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Dear Robert,

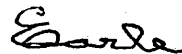
Over the course of years subsequent to 1930 I accumulated a considerable amount of data on the early Zeigler families of Georgia. This data was closely studied and compared with data which I had accumulated on the early Zeigler families in South Carolina, and no relationship was found between the two groups. In 1962 I furnished a summary of my findings concerning the Screven County Zeiglers to Mr. Leon S. Hollingsworth (a professional genealogist), of 236 Greenwood Circle, Decatur, Ga., who had requested me for data on that group, and he agreed that there was no apparent relationship to the South Carolina group. I subsequently, -- in fact quite recently, -- removed all data on the early Georgia Zeiglers from my files and destroyed it.

My findings, which were satisfactorily proved from reliable records, showed that the first Zeiglers of Screven County were among the "Protestant Salzbergers" who in 1731 were driven out of Salzburg, Austria (then Austria-Hungary), and eventually became colonists in Georgia. Lucas (Luke) Zeigler was not born in Orangeburg District, S.C., and I found no evidence that his son John George Zeigler ever lived there. From my letter of 9 May 1967 you will note that Facts (Frederick) Zeigler had a son named John George; -- and that name (also "George John") was continued among his descendants. I would guess that the tradition that John George Zeigler the son of Lucas (Luke) "settled in Orangeburg District, S.C.", is basically the supposition of some researcher who misinterpreted the similarity of names among the two groups of Zeiglers.

It appears that Eugene N. ("Nick" -- Nicholas ?) Zeigler might be of our line of Zeiglers. Referring again to my letter of 9 May 1967 you will note that Facts (Frederick) Zeigler had a son Nicholas, and there were several of that name among his descendants. If the senator could give the name of the father and/or grandfather of Frank Alonzo Zeigler it perhaps would be possible to locate him/them in my records. I did not attend the Zeigler Family Reunion held on June 9th.

I enjoyed, and do appreciate, the information which you gave concerning the folks and happenings down that way. When you see your mother and Aunt Mahala again give them our love and best wishes, but keep a liberal share for Cora and yourself. All of my family, including myself, are as well as usual.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Steadman, Sr.