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Dr. Dr. Peeples:

My son-in-law, Mr. Allen Harris, Jr. of Johnson City, Tennessee, ordered from you recently, a copy of OUR FAMILY CIRCLE By Miller. It was recommended by Mrs. Rouse of that city as a means of obtaining for his wife (my daughter), a line of descent for Huguenot lineage. Mrs. Rouse through our numerous friends in Johnson City, had heard that my daughter's Revolutionary ancestor was born on Edisto Island (John Roberts, son of Lewis Roberts). They migrated to Wayne County, Georgia and were in Lowndes County, same state in the 1840 census. However, Lewis died in Wayne County. Mrs. Rouse insisted she is sure Ruth has Huguenot ancestry, descending from Rev. Pierre Robert. The book OUR FAMILY CIRCLE is not indexed. There are numerous collateral lines, wives of Roberts men that might establish her descent from Huguenots in the book, however after hours of close study, I can find no proof.

I do know that Tyson descendants migrated to South Georgia and one family of Tysons were in Sparks-Adel area and they have a mutual ancestor (Revolutionary Patriot) of my daughters, namely Henry Parrish, Sr. In this line of descent besides Roberts and Monk is the Mathis line. I believe (not proven) that Lewis Roberts was descended from Lewis Bryan, a well known line from the Carolinas. From Lewis Roberts, my daughters descend from his son, John, from John's son Bryan Jackson Roberts, from Bryan J's son, William Knight Roberts (Bill K.) He was my late husband's father. Judge Folks Huxford's 7 volumes on Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, all of the above are frequently mentioned.

Dr. Peeples, I have been particularly interested in your wife's McKenzie line which is also a part of the Tyson lines. My youngest granddaughter qualified for CAR at age of three years on the Michael McKenzie Mattox line through John Mattox, gentleman who died in Tattnall County, Georgia (this is her great grandmother Roberts' line, also that of the late Bishop Arthur Moore of the Methodist Church. If you have information that will assist in our research to establish Huguenot ancestry, please use the stamped self addressed envelope enclosed for your reply. One of my mother's great grandfathers was Benjamin Porter Rouse who migrated to Georgia from South Carolina was originally from Pitt County, North Carolina, so I am told. Were the Rouse's of French descent?? My paternal lines were from the Old Tryon, North Carolina lines who migrated from Pennsylvania in the late 1750s. Strictly Scotch - Irish and strictly Presbyterian.

You asked my son-in-law about his Harris family. All came directly South from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, in the late 1800s.

Sincerely,
Mildred P. Roberts
Mrs. Mildred Park Roberts

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