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From ~~Belle~~ Bollebec:

- # 55 Abraham Picot
- # 56 Rachael Bouzans, sa femme.
- # 57 Abraham Picot, fils
- # 58 Pierre Picot, fils
- # 59 Marguerite Picot, fille.

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## PICOT

Some records show the name of this family written as Picquett, Picquod, Picquot, or Picault; however, in all cases the pronunciation was Picot (Pe-co). The surname Picauett (not shown in the printed copy of the 1790 census for South Carolina) probably developed into Pigot, Pigott, Piget, or Pigett. - (see pages 31,47,52, and 20, respectively, of that census.).

The family was an ancient one in France, some of its members being of the Huguenot faith. Because of their faith, by order of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, thousands of Huguenots were slaughtered or fled the country, while others were imprisoned and later shipped to another country.

In Proceeding of the Huguenot Society of London, Vol. 2, p. 41, we find that, by order of Louis XIV, on 27 April 1688 Abraham Picot (no. 55) - Rachel Bougans, his wife (no. 56) - Abraham Picot, his son (no. 57) - and Marguerite Picot, his daughter (no. 59) - were conveyed from prisons to Dieppe for deportation from France, by way of Bollebec. The missing no. 58 doubtless was Michael Picot, the father or grandfather of Martha Picot (1st wife of Michael Zeigler). All members of this Picot family traditionally were natives of Paris, France. Prior to 27 April 1688 Michael escaped to England, and from thence came to South Carolina during that year. (It was he, not Martha, who was born in Paris. The Huguenot Society has accepted Martha as a Huguenot ancestor of a number of persons.) - (Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, No 88 - 1983, pp. 103-104.)/ He was a young unmarried

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~~married~~ man when he arrived in South Carolina, bringing a number of other persons with him. The early journals will show his personal status at the time of his arrival, and the basis of his requests for grants of land. The land was granted to him in accordance with the then current method as compensation for importing himself and a number of other persons into the province.

Daniel LeGendre (perhaps a relative), the shipping broker, left ten pounds sterling and all his clothing to the young Michel Pecault "qui demeure presentement avec mae" (who dwells presently with me) in his will (1703), suggesting that Michael might have been both an apprentice and a relative. - (Charleston Library: Abstracts of Wills, Book 1, p. 32, - by Moore and Simmons; Huguenots of Colonial South Carolina, p. 187, by Hirsch.).

It appears that Michel currently was living, or previously had lived, with Daniel when the latter made his will in 1703. In either case it is evident that Michel, as an immigrant into the province during 1688, was born in 1663 (as speculated by this writer). The date of his death is not known to this writer.

Following a visit (in 1904) of his maternal grandmother (Elizabeth Ann Weissinger Folk) in his parents' home at Bamberg, S.C., this writer became interested in her ancestry. My mother told me that "Lizzie" was a daughter of Johannes/John and Martha Meldred Zeigler Weissinger; and that she was given the name "Martha" in honor of her mother (grandmother?) Martha Picot, who was the first wife of Michael Zeigler, and that she was born in Paris, France.

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Mrs. Demaris Folk Saunders, a descendant of George Michael Folk (6th son of Jacob 3rd and Mary Elizabeth Howard Folk) was the first person to become a member of the south Carolina Huguenot Society on the Picot line. She was followed by Mrs. Howell McIntosh Zeigler Dickson.

Will of Daniel LeGendre, Craven Co. 12 Dec. 1703, P. 27 Dec. 1703, R. 7 Jan 1704..."Michael Picault (sic) who lives with me..."

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S.C. Deed Abstracts, by Clara A. Langley: p. 6 (Vol. IV (1767-1773))

Michael Picot, 1768, Prince George Parish, Craven Co. "on Santee River".

also: p. 26: Michael Picot

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