

WILLIAM O. LEWIS, III  
21 VENTURA BOULEVARD  
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Doctor Robert E. H. Peeples  
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Dear Doctor Peeples,

I am referred to you by Mrs. Johnnie Lee Witt of Hilton Head. She indicates a belief that you are descended from, related to, working on, or at least knowledgeable of the FLOYD family of the Carolina low country.


I am descended from Elder James Allen FLOYD and his wife, Selina Ann JONES, both born in the early eighteenth century near Tillman, Saint Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, (now Jasper County) South Carolina. I have enclosed a pedigree chart showing my descent from this family, and family group sheets of the intervening families.

James A. FLOYD preached the Gospel at Sardis Baptist Church and subsequently at Great Swamp Baptist Church. He is also known to have been a surveyor, and is said to have been a Justice of the Peace. In his later life, he removed to Savannah, where he died and is buried. He is said by his family to have been a Civil War veteran, but I have been unable to verify this.

I am most interested in extending this line. Information regarding the parentage of James A. FLOYD will be most appreciated. I shall gratefully compensate you for any data you can provide. I have enclosed a S.A.S.E. and am anxiously awaiting your reply.

On another matter, I thank you for your most valuable work in updating Annie Elizabeth Miller's Our Family Circle. You may notice that my pedigree chart also shows a descent from Sarah Chovin PERRY. She appears on page 207 of the book. If you need further data on this line, I can provide same. Alternatively, may I refer you to Genealogy of the Early MALPUS... by Muriel Ward Malphurs. In that work, Sarah Chovin PERRY appears on page 120 as the wife of John Brooker MALPHRUS.

Sincerely Yours,

  
William O. Lewis, III



HUSBAND 1 William Oscar LEWIS III  
 Rec: 18  
 BORN 1 Aug 1940\* PLACE Savannah,Chatham,Georgia  
 CHR PLACE  
 MARR 14 Dec 1967\* PLACE Salt Lake City,Salt Lake,Utah  
 DIED PLACE  
 BUR PLACE  
 FATHER:William Oscar LEWIS Jr. MOTHER:Winnie Madilene MALPHERUS  
 OTHER WIVES 0:

HUSB:William Oscar LEWIS III 1940  
 WIFE:Letty Pauline ALLEN 1943

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WIFE: 1 Letty Pauline ALLEN  
 Rec: 19  
 BORN 3 May 1943\* PLACE Springfield,Greene,Missouri  
 CHR PLACE  
 DIED PLACE  
 BUR PLACE  
 FATHER:Otis Rouse ALLEN MOTHER:Opal Madileine CROW  
 OTHER HUSBS 0:

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ex		WHEN CHR'N	WHERE	County;State	1st married to whom		DIED	County,State	Number
1	William Oscar LEWIS IV	15 Oct 1968*	B)	Savannah Chatham,Georgia					17
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2	Lori Lee LEWIS	21 Feb 1972*	B)	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	3 Aug 1990 Richard Glen BORGET				342
F									
3	Lisa Lynn LEWIS	22 Apr 1976*	B)	Savannah Chatham,Georgia					343
F									
4	Lauren LaAnne LEWIS	17 Apr 1978*	B)	Savannah Chatham,Georgia					344
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HUSBAND 1 William Oscar LEWIS Jr.  
 Rec: 20  
 BORN 27 Sep 1909 PLACE Savannah,Chatham,Georgia  
 CHR PLACE  
 MARR 10 Aug 1930\* PLACE Ridgeland,Jasper,South Carolina  
 DIED PLACE  
 BUR PLACE  
 FATHER:William Oscar LEWIS Sr. MOTHER:Selina Rosamond FLOYD  
 OTHER WIVES 0:

HUSB:William Oscar LEWIS Jr. 1909  
 WIFE:Winnie Madilene MALPHRUS 1912  
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WIFE: 1 Winnie Madilene MALPHRUS  
 Rec: 21  
 BORN 20 Sep 1912\* PLACE Ridgeland,Jasper,South Carolina  
 CHR PLACE  
 DIED PLACE  
 BUR PLACE  
 FATHER:Seabrook MALPHRUS MOTHER:Julia Evelyn LONG  
 OTHER HUSBS 0:

