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The European background of the South Carolina French Huguenot family of Jaudon (sometimes spelled Jodan or Jendon) has been traced to Francis Jaudon, born c. 1590, who married Marie Roy and resided in the city of Soubise, Parish of Maisse, in the District of Charente Inferieure, Province of Saintonge, France. <sup>①</sup> Soubise is at the mouth of the River Charente, just south of La Rochelle on the Bay of Biscay. Daniel Jaudon, son of Francis and Marie (Roy) Jaudon, was born at Soubise c. 1613, his name appearing on the marriage contract of his brother, Pierre Jaudon, dated 2 September 1643. This Daniel Jaudon is concluded to be the father of Élie Jaudon <sup>(c. 1640 - c. 1684)</sup> of the Isle de Ré, an island about eighteen miles in length, lying immediately opposite Soubise, in the Bay of Biscay. Élie Jaudon was born c. 1640, either in Soubise or on the Isle de Ré, where he married c. 1670 Sara Bertonsau, born c. 1645, daughter of Jacques and Elizabeth Bertonsau, both natives of the Isle de Ré. <sup>②</sup>

The two <sup>known surviving</sup> children of Élie and Sara (Bertonsau) Jaudon were born on the Isle de Ré: Esther Jaudon, born c. 1672 and Daniel Jaudon, born c. 1683, shortly before the untimely death of his father, Élie Jaudon c. 1684 on the Isle de Ré. With the dual responsibility of raising two children and the inevitability of renewed official persecution as Huguenots following the 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Sara Bertonsau Jaudon accepted the offer of marriage to Pierre Michaux, son of Jean and Catharine Michaux of Villiers d'Origny.

Poitou, and in 1686 they sailed for South Carolina accompanied by her two Tandon children and his young father, Abraham Michau, born c. 1670. They settled in what became the Parish of St. James, French Santiz, Craven County, joining others of their Huguenot faith under the religious leadership of Rev. Pierre Dubois, M.D. (1656-1715). By 1696 when many members of the Huguenot community applied for naturalization as English citizens, the

St. Julien Liste carefully records Pierre Michau as head of the family, with his wife Sara, formerly the wife of Felix Tandon, and her son, Daniel Tandon, born on the Isle de Re. Abraham Michau, younger brother of Pierre Michau, had married Esther Tandon and their three daughters: Jeanne, Esther and Charlotte Michau, had all been born in Carolina. ③ This is all quite correct, contrary to the

opinion of a distinguished scholar who in misinterpreting the 1734 will of a <sup>Abraham Michau's (c. 1670 - c. 1730) widow,</sup> Madeleine Rembert, denied Charlotte Michau's descendants their true Tandon blood. ④

Careful reading of the Parish Register and the 1734 Rembert will leads to the conclusion that after the death of Esther Tandon Michau (c. 1672 - c. 1698), her widower, Abraham Michau (c. 1670 - c. 1730) married (2) c. 1700 Madeleine: by whom he had a daughter, Madeleine Michau who

marrisd Nicholas LeNud. And after the death of his sister-in-law, Sara Bertonsam Jaudon Michan (c. 1645 - c. 1698), her widower, Pierre Michan married (2) c. 1699 and had a son, Abraham Michan (c. 1700 - c. 1765) who married (1) c. 1719 his cousin, Charlotte Michan (c. 1695 - c. 1729), their three children being: Julienne Michan, born <sup>18 Jan</sup> 1721; Abraham Michan, born 20 Nov. 1723, his will dated 13 Aug. 1716; and Peter Michan, born 6 March 1725, the three grandchildren remembered as handsomely in the 1734 will of Madeline Michan Rembert. They perpetuated their Jaudon blood in the Querry, Michan and other families. Abraham Michan (c. 1700 - c. 1765) married (2) c. 1731 Lydia by whom he had: Daniel Michan, born 1733; Noah Michan, born 1735; Paul Michan, born 1736 and Lydia Michan, born 1738, none of whom had Jaudon blood. The 2 July 1765 will of Abraham Michan does not mention his son Noah Michan, who had apparently predeceased his father, and mentions two additional children: William Michan and Hester Michan who married Oliver Cornwall.

Jeanne Michan, daughter of Abraham and Esther (Jaudon) Michan, married Moise Carion and had a son Honoré Carion. Moses Carion and Moses Carion, Jr. witnessed the 26 Jan 1712 will of Anthony Cordes, Berkeley Co., physician.

The immigrant Jaudon and progenitor of the South Carolina family of this name was Daniel Jaudon (c. 1683 - c. 1743), planter of the Parish of St. Thomas & St. Denis, Berkeley County, and of the Parish of St. James, French Sables, Craven County.