believe
I do have Huguenot ancestors but I
will have to look into this at a later
date. If I do not have Huguenot ancestors
on my father's side I'm pretty sure I
have them on my mother's side.
Now that I reflect upon it I'm sure
I do for one of her ancestors was
Gideon Mallette II who served under
Gen. Francis Marion and also served as an
interpreter for Gen. Marquis de LaFayette.
His grandfather, Gideon Mallette, lived in
or near Buysburg, S.C. and was a Huguenot
from La Rochelle, France.

Your statement that you have the race
site deed for St. H. Chapel of Ease 1756 is
very exciting. You mentioned your desire to have
the chapel restored. It is probably far-
fetched but you might want to consider
approaching the Brandermill Group of
Richmond, Va. who recently purchased
the unused part of Frupp Island. Frupp
Island is so far out of the way, that

may want to join the General Society
of Mayflower Descendants, and use
whatever portion of my line which
is applicable to them, I am enclosing
my line of descent from John
Howland who came over on the Mayflower,
my New York Society no. is 3912 and
my General Society no. is 40,869. As
you may know, J. H. married Elizabeth
Tilley, who also came over on the
Mayflower with her father John Tilley
and his wife. Your Cousin Beth, who
was my Aunt Beth Norton, thought we
therefore had four ancestors who came
over on the Mayflower. However, I have
learned that we have only three
for sure since it is ~~to~~ not definitely
known whether Mrs. Tilley was
John Tilley's first wife and the mother
of Elizabeth or his second wife
and not the mother of Elizabeth.

I am enclosing this Mayflower
information since I thought there might
be a chance that some descendants
of Dr. Robert Godfrey Norton of Robertville,

or of his father, Dr. Alexander Robert Norton,
 or of his grandfather, Dr. John Bryant Greene,
 might be at the reunion and may
 want to join the Mayflower Society
 of the State in which they reside.

As you may see from this line of
 descent the line was brought South
 by Aurelia Selleck who married
 Dr. John Bryant Greene. She came into
 the line via the Gorhams. As I recall,
 Capt. John Gorham, who married John
 Howland's daughter, Desire, commanded
 a company of 170 men in a battle
 with the Indians at the Swamp Fort,
 in the Narragansett country, now
 Rhode Island, in December ~~1675~~ 1675,
 where he was wounded and died shortly
 thereafter. Some years later his company
 and/or their descendants were given
 land as a bonus for fighting in the
 war with the Indians. The place was
 originally called Narragansett
 but was later changed to Gorham
 in honor and memory of Capt. John
 Gorham, and is now the city or town
 of Gorham, Maine.

Let me state how nice it was to hear from you. I enjoyed your "epistle on a card" immensely and the information it contained was very enlightening.

Hope your address at the reunion goes well, the acoustics are good, etc. If you publish it, I would certainly like to acquire a copy.

If you ever get down this way be sure to come see us.

Your cousin,

George Mosse