

5. Will S. Elena on Parris Island prove that S.C. is older than St. Augustine Fla.?

Dear Alice and President David,

I have been down to the South Carolina Historical Society and left a book of the Archeological Report of Excavations at the Hermitage Plantation that George Edward received and Edward asked me to deliver. I am enclosing a letter thanking us.

Then I was in Savannah for a few days celebrating the 8th Air Force 50th Anniversary. I visited the Georgia Historical Society looking for information of the Hermitage. There is a Hermitage in Georgia. I asked the nice lady for pictures or sketches of the Hermitage. Then I spent Saturday in Beaufort asking questions about John Rhodes' home on the water. Bought a book from the bookstore man who was surprised that John Rhodes built the John Habershaw Building. His store is enclosed in the area of John Rhodes' house. This book says John was a Ship Captain in 1774. John Rhodes was from Shropshire, England.

George Edward, Jr. says John Rhodes' family is buried on Clarenton Plantation near Whale Branch River. John Rhodes married a Talbird. Then Sunday, we had a pleasant surprise as Billie Burn from Daufuskie Island stopped by to autograph her book "An Island Named Daufuskie". Her cousin, Mrs. Nell Padgett, grew up on Daufuskie as a girl named Leonella Lillian Margaret Burn. Nell and Frances (my wife) are in the same circle. Billie says she knows the Fripp Family Historian and will ask about George Rhodes's sister Sarah who married a Fripp. Then I showed Billie the TOMBEE Book that shows the Chaplin Family Tree, the Fripp Family, and the Jenkins Family. Billie mentioned Mary Caroline Rhodes who married James Peto Chaplin born 1818. Both are buried on Daufuskie. Then James Peto Chaplin (1818-1865) was married to Mary Caroline Rhodes (1818-1891). Their children - 1. Margaret E. Chaplin (1843-1905) who married Richard Fuller Fripp, Sr. (1841-1922) and 2. Harriet L. Chaplin who married Fuller's brother McNair Fripp (1851-1912).

So, I was downtown at a friend of the Court House Meeting last Thursday and I noticed Elizabeth Jenkins Young's name as we signed our Resolution to Save and Restore the Court House to its 18th Century look at the Four Corners of Law at Broad and Meeting. This is one of the oldest State Capital Buildings in the Nation.

Then - North Charleston is a new city and we happen to live about halfway between our ancestors homes on Plantation Archdale on the Ashley - where the Baker Plantation and daughter/Susannah Baker (born 1731) married Thomas Cater in 1749. Thomas Cater, Planter of Cater Hall Plantation - St. Peters Parrish had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth (born 4 Aug. 1774) at Cater Hall Plantation - called Calawassi Island where George Rhodes was born.

Then, how about the Cooper River. Where II landgrove Thomas Smith's daughter, Elizabette was born 6 Jan. 1722 at Yeamans Hall, South Carolina married Captain Thomas Dixon (1720) at James Island, South Carolina. Their daughter, Elizabeth Dixon, born 7 June 1750 at James Island married James John Robert born 15 July 1742 at French Santee, South Carolina, son of John Robert. Elizabeth Dixon married 19 April 1770 to John Jehu Robert at James Island, South Carolina.

The earliest plantations in this area north of Charleston were granted land in 1672. So, new North Charleston, almost 20 years old, is spoken of as Frontier Land. The Navy Yard is on Marshland Plantation, former owner Mrs. Celia Lawton, who sold the Plantation for \$50,000. in early 1900.

So, the Air Base and the Navy Yard are in the City of North Charleston and we are beginning to talk history as the new Coliseum is to be finished in 1992 and the Mark Clarke Expressway also in 1992 and I am boosting the history of the Low Country from the Georgia line to North Carolina. I tried to visit Parris Island while in Beaufort but was stopped at the gate.

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Miller and Frances

③ Cindy Cole wants a Rhodes History Book also

④ Geo Edward is trying to walk on new leg

1- May not get to Rhodes reunion on Easter as we may be in Sacreandamto visiting daughter Susan Elizabeth Owens and cost of Plane tickets are changing to 700.

② Dr Larry Rowland is going to write a whole Chapter on Rhodes in new Book