

Castro Valley,

July 24, 1986

Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples

Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Dear Dr. Peeples:

As a descendant of Jean Girardeau, through his youngest son, Isaac, I, also, am a member of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. Recently, while rereading my copy of TRANSACTIONS #83 for 1978, I came across a reference on p. 64, under "The Memoirs of Benjamin Spicer Stafford," Chapter II, that was of particular interest to me.

The name "James Sweat" was the one given by my Greatgreat-grandfather, Thomas Eden, and his wife, Honora, to their first son (fourth child). Please see Exhibits A and B. When I saw that name, I realized that "James" was not a family name, but was, probably, that of their pastor, the Rev. James Sweat (1764-1823).

Since 1980, I have searched for The parents of Thomas Eden. The Baptist Church microfilm in Beaufort had nothing. The same was true of the S.C. State Archives in Columbia, the Georgia St. Archives in Atlanta, County Court records in Charleston, and our Bay Area Calif. State and Mormon Genealogical Libraries.

But, the newspaper microfilm file of the Ga. Historical Society in Savannah had many references to Thomas Eden. (Exhibit C is from there). However, there was nothing to indicate the identity of his parents. The Census Records for 1800 and 1810, (The only thing not destroyed by the Union Occupation Forces in Beaufort) indicate that Thomas Eden and a Mary Eden were heads of household and slaveholders at that time. It is only a guess that one of them may have been his parent( my ancestor's).

Actually, I think Mary the most likely, since my ancestor seemed intent on perpetuating that name.

You certainly must be an expert on the history of the Beaufort District. For that reason, I hope that you may be able to suggest someplace where I may look for an answer to my problem. If you, by some fortunate circumstance, should happen to possess any pertinent material which you might be willing to duplicate for me, I should be very happy to pay whatever charges there may be.

Enclosed you will find:

Exhibit A----Typed portion--An advertisement I ran in the DAR Magazine, May 1984 ( 0 answers on "Eden").

Exhibit B -- -Genealogy Chart Eden/ Burnham.

Exhibit C ---Funeral notice, Thomas Eden

Thank you, in advance, for any assistance you can give me. Since I do not have your address ( and the S.C. phone books, which can, sometimes, furnish addresses, are missing from our Public Library) I am sending this letter to the Huguenot Society with the request that they, please, forward it to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Anna F. Cumero*  
*(Mrs. Jos. J.)*

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*Exhibit A*  
LAMB-TOUCHSTONE- Need parents of Joseph Lamb, b.12/23/1758 and Honor Touchstone, b.1/29/1770, both Charleston, S.C. area. They m. ca 1785, had children: Sarah, b.7/8/1786; Mary, b. 11/27/1787; Caleb, b.5/5/1789; Joseph, b.12/31/1792; William, b.11/17/1793; Honora, b.4/26/1797 (in Ga.). Honor m. 2nd, Wm. Hamilton. --- ~~1846~~  
Dice Cumero, 5223 Winifred Dr., Castro Valley CA 94546

X EDEN--Need parents of Thomas Eden, b.4/26/1792, Beaufort Dist. S.C., served as Lt. on privateer Ann Aloopsis, War 1812, was Coroner Chatham Co. Ga. 1830-1860., married Honora Lamb 7/7/1816. Children were: Ann Maria, b.1817; Mary Caroline, b. 1819; Caroline Matilda, b.1821; James Sweat, b. 1823; Thomas Mackdonough, b. 1825; Mary Jane, b. 1827; Edward Wyer, b. 1829; Charles Jones, b. 1831; Henry Hamilton, b. 1834; Sarah Eliza Talcott, b.1837.

--Anna Dice Cumero, 5223 Winifred Dr. , Castro Valley CA94546

Bible Transcripts

James Sweat Eden b. Oct. 6, 1823

d. Nov. 10, 1863 at the Bragg Hospital, Georgia *Civil War.*

Thomas Mackdonough Eden.

b. Mar. 30, 1825 in Beaufort, S.C.

d. not recorded in Family Bible

Charles Jones Eden b. Nov. 2, 1831

d. Mar. 28, 1862 *Civil War?*

Exhibit B

William Thomas  
b. 22 Mar., 1859  
m.  
d.