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ex		WHEN CHR'N	WHERE County;State	1st married to whom		DIED	County,State	Number
1	William Oscar LEWIS III	1 Aug 1940*	B)Savannah Chatham,Georgia	14 Dec 1967* Letty Pauline ALLEN				18
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HUSBAND 1 William Oscar LEWIS Sr.  
 Rec: 24  
 BORN 14 Jan 1877 PLACE Forty-ninth Georgia Militia District, Emanuel County, Georgia  
 CHR PLACE  
 MARR 4 Dec 1902\* PLACE Savannah, Chatham, Georgia  
 DIED 11 Jun 1940\* PLACE Savannah, Chatham, Georgia  
 BUR Jun 1940 PLACE Eldora Cemetery, Bulloch, Georgia  
 FATHER: Obadiah LEWIS MOTHER: Elizabeth WALEA  
 OTHER WIVES 0:

HUSB: William Oscar LEWIS Sr. 1877  
 WIFE: Selina Rosamond FLOYD 1878

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WIFE: 1 Selina Rosamond FLOYD  
 Rec: 25  
 BORN 7 Apr 1878\* PLACE Tillman, Hampton, South Carolina  
 CHR PLACE  
 DIED 10 Apr 1915 PLACE Statesboro, Bulloch, Georgia  
 BUR Apr 1915 PLACE Eldora Cemetery, Bulloch, Georgia  
 FATHER: James Allen FLOYD MOTHER: Selina Ann JONES  
 OTHER HUSBS 0:

Additional :  
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1 F	Nell LEWIS	13 Sep 1904	B)Savannah Chatham, Georgia		19 Feb 1928 Elmer Eugene WALDHOUR	5 Jul 1975	St. Petersburg Pinellas, Florida		410
2 M	William Oscar LEWIS Jr.	27 Sep 1909	B)Savannah Chatham, Georgia		10 Aug 1930* Winnie Madilene MALPHRUS				20
3 F	Grace LEWIS	8 Apr 1912	B)Savannah Chatham, Georgia		6 Jun 1929 Travie Gunter ELLIOTT				411
4 F	Rosamond Ruth LEWIS	14 Feb 1915	B)Eldora Bryan, Georgia		19 Feb 1938 Gilbert H NETTLES Sr.				412
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HUSBAND 1 James Allen FLOYD  
 Rec: 34  
 BORN 3 May 1826 PLACE Tillman,Beaufort Dist.,South Carolina  
 CHR PLACE  
 MARR 1855g PLACE Tillman,Beaufort Dist.,South Carolina  
 DIED 2 May 1899 PLACE Savannah,Chatham,Georgia  
 BUR PLACE Laurel Grove Cemetery,Chatham Co.,Georgia  
 FATHER: MOTHER:  
 OTHER WIVES 0:

HUSB:James Allen FLOYD 1826  
 WIFE:Selina Ann JONES 1837

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WIFE: 1 Selina Ann JONES  
 Rec: 35  
 BORN 11 Sep 1837 PLACE Tillman,Beaufort Dist.,South Carolina  
 CHR PLACE  
 DIED 29 Oct 1926 PLACE Savannah,Chatham,Georgia  
 BUR PLACE Laurel Grove Cemetery,Chatham Co.,Georgia  
 FATHER:John Little JONES MOTHER:Jane EADY  
 OTHER HUSBS 0:

Additional :  
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M	1 Aquilla John FLOYD	6 Oct 1856	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.	<u>8 Oct 1902</u> Mary Ella	<u>2 Jan 1921</u>	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	441
F	2 Fannie Jane FLOYD	1858	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>15 Oct 1896</u> Francis Andrew MULLIGAN		442
M	3 James Henry FLOYD	13 Jan 1860	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>18 Feb 1925</u> Laura Lee FLOYD	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	443
M	4 William Jones FLOYD	30 Aug 1864	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>15 Apr 1934</u>		444
M	5 Edward Lodrick FLOYD	16 May 1867	B)Tillman Beaufort,S.C.		<u>8 Jun 1931*</u>	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	446
F	6 Emma Florence FLOYD	12 Nov 1869	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>7 Dec 1935</u> William Walter HUMPHREY	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	445
F	7 Anzie Leonora FLOYD	21 Apr 1872	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.	<u>14 Jun 1903</u> Lawton Octavo CLANTON	<u>6 May 1948</u>	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	447
M	8 Burrell McDonough FLOYD	1 Jul 1873	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>16 Oct 1931</u>	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	448
F	9 Isabelle FLOYD	25 Jan 1876	B)Tillman Beaufort Dist.,S.C.		<u>29 Mar 1945</u> John Thomas PARKER	Savannah Chatham,Georgia	449
F	10 Selina Rosamond FLOYD	7 Apr 1878*	B)Tillman Hampton,South Carolina	<u>4 Dec 1902*</u> William Oscar LEWIS Sr.	<u>10 Apr 1915</u>	Statesboro Bulloch,Georgia	25

