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The Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
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Dear Dr. Peeples:

My sister, Sue Lewis, has given me copies of the genealogical researches you did for her. Also, I have become acquainted with Marion Beckwith and discovered that she is a cousin from the St. Augustine branch of the DuPonts. Mrs. Beckwith and her husband live in Jacksonville, Florida, but are regular summer residents near Asheville at Waynesville, N. C.

Mrs. Beckwith supplied me with Xeroxed material from the H. A. DuPont book which revealed that he did not have information about Josiah's children which you found and which is confirmed by Hall's researches. Consequently I decided to summarize our information and send it on to the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, as you can see from the copies I enclose.

You will be interested to know that some old friends of yours and Cora's are our neighbors and members of our church, Grace Memorial Episcopal in Asheville. Hoping that Jean and I can some day meet you and Cora.

Cordially yours,


Robert T. Kemp, Jr.

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Mrs. Jack Danko
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Dear Mrs. Danko:

Our family is engaged in assembling information on the South Carolina DuPonts. Of particular interest to us is information about Charles Henry DuPont, planter, lawyer, soldier and jurist. He was Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court from 1859 to 1868.

Enclosed are copies of information I have assembled, some of it tentative requiring confirmation. I have been in communication with Mrs. Marion DuPont Hopkins Beckwith who has given me copies of material she obtained from you, and which has portions of Henry A. DuPont's Early Generations of the Du Pont and Allied Families. I find on page 304 of this work that Henry A. Du Pont says he was not able to ascertain the names of all of Josiah's children, only identifying Elizabeth Goodbe. Our information suggests that Josiah had seven children, Abraham (1768), Ann (1770), Gideon (1772), Juana Isabel (1775), Maria Magdalena (1777), Isabelle (1779) and Rebecca (1789). This information is from the St. Augustine Historical Society, with the hispanic names the family used during the period they lived in Spanish Florida between 1790 and 1802, Isabelle being the Spanish form for Elizabeth. The family returned to the U. S. in 1802 because of Indian raids on their plantation. Josiah died shortly after returning to South Carolina. His eldest son, Abraham (1768), became a planter in St. Lukes Parish, married Frances Rumney and had a daughter and two or three sons. Abraham (b.1768), the father, died when Charles Henry was a small boy. The widowed mother remarried, and young Charles Henry moved from South Carolina to Ohio (Cincinnati area) to live with his older sister, Eliza. Eliza had married Edward Meredith Longworth of St. Lukes Parish, S. C. and the family immigrated to Ohio. Charles Henry returned to the Beaufort District of South Carolina before entering Franklin College in Athens, Ga. to study law, and after graduation (1826) he entered law practice in Quincy, Florida shortly following the acquisition of Florida by the United States.

CHARLES HENRY DUPONT

His Ancestry and Family

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Thomas Cossart m. Jehanne Fleury
1465-1541
Bourgeois de Rouen, France

Nicholas Puchot m. Alizon Fere

Jehan Cossart m. Jacquette Puchot
1500-1585 b. 1511

Laurent Toustain

Jehan DuPont m. Guillemine Briere

Jacques Cossart m. Marguerite Toustain
1538 Rouen 7Mar1609 1559-1638

Abraham DuPont m. Marie Cossart
24Aug1572-1640 5July1547-2Dec1648

as Faucheraud m. Anne Vigneud

Jean DuPont m. Marie du Busc
1631-1710

3June1697

14June1693 ^{Porte} la Perie

Anne Faucheraud m. Abraham DuPont
1678France-1756 S.C. 1658Rouen-1731 S.C. arrived S. C. 1688 London 1681 New York 1694 S. C. Mar1696

Jean DuPont m. Marie de /
1662-1731 1672-1759

Samuel DuPont
(Ancestor of Delaware DuPonts)

1734

1741

Jane Elizabeth DuPre m. Abraham DuPont
5Mar1699-1761
Planter, Purrysburg,
St. Peters Par.,
Beaufort Dist., S.C.
Will 21Feb1760, p.6
Feb 1761

Gideon DuPont, Sr. m. Anne Goodbe
20Oct1712-1790 23Jan1723-10Apr1781
Charleston Merchant
Will 17Nov1785
p.19Mar1790

1Apr1766

Josiah DuPont m. Anne Goodbe DuPont
Planter, St. Lukes
Par., Beaufort Dist.
b. ca 1742

b. 15July1744

Joseph Rumney m. Sophia
Chas'ton 1790 St. Luke
Census, Will Parish
23 May 1798 B'fort I
P.11June1798 1800&1800
Census

Abraham Dupont m. *Frances Rumney
Planter, St. Lukes
Par., Beaufort Dist.
1800-1810 Census

Died 17 Jan 1855

Isaac

Robert
26 Feb 1820 Cincinnati
30 May 1845 Quincy

16Nov1828

*Charles Henry DuPont m. *Mary Ann DeGraffenreid Hobson
27Jan1805-14Oct1877 of Greensboro, Alabama, b. 1811
Planter, 5th Chief Justice
Fla. Supreme Court