Ellen Dorinda  
b. 10 Sept., 1861  
m. 7 Apr., 1885  
(divorced)  
d. 1955

James Manning  
b. 4 Aug. 1863  
d. 2 Aug. 1949

Charles Waddy  
b. 18 Aug. 1865  
d. 1895

Clarence Melville  
b. 5 Nov. 1869  
d. 1960

George Arthur  
b. 7 Jan., 1872  
d. 9 Sept., 1872

Robert Carston  
b. 28 Nov. 1875

William Capers Burnham  
b. 26 June, 1827  
d. 15 Oct., 1907

m.  
20 May, 1858

Sarah Eliza Talcott  
b. 13 April, 1837  
d. 17 Dec., 1925  
Eden

Ann Maria  
b. 25 Sept. 1817  
m. Alonzo Scranton  
15 Feb., 1837  
d. 17 Dec. 1842

Mary Caroline  
b. 28 Oct., 1819  
d. 23 May 1821

Caroline Matilda  
b. June 7, 1821  
m. John G. Sturdevant  
d. ? 8 May 1839

James Sweat  
b. 6 Oct. 1823  
d. 10 Nov. 1863  
Bragg Hospital, Ga.

Thomas Mackdonough  
b. 30 March, 1825

Mary Jane  
b. 25 Dec., 1827  
d. 19 Mar. 1829

Edward Wyer  
b. 3 Oct. 1829  
m. Anne Peach  
20 Sept. 1859

Charles Jones  
b. 2 Nov. 1831  
d. 28 Mar. 1862

Henry Hamilton  
b. 28 May, 1834  
d. 19 July, 1877

Sarah Eliza Talcott  
b. 13 Apr. 1837  
m. William Capers Burnham  
20 May, 1858  
d.

Honora Lamb  
b. 26 April, 1797 Ga.  
d. 19 June, 1877 Savannah Ga.  
m. 7 July 1816

Thomas Eden  
b. 26 April, 1792 Beaufort Dist. SC  
d. 2 May 1875 Savannah Ga.

my grand parents  
21 Oct. 1886  
Anne Louise Smallwood  
b. 12 Oct., 1869  
d. 20 Sept. 1943



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 containing a History of the City from its First Settlement by Gen. Oglethorpe  
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 111-113

**The Forest City Band.**  
 This band, which has lately been un- formed, announce that they are prepared to furnish music, either as a brass band or string orchestra, for parades, picnics, ex- cursions, etc. The band has already estab- lished a reputation as musicians. Mr. Simon Geok, the leader, served during the late war in the celebrated Washington Artillery of New Orleans, not only as a musician, but as a soldier, and enjoys the highest esti- mation of his worth in both capacities. He is a professional musician, and has settled among us with his family, intending to make Savannah his home. The band are engaged to-day by the German Volunteers, and have also made an engagement to go to Augusta in a few weeks with Palmetto Commandery of Knight Templars.

**Death of an Old (1818).**  
 Mr. Thomas Eden, probably the oldest citizen of Savannah, died yesterday at one o'clock, after a week's illness, in his 81st year, having reached his 83d year on the 26th ult. Mr. Eden was a native of Beau- ford, S. C., and served during the war of 1812 as a lieutenant of a privateer. At the close of that war he came to Savannah from Kingston, Jamaica, where he had been a prisoner for six months. He was Corporal in the office in 1860. He was an honest, industrious man, and died respected by our entire community. His funeral will take place from the Baptist church at four o'clock this afternoon.

**The Young Georgian has the following:**  
 "On last Thursday evening, just after sun- set, a brilliant meteor shot across the north- ern sky, and left in its trail a highly lumin- ous cloud which was plainly visible for some five minutes before it melted slowly into space. The cloud or trail was in appearance several yards in length and perhaps a half foot across, bending slightly from a per- pendicular to the place of horizon, and til- ing slightly in breadth, and it seemed to us, undulating slightly throughout its entire length."

