

Youmans

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Dear Cousin Robert,

I am inclosing a note I am sending to Grayson*. She wants to join the First Families as well as her niece. It is obvious none of us like this charting bit. I enjoy doing narrative information more than putting it together but it looks like they all come back to me to get over the humps! If I ever find out who the burglar was who messed up my house, especially dumping my records, I might not be responsible for what I do! I desperately need time to get things in order again.

I am meeting Alice Ihly over at the hospital this morning to give her a copy of the material I am sending Grayson. I thought Alice whose family lived in the home area and were as much as anyone responsible for cherishing family records would know how to put it all together. You do know also that two of my great uncles (Robert Percival Youmans and John Nolan Youmans) married sisters, Sarah Ann Gatch and Julia Gatch, respectively) who was half Indian. Mildred Priester, the granddaughter of a lady of Indian descent, had the details as much as anyone else because the Indian people apparently value family history. Much of the questions can be settled through the Youmans wife of Robbie Gatch. By the way, the Gatch family is working hard on their ancestry but are taking time out because Telia Gatch, the oldest daughter, just died recently. They remembered my Joseph Reid Youmans and Janette Amanda Zahler, his wife, through constant family stories. It seems my Dad's side and my mother's side considered family background as the way to entertain youngsters before TV. My mother always tried to keep from having recent family (who made it financially) know we were connected. Cousin Stella Ihly, Cousin Mary Garvin, and several others did know and were wonderfully close in spite of our having lost our father when my brother was 2, I 7, and Alice 9, making us rather below the scale of our cousin, J. Curtis Lewis, by far. He descends through Thomas Youmans, the brother of my Levi D. Youmans, born 1801. If I get the Youmans thing straight, I am going to ask him to go in on it. People love important people, you know! He was our Mayor and has given away more money to charity than anyone I know--a Youmans trait. It would be so easy if we were trying for FFVa, FFMass, etc. Mrs. Henry Brokaw of Leesburg, FL, could fix us up as could our Garlington, Young, Jones, etc., lines from Mass. and Virginia! But I am "hung up" on the Youmans thing. Dr. Charles Helleman of Raleigh insists we come through Benjamin Youmans (1701 to N.C.) Mr. E. O. Parker, a retired National Archivist now working (retired!) in S.C. on the Youmans line is studying it and works with our loosely organized YEAMANS-YEOMANS-YOUMANS group. Our two Episcopal Priests in England say two Sir John Yeamans (dates indicate the Robert Yeamans line to me) are not our Sir John Yeamans. Our line is from John Yeamans, the father, of Bristol. Let me quit; I write and talk too much. Just would appreciate your sending an invitation to Grayson Ward. I mentioned Bob Heape--like I told Sarah Pinkney when I was helping out on the Heape line (I have more), the Heape family is peculiar. I descend through Margaret Julia Heape who married Levi D. Youmans, born 1801. I would like to prove it but never get time--I think she is from the James Edward Heape line which also married into the Davis line! No wonder we are all a bit nuts with all this intermarriage bit!

Sincerely,

Ruth

P.S. Anita Ida Youmans, sister of my gf James Francis Youmans, married John Mitchell Heape III, s/o John Mitchell Heape II and Julia Marvin (descended from Dr. Samuel Marvin, who married in 1700's in Savannah Anna Anderson, he born in Connecticut.)

* She would like an invitation; in Brentford; Mrs. Harlan; Sarah 3/408; Mrs. Heape in

We have common ancestry from Margaret Anne LeGrand who married Adam Ulmer, born C/1750 and died 1798.

She was the daughter of Isaac LeGrand who married Anne Francoise Bruneau,* her birth name. I would put a footnote * beside her name and explain below the information concerning the fact that she was also, by adoption, Anne de Lemboy.

Anne deLemboy was the birth daughter of Henri Bruneau who married Marianne LeGrand (daughter of Jean LeGrand of Caen, France). Henri Bruneau was the son of

Arnaud Bruneau, who was the son of

Jean-Arnaud Bruneau

NOTE: When asked who is our immigrant ancestor, show: Arnaud Bruneau, Seigneur de la Chabossiere.

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Anne Francoise Bruneau was adopted by her uncle, James Le Grand, Sieur de Lemboy and Anne Francoise, his wife, on 20 Feb. 1713, and given the name of Anne de Lemboy. She later married a relative, Isaac LeGrand, and had issue. This adopted girl was the daughter of Henri Bruneau, born France, LaRechelle, c/1679, married in Carolina, Marianne Le Grand, daughter of Jean LeGrand, Seigneur d'anville or Annouille or Annerville and his wife, Marie, both of Caen, France.

I do not have the form on which you will be placing your information so I cannot fill it out exactly as they are asking but let me give another listing which might fit better. You will need to study this carefully to fit your additional information in. Grayson said she would buy a copy of the Grayson book from Mrs. Dreyer and you may want to talk to her if you do not have the Preacher/Pricher information. I am suggesting to Robert Heape (a civil engineer here in Savannah) that he be the first to go in on the Heape line. Knowing Bob, he will probably not do it but maybe he will. Someone ought to document this line for the record. I also hope someone will go in on the Davis line but E. Stanley Barnhill muddied the water on our descent (question of through Col. William Davis or Capt. James Davis). My time is more valuable now trying to prove unproved facts but, if necessary, and S.C. keeps insisting that Sir John Yeamans/Youmans was not a "resident" of S.C., I might take it back through the Robert line. Page 283 of Family Circle quotes Albert L. Youmans and I believe it will be acceptable. Why S.C. oldtimers do not believe the ex-attorney-general LeRoy Franklin Youmans and Col. Laurens Winkler Youmans (both in Men of Mark in S.C.) I do not know! Another lady descending from Margaret Bellinger, the unborn daughter of Col. Benjamin Bellinger and Margaret (Foster) Bellinger, later Lady Margaret Yeamans, says her antecedant, the unborn daughter, knew no other father than Sir John. The Lower Cape Fear Historical Society tells me this lady is determined to straighten out the Yeamans ancestry. I have written her and she has replied. I am still going to wait, hopefully to clarify the Youmans line if and when I go in.

By the way, you probably heard the family rumor that we descend through a French Princess. I used to think the family was having delusions of grandeur, but the connection through Anne de Lemboy does show a minor French nobility. I guess our ancestors upped her importance a bit!

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Mrs. Grayson Ward, 22 Brampton Road, Savannah, GA 31408 (912-964-6277) would also like an invitation to join. Her Ramaleigh Ulmer was the sister of my Adam Ulmer. Ruth