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The Reverend Doctor Robert E. H. Peeples  
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Dear Reverend Peeples,

Thank you for your rapid reply to my previous letter.

Even before receiving your suggestion, I had assiduously searched the United States Censuses for information relating to the parentage of Elder James Allen FLOYD, having myself determined that there is no direct connection to Captain Charles FLOYD's family. Unfortunately, James does not appear in the 1850 census, the earliest in which dependents are named. The family has long said that he received his higher education out of the country. In 1850, he was twenty-four years of age, and could well have been at school.

In point of fact, a twenty four year old James FLOYD does appear in the 1850 census of Saint Peter's Parish of Beaufort County. His wife is named Sarah. I thought for a time that he was my ancestor and that Sarah was either a first wife or an unusual diminutive for Selina. I was quickly able to eliminate the second possibility as the ages do not match, and Selina appears in the same census as a thirteen year old child in her mother's home. The first possibility was discarded when I located the other James FLOYD's grave in the FLOYD Cemetery near Tillman. He is buried beside his wife, Sarah. My James and wife Selina are buried here in Savannah. I am struck by the coincidence that in a small rural hamlet in the backwoods, two James FLOYDs were born in the same year within a mile of one another. Surely they are related. Both men remained in the same area most of their adult lives, my James being past seventy when he removed to Savannah. It is possibly for this reason that my James was known throughout his life as "Squire" FLOYD.

Of course my James would be expected to appear in the 1830 and 1840 censuses, but, as noted, would not be named. There are, in fact, several male FLOYD children of the appropriate ages in these censuses. Sorting them out has escaped me thus far.

But enough of my whining and bewailing the untoward vicissitudes of genealogical research. I believe the Lord has held the FLOYD line from me in order to keep me humble. I have been much blessed in researching my other lines.

I am grateful for your offer to sponsor my membership in The Society of First Families of South Carolina 1670-1700. Securing a second endorsement would appear to be the next step. I look forward to receiving an application and completing the necessary documentation.

On two related matters: Could you please forward the lineage from Sarah CHOVIN to Elizabeth ROBERT? Our Family Circle gives the lineage from Elias

Gabriel JAUDON to Elizabeth ROBERT, but I was unaware of a Sarah CHOVIN connection.

Also: Does any documentation exist proving the ancestry of Landgrave Thomas SMITH through John SMITH (1611-1670)? A South Carolina Family: MILLS-SMITH by Laurens Tenney Mills (page 26) and Our Family Circle (page 24) both give Landgrave SMITH's parents as Thomas SMITH of Chard, Somersetshire, England, and his wife Joan ATKINS. Has later research refuted this assertion? I must confess that I have done no original research on this line, but have relied exclusively on the work of others. I am excited, however, at the thought of extending my pedigree through such an illustrious lineage.

Reviewing the dates given in the Landgrave SMITH pedigree, in an attempt to reconcile its conflicting data with the aforementioned works, it appears that John SMITH was old enough to be the father of Thomas SMITH of Chard, England, if Thomas was born about 1629 and the grandfather of Landgrave Thomas SMITH who was born in 1648.

The pedigree would then begin:

1. Thomas SMITH, (1648-1694) First Landgrave
2. Thomas SMITH, (b.ca.1629) of Chard, Somersetshire, England
3. John SMITH (1611-1670)

This is, of course, merely unwarranted hypothesizing on my part.

Sincerely Yours,

*Bill*

William O. Lewis, III