**Death of a Gentleman.**  
 A report was circulated on Saturday after- noon of an explosion at No. 9, on the Atlan- tic & Gulf Railroad, by which several persons were badly injured and one man killed. From inquiry, we learn that the explosion of a boiler—two men injured. A report was circulated on Saturday after- noon of an explosion at No. 9, on the Atlan- tic & Gulf Railroad, by which several persons were badly injured and one man killed. From inquiry, we learn that the explosion of a boiler—two men injured.

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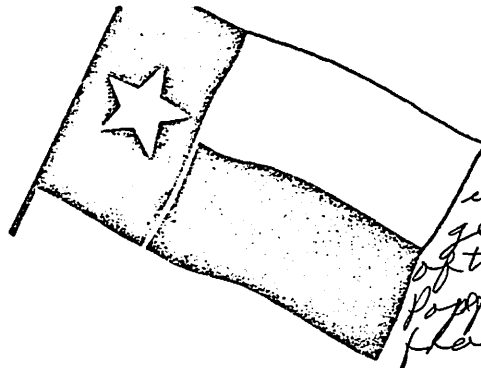
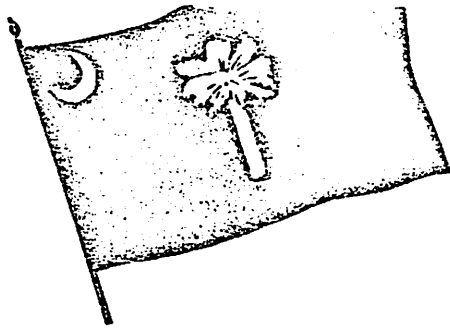
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*Savannah Morning News*

*May 3, 1875*

*W. H. Smith*



The book includes genealogies of the Cole & Pope families from 1690.

The life of James Pope Cole (1814-1886) is chronicled against his family's origin in the sea-islands of South Carolina and his academic preparation at South Carolina College for a legal career in Galveston, Republic of Texas.

In 1839 he arrived on Galveston Island and was granted permission to practice in all the Courts of the Republic of Texas.

By 1842, however, the increasing threat of a Mexican invasion caused the young lawyer to become a founding member of the "Galveston Fusiliers," 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment, Texas Militia. Cole wrote the Constitution for the Company and rose to the rank of "Captain." The "Minutes" of this Company are copied verbatim in *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Judge J. P. Cole's legal career in Galveston (from his arrival in 1839 until his death in 1886) is well-documented by the historian Charles W. Hayes in his book, *Galveston: History of the Island and the City*, which is the basis for the chapter, "A Season of Leadership."

Letters from Judge Cole to Gail Borden, Jr., whom Cole succeeded as Secretary of the City Company, add another valuable facet to the biographical study of Judge Cole.

The "Minutes" for First Baptist Church, Galveston, written by Judge Cole for nearly a quarter of a century, including his "Monograph" detailing the split in the church which caused a majority of the active members to leave the church, reveal a further dimension of his character.

"A Season of Parting" is devoted entirely to quoted letters to Judge Cole from various family members and his letters to them which chronicle the final days of his wife Mary Jane Graham Cole.

The book's content clearly illustrates the contribution that a single individual made to the Republic of Texas, to his community, and to his church, thus widening the readership beyond Judge Cole's descendents and the circle of those persons interested in the early days of Galveston.

A quotation from Milton's *Paradise Lost*, a book mentioned by Judge Cole as reading to his daughter Susan Jane, is perhaps an appropriate summation of his biography:

"Servant of God, well done!  
Well hast thou fought  
the better fight"

# Stranger In A Strange Land

## From Beaufort, South Carolina, To Galveston Island, Republic of Texas

### A Biography of Judge James Pope Cole (1814-1886)

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Mary Cole Farrow Long

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