Charles Henry and Mary Ann DeGraffenreid DuPont had eight children, lived in Quincy, Fla., and had a large plantation in the area. Their children were: Joseph Henry, b. 17Oct1829, m. 11Dec1866 to Mary Martha Coskrey, d. 6Dec1899 in Sumpter, S. C.; Elizabeth Frances, b. 20Dec1832, m. 9July1851 to Joseph R. Lines, d. Dec1851; Mary Ann, b. 1834, m. 31Jan1854 to Joseph R. Lines; Charles Wesley, b. 1837, m. 16Dec1863 to Ellen Foreman, d. 1905 in Denver, Colo.; Abraham Strong, b. 25Apr1843, m. 5Sept1878 to Mary Mayton; Elizabeth Ermine, b. 25July1846, m. 26Apr1866 to Capt. William Booth Malone, d. 9Apr1904; John Edwin, b. 25Nov1848, m. 5June1878 to Susan Dismukes Gee, d. 23Nov1920 in Gulfport, Miss.; Julia, b. 1852, m. 2June1876 in Atlanta to Henry Durr. *Portraits painted at Quincy, Florida in 1836 by Comparet are possessed by the Judge's great granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Kemp Lewis, 143 Westview Drive, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531.

NOTES: Abraham DuPont (1658-1731), the French emigrant to South Carolina, and Anne Faucheraud had six children. The wife of his oldest son Abraham (1699-1761), Jane DuPre was the daughter of Cornelius duPre (son of Josias duPre) and Jean Brabant who was the daughter of Dr. David Brabant and Magdalene de Bordeaux. Anne Goodbe who married Gideon DuPont (1712-1790) was the daughter of John and Hannah Cooke Goodbe, St. James Parish at Goose Creek above Charleston, S. C. (See Will Books, pp. 23, Mar1744 and 3c, Apr1762). Gideon and Anne Goodbe DuPont had eight children, 6 daughters and 2 sons. The second daughter Anne (b. 15July1744) married her first cousin, Josiah DuPont. He was the second son of Abraham and Jane Elizabeth DuPre DuPont, and they had five sons and a daughter. Although Peoples shows only 2 sons and 2 daughters for Josiah and Anne DuPont, Hall shows at least another daughter, Ann (1768-1854), who married Augustemus Buyck in 1800. Abraham and Frances Rumney DuPont had a daughter, Eliza, and three sons, Joseph, Josiah and Charles Henry, the judge. The Archives at the University of Georgia, Athens, houses records of the faculty and the Phi Kappa fraternity of Franklin College, the predecessor of the University in this location. These records reveal that a Joseph M. DuPont was a contemporary of Charles Henry at the College. He was from the Beaufort District also and it is recorded that he died October 1834. Unless indicated otherwise, most of this information has been supplied by Mrs. Lewis or has been taken from genealogies researched by Rev. E. H. Peoples, 8 Moon Shell Road, Hilton Head Island, S. C. 29928 and by Mr. John C. Wall, 1905 Allison Drive, Tunala, Miss. 38801.

Jehan DuPont m. Guillemine Briere

Abraham DuPont 1572-1640 m. Marie Cossart

Jean DuPont 1631-1710 m. Marie du Busc

1 of 2 brothers, a French Huguenot

Abraham DuPont 1658-1731
1697 m. Anne Faucheraud

He went to London 1681,
N. Y. 1694, S. C. 1696

2 brothers of 6 siblings

Abraham DuPont 1699-1761
m. Jane Elizabeth du Pre

Gideon DuPont 1712-1790
m. Anne Goodbe

2 brothers of 6 siblings

Josiah DuPont c1742-c1802
m. Anne Goodbe Dupont
(Cousins)

m(1) 1769 Mary Cater (1 June 1749 - 16 July 1770)
Charles DuPont 1735-1793
27 Sept
m(2) Sarah Coachman, died 7 Dec. 1793
10 July 1777
dau of Benj. & Sarah (Smith) Coachman

Twins(?) in family of 7(?) siblings

Anne DuPont 1768-1854
m. Augustemus Buyck

Abraham DuPont 1768-c1810
m. Frances Rumney

1 of 13 siblings
Charles
Susannah Baker Cater
Abraham DuPont 1783-1857
1807 m(1) Jane Verdier Pepper (1790-4 March 1828)

Eliza Ann Buyck 1806-1885
m. Samuel Spigener

1 of 4 siblings
Charles Henry DuPont 1805-1877
m. Mary Ann DeG. Hobson

daughters of
Gilbert Pepper &
Jane Verdier, dau of
Andrie Verdier
Benjamin E. DuPont
m. Caroline ^{von} Kissestein

Eliza M. M. Spigener,
1835-1916
m. Isaac Cunningham Hall

1 of 8 siblings
John Edwin DuPont 1848-1920
m. Susan Dismukes Gee

Caroline K. DuPont
m. Henry Garland Hopkins

John C. Hall 1866-1936
m. Mary M. Colquitt

1 of 5 siblings
Ruby DeG. DuPont 1882-1972
m. Robert T. Kemp, Sr.

