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Dear Cousin Bob,

That was my father's name: Robert Mathis Davidson Sylvester. I'm a Zeigler on my mother's side.

Nathaniel Daniel Zeigler (21 May 1807 - 26 Dec. 1876) married Mary Elizabeth Bruton (14 Sept. 1807 - c. 1860) on 2 Nov. 1827; the sister of Nathaniel Daniel (Mary Washington Zeigler) m. the brother of Mary Elizabeth (Daniel Jefferson Bruton); and the two young couples <sup>(Mary E. & Daniel J's parents)</sup> migrated to Gadsden Co., Florida, where Aquila Bruton and his wife Rebecca Odom joined them later - but Daniel Jefferson and Mary W. Bruton left Florida for Georgia, eventually settling in Bainbridge.

I descend from Rebecca Ann Zeigler (1828 - 1910) who married Robert Fitzgerald Jones (1820 - 1890) - whose Va. ancestry goes back to 1620.

My Grandmother, Sarah Littleberry Jones (1853 - 1918) m. Augustus Adolphus Smith (1850 - 1935). My mother was Augusta Smith.

Nathaniel Daniel and Mary E. Zeigler had: 1) Harriet, 3) Jacob Aquilla, 4) George B., 5) Sally Meldred, 6) Nathaniel Henry. There was a great deal of land, and many slaves. I was told (many times) 200 slaves - but the 1835 Census shows only 42 slaves.

Harriet m. a Mr. Arleg. They had no children. She died of scarlet fever. Mr. Arleg cut off her long hair and buried it under their house. Then he sent all Harriet's clothes to my Great Grandmother - who made clothes of it for all her little children! (She sewed like a French Nun.)

Sally married Mr. Oliver Lundy, a Druggist. They had no children.

The 3 Zeigler sons served in the Civil War - Jacob as a resident of Bainbridge, Ga. - where he and his wife, Ada Gordon Beale, lived. They had 4 little girls: Mary Elizabeth, Annie Tapley, Emma Lee, and Ada Pierce Zeigler. Annie Tapley Zeigler married a New England sea captain, Clinton Jones, and they had a daughter: Ruth Gordon Jones, the actress.

George Zeigler m. Mary Ann Stephens. They had one daughter, Caroline.

(1856 - 1936)  
Henry Zeigler married (————) and had one son, Jacob. This Jacob Zeigler m. (Anna Estmyra —————). They both died in Quincy in 1936.

My father, as a very young man (before he bought the first Ice Plant in Florida) worked as an overseer for this Jacob Zeigler, on the Zeigler Plantation.

In 1917, about a year before he died, my father took me to see this Jacob Zeigler, my 2nd. Cousin. I remember it vividly.

I never saw my 6 Grandmother Rebecca Ann Zeigler Jones; she died two years before I was born. I have photographs of her, as an old woman, and young. Also photographs of Nathaniel David, Mary Elizabeth, their other 2 daughters (very elegant & romantic looking), and a sad one of <sup>Jacob</sup> Aquila.

If you like, I'll send you copies.

Most of my father's American ancestors lived in NC. - but one line is from S.C. / Va.

Dr. Joseph Howard, M.D. of the High Hills of Santee (Statesburg) was my 6<sup>th</sup> Grandfather. His wife was Sarah Pattison, who was the widow of William Wright - brother of the Colonial Governor of Georgia.

I'm joining The Society of The Descendants of Physicians and Chiurgeons in honor of Dr. Howard. ( I have 13 or 14 DAR Ancestors, with others pending.) I intend to join The Society of The Descendants of The Colonial Clergy - on my 6<sup>th</sup> Grand-father, the Rev. Nathaniel Walker, Senior.

It is very kind of you to offer to sponsor me for The Huguenot Society of South Carolina, but I am already a Member - also of The Huguenot Society of America.

You have given me valuable information re Picot/Piquot that I did not have - and wonderful suggestions. Thank you. I shall put it to good use.

Do, please, when (and if) you think of more - write!

With all good wishes,

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