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BOSTICK

Dear Cousin Robert,

Greetings to you and to dear Miss Cora. Yes, I am back at homebase and was welcomed home enthusiastically by the hubby (Rob), and our four cats and one dog...and, not to forget, by my one and only issue (Sean). How lucky can anyone be, I ask you? :-)

Mother and I had a great time visiting with cousins, and researching through so many libraries, archives, cemeteries, etc., while in the East Coast. One month of such activities simply was not enough to cover all the bases! Still, in all, I managed to collect about 35 lbs of materials - photocopies and books - and a mountain of invaluable knowledge passed on by word of mouth. Such a lot of interesting family anecdotes to set down on paper!

I thank you for sharing with us a lot of your time and knowledge about the family lines in SC and for the very fine treat of a lovely meal together. If only Australia was not so far away, I would take you to a restaurant with local fare, based on aboriginal fare of kangaroo (its meat is sweeter than beef), barramundi (a delicious fish), witchety grub (a fat white worm which taste like chicken), rose hip ice cream (high in Vit. C, and very delicate in flavor), and the like. These would be as novel to you as okra and hush puppies were to me.

Cousin Robert, thanks so much for giving my name to Harriet Riggs whose ancestor Mary Harriet Villard was a sister to my ancestor Eliza Agnes Villard. There was a letter from her awaiting my arrival in Nobby. We've been in constant e-mail correspondence for two weeks now and have managed to sort out our Villard and other lines to a large degree. It was pretty amazing that her information and my information were like two halves of an apple fitting in so well to make a whole. Each half was useless without the other. I think it would be best if Harriet and I submitted to the House of Lawton what database we have on hand on our Villards and update such database over time. Your advice would be appreciated.

Among the papers you so generously shared with me (during the visit in Hilton Head), is one with "Robert of Le Locle, Neuchatel, Switzerland" written at the top of the page. At the bottom of the backside of this paper, there is a date written - "1984". The last paragraph of this account makes mention of the BOURQUIN family. By any chance, do you still have the name and address of the person who sent said paper to you? I will try to make a photocopy of the pertinent page and attach it to this letter to help you remember those details.

As to my interest in the BOURQUIN family - My Dr. William Benjamin Villard (m. Harriet Elizabeth McKenzie) was a descendant of Anna Marie Bourquin who was a widow of Villard when she arrived in SC ca mid-1730s. She came with her Villard children, her parents and her brothers, according to the story. I hope to be able to trace this family line.

As to the various applications to heritage societies, I wonder if I could request for an extension of time with the Dames/Barons of the Magna Carta? Mother is in the process of securing more documents for me from various provincial offices in the Philippines, which process takes time. If not, I would go ahead with what I have and hope for the best.

There is a GA cousin who is doing his best to discredit me by saying that my claim to being the g-granddaughter of James Villard Heidt ("and to colonial bloodlines") is invalid. I suspect this action is racially motivated. Unfortunately for him, he can bleat till he's blue in the face - it won't change things one iota. It has not dawned on him that I do not "claim" to be the eldest g-granddaughter of James Villard Heidt; I simply am. It would also seem that he has never heard of DNA tests. I make mention of this cousin because sooner or later he will find his way to you bringing his ill message with him. Had he been a nicer person, I would have been happy to bring him along when Mother and I visited with you at Hilton Head.

In contrast to him (the one bad apple in the family tree), all the other cousins I met this past Sept and Oct turned out to be first rate. I couldn't have wished for a better and more loving extended family than the one I happen to have! Lucky, lucky me.

I'll keep in touch. Take good care of each other. I love you both.

VIRGINIA

Virginia

Daniel  
father of  
Pierre

December 19, 1634 and May 2, 1636. At that date, his sons-in-law owed a debt for 430 crowns (money) to 5 livres piece) on their brother-in-law Pierre, for their part of the inheritance (as noted by the notary Jacob Beynon). I hope to find several supplementary details on this Daniel who is also my ancestor! He left three children: (1) Pierre, who follows, (2) Marie, (Marriage agreement of January 5, 1623, same notary) Estevenin Belrichard, (1<sup>st</sup>) between 1627 and 1632 Adam Beguelin, (1<sup>st</sup>) after 1642 Jean Fete, the three were communicants of Courtalary. (3) Madeleine married David Calame, parishioner of Saint-Imier, (these are my ancestors).

Pierre  
father of  
Daniel

1. Pierre Robert, Parishioner of Saint-Imier, lived on the Mountain Du Drott of Sonvillier, died between 1671 and 1672. He married (marriage agreement of May 9, 1622, with Adam Perremond) and the daughter of Abraham Barce, parishioner of Saint-Imier, who brought as dowry 1000 crowns, a heifer and her trousseau. Their child: Robert, who died between November 16, 1679 and May 11, 1680, lived always in the same place (not at Saint-Imier itself, but in the parish of Saint-Imier). Being married for around four years, he and his wife entered into a marriage agreement on April 1, 1651, before the notary. His wife is Marie, daughter of Pierre Perremond, of Courtalery, and had a dowry 900 crown, a heifer and her trousseau. His six children of which Pierre Robert was the same first name as his father.

Daniel  
father of  
Rev. Pierre  
Robert

I have given the originals of legal materials in the archives of the archdiocese of Fribourg. I hope to be able to send you now to give you other details on this. If you want photocopies of the documents which I have mentioned, I can from Monsieur Fardouvaux, to whom I will give the precise necessary numbers.

For my part I would be happy to be familiar with the American descendants of Pierre Robert, if there exists an American genealogical society or a wedge of the genealogy of the Bourquins, which is established in South Carolina, that of the Bourquins - and it was very interesting for me to penetrate through that into another world.

Believe in my devoted sentiments