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Dear Cousin Robert,

These days it seems I am forever starting off answering my correspondence with an apology for time lapsed. No exception here either. I am sure the road to Hades is paved with my good intentions.

Robert, I can not begin to tell you how much I appreciated receiving your letter of 14 January last. Your letter and insert on Landgrave Smith's pedigree was a treasure trove. I don't know if I ever would have stumbled on this research. You have really taken me under your wing!

Let me begin, as I work this new fangled computer, by referencing your letter as I go along. It's going to take me a while to understand and use a new program I have, Ultimate Family Tree. My son is trying to teach it to me. If he succeeds I can record the Samm/Stone changes and input the Landgrave Smith data, etc, etc.

I guess I am glad to have escaped Captain Jack Stoney's thieving genes. I can't help but speculate that if his "fortune" has survived to his present descendants they surely enjoy prestige and social position.

I would be much obliged if you would send me a copy of Annie Miller's Our Family Circle. Thirty-eight fifty is enclosed to this end.

I have typed out Langrave's pedigree for my own learning experience and it has succeeded in raising questions for me. I hope it is not too presumptuous to ask you to check me so I won't pass on any errors to future generations of Louisianans.

Random questions:

Do you have any knowledge of the location of Tillieres Castle? Correspondence to the Warren of Tillieres Castle might yield additional information.

Assuming for the moment, Robert de Todenei is the son of Raoult de Toeni, how did the name change come about? Maybe just one of those so common phonetic spelling errors by a recorder of that day? It would seem, reasoning that Tillieres Castle was held by the Brits, Robert was not bearing a Norman standard. I'll bet the Castle has at least a replica of the Standard, which would be nice have a paper copy of.

Was William d'Albini , who was married to Alberada, the fourth Baron of Belvoir? Something in the back of my mind suggests to me that the first Fairfax of Virginia was from the House of Belvoir. I'll have to check it and mention it only for your interest . Four of my five sons are Fairfax descendants through my wife "Gibby".

I would love to pursue at least one Charlemagne lineage. Have you seen a pedigree chart for Ada de Warrenne?

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My wife is a descendant of a Tiptoft as well as Joan of Acre, the early Edward's and King Charles of Magna Carta fame. I think I only have a name and date for Tiptoft -will see. I've already started jousting with her about our baronial relatives wresting control of Great Britain from King Charles (I don't remember if Charles Rx had control of Wales and Scotland, so my Great Britain reference may be a little faulty). Albeit, she doesn't rise to the bait.

I don't understand the (Roper) in the name of Thomas and Joan (Roper) of Muttlerberrie.

Was the II prefix to Landgrave Smith's name the same as we use today as a suffix ?

I know you don't follow all descendants of the Landgrave line, so my continuing same through the Crawford's is of course not of interest to you. Remember tho, You started me on this tack!

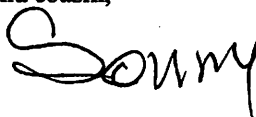
Random comment:

I have misplaced my letter from cousin Carmen Hiott concerning the Robert affair in Marksville, La. which I believe is this coming week-end. If you are attending I look forward to meeting you personally.

This letter leans on you a bit and I don't want you to feel obligated to get involved in my pushy questions. It's a bad analogy, but, there is a teaching from Confucius that says, " Once you save a man's life, you are now responsible for it".

Best Wishes for your Easter celebration and a great Spring!

Your friend and cousin,



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Landgrave Smith, pedigree interpretation

Postscript. 1.) I ordered Transaction 87 from the Huguenot Society.
2.) Have you come across anything on President Andrew Jackson's mother's family, the Hutchinsons?