

~~107 E. Robinson Ave.~~

~~Orlando, Fla.~~

Dec. 13, 1931- (1932?)

Dear Mr. Clark,

Your letter has followed me around and finally reached me at the above address. I am glad it did not get lost while on its round of travel.

After five years of hard work on the family book of course it pleases me whenever I hear that it gives satisfaction to the members of our large circle. Your name should be included with the many others, but unfortunately I did not get in touch with you when the various families were being gathered into the one large circle.

As to the spelling of the Erwin name,

it appears that the early immigrants of this line made the change at different times and locations, with no regard to the original correct spelling, whether with E or I.

Three years ago I saw the will Nathaniel Irwins, and many deeds of administration to and by his children and grandchildren, all in the original writing of these Irwins. It was interesting to notice that

Nathaniel and his sons retained the Irwins while later descendants changed to Erwins. Other forms of spelling soon developed, and we now have at least half a dozen

Irwins, each with a different spelling. The will and deeds are on file in the York county court house, at York, S. C. Maybe you have examined them yourself.

I have no doubt there are many Roberts who would like to discuss the Robert data with you, especially the descendants of W. H. Robert and George W. Clark - They would be surprised to know that this Georgia in the book was really George.

The only address I can give you, however, is that of Captain Robert who sent the record you saw in Our Family Circle. I am not sure he is in Washington at present, but perhaps your letter would be forwarded to him. My experience has been that many otherwise reliable people will not take the trouble to answer letters that deal with family history, and I had to write nearly a dozen times to some of the relatives to whom I appealed for help. By the time the manuscript went to the printer, I was ready to give up "ancestor-hunting" and take a rest.

The address of Capt. Robert is:

Capt. William P. Robert
U. S. Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Bureau of Construction.

I shall be glad to hear from you again if there are any other questions you care to ask.

Sincerely yours,

Aimie E. Miller
(Mrs. A. E.)