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Dear Cousin Robert:

I am sorry to be so long in responding to your letter which provides so many interesting details about our families. My genealogical investigations have been on the back burner while waiting for a response to my letter of last fall to the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, not yet forth coming.

Thank you very much for the information on Joseph DuPont (1806-1829).

We have no knowledge of Henry Durr other than his marriage to Julia Sommerville Dupont in Atlanta on June 2, 1876, and that they had no children. However, I do find in Gadsden, A Florida County in Word and Picture by Miles Kenan Womack, Jr., Taylor Publishing Co., Quincy, Florida, 1976, on page 78 a reference to a Ralph Durr. He is listed with Captain Charles DuPont among others as a member of the Gadsden County Home Guard which participated in the successful defense of Tallahassee, the Florida State Capitol, in the Battle of Natural Bridge Road, March 4, 1865.

You mentioned a Chaplin connection in your family. There is an Episcopal Priest in Asheville named Paul Chaplin with, according to my understanding, Charlestonian antecedents.

Thank you again for your help. With best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Happy 1980.

Cordially yours,


Robert T. Kemp