

P.O. Box 32
Fairfax, South Carolina
29827

January 18, 1981

Dear Robert,

If you will write to Ray Thomas, Smoaks,
D.C., he may be able to tell you the names
of Mahala's parents. His aunt, the late Mrs.
Flavie Murdaugh, was a Platts descendant,
and Ray has all
genealogy was her hobby, and Ray has all
of her notes and papers. She began as a young person.

Now, in your Miles genealogy, you mention
Sir Richard Godfrey, father of Col. ~~the~~ John
Godfrey who came to D.C. I have learned
recently I am a Godfrey descendant through
the Pamper-Palmer & Davis families of
St. James Parish, Lauder. Anything about Sir
Richard or the maiden name of Col. John's wife
will be appreciated. I descend from his son, Mary,
widow of Dr. Henry Woodward, who m. Col. Wm. Davis.
Do you know of anyone known on this Davis family?
They later moved to Georgetown Dist, the Cheraw
One David Davis b. 11-1717 d. ca. 1793 m.
Jane Miles. Do you know of this?

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks
and enclosed please find stamped envelope for reply.

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Sincerely,
James

3 tombs in Brent Cemetery near Fairfax
(in a row)

John Platts
27 May 1790
2 Feb. 1861
father of 10 children

Susannah Platts
D. 25 April 1841, aged
52 years, 7 mos. + 29
days, mother of 3 sons
+ 6 daughters,
married 33 yrs. + 18 days.

Christina Eliz. Platts
1808-1888

I have extracted all Davis + Godfrey data from S.C. Hist.
Mag. + Wills in S.C. (4 vols.) by Caroline Moore.

Mr. Thomas is also working on Copeland fam.

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March 14, 1978

Dear Robert,

Some more genealogical questions! I understand you descend from Jacob Copeland 1776 - 3 Nov. 1853 & his wife Mary Riser? 1781-1860 of Barnwell District. Do you have proof she was a Riser? I found in Barnwell Court House a Frederick Shubert d. 1832, wife Catherine d. 1834, estate appraised at \$12,200 incl. 23 slaves. Heirs:

- Mary m. Jacob Copeland
- Elizabeth m. David Platts 1 April 1831
- Eve b. 1801 m. Jacob Kinard
- Hannah m. Joseph J. Jones
- Catherine m. William Miley

Other papers said Mary died before 1837 & a Jacob Copeland d. 1840 - were these parents of above Jacob?

Do you have any dates etc. on these children of Jacob Copeland & Mary (Riser?)?

8 April 1800

- Elizabeth m. Jacob Bishop
- Anne m. Francis Fender
- Cornelia m. Jacob Folk
- Jacob Jr. m. Peggy Bishop?

10 Dec. 1797

- Eve m. [Jacob Folk] Levi Folk (1815-1848)
- 10 March 1813 Sarah m. [Jacob Folk]

Isaac D. m Eva _____

John G. m _____

J. J. m _____

Mary m. Thomas Pulaski

All shown in Ct. House as heirs of Jacob.

Jacob's estate appr. at \$16,499.38 incl. 23 slaves

The records in Barwell are very fine but in Probate office an offensive, bossy woman in her 80's runs the show & doesn't want anyone to see anything. I wonder where they find these creatures who are so often features of County Court houses??

Do let me hear re above + all good wishes.

Sincerely,

James

(27 May 1790 - 26 Jan. 1861) m. Susannah Moke (27 Aug. 1791 - 25 Apr. 1844)

A John Platts aged 60, listed in 1850 Census with ~~person~~ real estate valued at \$13,000. Eliza aged 35 living in same house listed. Maybe your Mahala was his daughter.

Mahala Elizabeth Platts (27 May 1829 - 14 Dec. 1897)

She was! R.E.H.P.