Marian DuPont Hopkins
m. F. J. Beckwith

Clarence C. Hall 1897-1972
m. Helen Eugenia Hitt

1 of 3 siblings
Lewis Susan
Dr. Robert T. Kemp, Jr. 1909-
m. (1) Norrell Baldwin, d. 1948
(2) Jean C. Clinch 1922-

Judd DuPont Beckwith
b. Aug. 1, 1928
Henry Hopkins Beckwith
b. Oct. 3, 1935

John C. Hall 1931-
m. Patsy Faye Byrd

CHRONOLOGY OF CHARLES HENRY DUPONT

- Jan. 27, 1805 Charles Henry born to Abraham and Frances Rumney DuPont in Beaufort, S. C. He had an older sister, Eliza F. DuPont, and one or two brothers. The father died when Charles Henry was a young boy. His mother remarried (Towers), and Charles Henry went to live with his sister in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, Eliza's husband, Edward Meredith Longworth, had lived in South Carolina until immigrating to Ohio. Charles Henry passed his youth in Ohio working on a farm and attending school.
- August, 1822 Charles Henry DuPont enrolled in Franklin College, the forerunner of the University of Georgia at Athens, registered as a resident of the Beaufort District of South Carolina.
- October, 1824 Joseph M. DuPont, thought to have been Charles's brother, enrolled in Franklin College as a resident of Beaufort.
- August 2, 1826 Charles Henry DuPont graduated from Franklin College.
- 1827 Charles Henry DuPont moved from Beaufort to Gadsden County, Florida, where he purchased land near Quincy and began the study and practice of law.
- Nov. 16, 1828 Charles Henry DuPont married Mary Ann DeGraffenreid Hobson, reported to have been born in Georgia and to have lived in Greensboro, Ala., she had an uncle in Columbus, Ga., presumed to be Louis DeGraffenreid.
- ca 1830 Death of brother, Joseph DuPont.
- Oct. 17, 1829 Birth of first born son, Joseph Henry.
- Dec. 20, 1832 Birth of daughter, Elizabeth Frances.
- Feb. 17, 1833 Charles Henry Dupont appointed by the Governor to be Appraiser of the Union Bank.
- 1834 Birth of second daughter, Mary Ann Hobson.
- 1834-35 Served on the territorial legislative council
- 1834-36 Served as Judge of the County Court by appointment of the Governor.
- 1836 Portraits of Charles Henry Dupont, Mary Ann DeGraffenreid Hobson DuPont, his wife, and Frances Rumney DuPont Towers, his mother were painted by the artist Comperet.
- May 14, 1836 C. H. DuPont addressed a meeting of citizens called to adopt measures for protection from the Creek and Seminole Indians.
- 1837 Birth of second son, Charles Wesley.
- 1840-42 Served in the Territorial Senate.
- Feb. 2, 1841 Signer of recommendation of Major Minor Walker for office of U. S. Marshal, addressed to Daniel Webster, the Secretary of State.
- June 10, 1841 Signer of a petition to Congress for appropriation of land for the Male and Female Academy of Quincy.
- Dec. 30, 1841 C. H. DuPont nominated Brigadier General of the Militia, confirmed Feb. 11, 1842. (Senate Exec. Journal, VI,8,26)
- Apr. 25, 1843 Birth of third son, Abraham Strong.
- ~~April~~ ^{30 May} April, 1845 Death of half brother, Robert Towers.
- July 25, 1846 Birth of third daughter, Ermine Elizabeth.
died 9 Apr 1904

- Nov. 25, 1848 Birth of fourth son, John Edwin DeGraffenreid.
- 1849 C. H. DuPont became a Circuit Judge.
- June, 1850 Charles Henry DuPont, one of four delegates from the state of Florida to the Southern Political Convention in Nashville, addressed the assembly on "The Right of Secession".
- 1851 Death of daughter, Elizabeth Frances.
- 1852 Birth of fourth daughter, Julia Sommerville
- ca 1852 Death of Samuel T. Bailey (Sister Eliza's second husband).
- 1853 C. H. DuPont elected to his first term on the Florida Supreme Court.
- 1854-68 The period during which C. H. DuPont was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.
- Jan. 17, 1855 Death of his mother, Frances Rumney Dupont Towers.
- 1859-1865 Charles Henry DuPont served as Chief Justice.
- March, 1865 C. H. DuPont was Captain of Company A, men over 50 from Gadsden. Company A fought in the Battle of Natural Bridge in the defense of the Florida Capital city, Tallahassee, following the invasion of St. Marks by the Union troops.
- 1865 C. H. DuPont appointed to the Governor's Commission for Revision of the State Constitution.
- 1866 C. H. DuPont sold his town house in Gadsden and removed to his plantation.
- ca 1868 C. H. DuPont organized Gadsden County Agricultural Society.
- Jan. 20, 1875 C. H. DuPont addressed the Florida Fruit Growers Association on the subject, "History of the Introduction and Culture of Cuba Tobacco in Florida".
- ca 1876 or 1877 Death of Mary Ann, his wife.
- 1877 C. H. DuPont was Immigrant Agent for the State of Florida.
- Oct. 13, 1877 C. H. DuPont died at Quincy in the home of his son-in-law, W. B. Malone, the husband of Ermine Elizabeth.

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