

OSWALD

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Dear Cousin;

Please forgive the delay of answering your letter of Feb.19th.Wow we have a really in depth ancestors history that continues to amaze me and I keep getting a real education on the development of the most remarkable country in the world and what it took just to survive,and survive they did.

First,let me advise you of the OSWALD line I'm from,i.e.William"The Elder"Oswald(1648-1725), who I'm still trying to found out for sure where he came from,you mentioned Baldwin's 5 or 6 reference ,unfortunately I had check that out and no help their for locating originated country etc,but he had three sons,William,Jr. ,Joseph &Ben(who died young) William stayed in S.C.and most of his line are still their.Joseph died fairly early about age 30,but left Joseph,Jr.and two daughters,their mother remarried to John Stevens and shortly moved with others from the Dorchester area to MIDWAY,GA.Do you have a copy of HISTORY AND PUBLISHED OF MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LIBERTY COUNTY,Ga.by James Stacy?This old book is the closest thing we have to a family BIBLE RECORD.Briefly ,Joseph,Jr.1734-1785 had a nice size family and his elder son Thomas Hepworth

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Oswald,Sr.(you probably recognized the Thomas Hepworth name from S.C.,his house is the oldest in Beaufort and their are numerous Thomas Hepworth Oswald since then, the name has stuck within the family and I Don't know why the family started with his name I have not found any relationship yet but their must be ?)HE Thomas Sr.had one son before he died ,and unfortunate he died before ,about 2 month, before his son was born in Liberty County ,Thomas Jr.(1791 -1877)left Ga. about1816 after he married in Jones Cty,Ga.to Ann Sanders and migrated to Woodville ,Miss.His first two wives died and he married my G.Grandmother Lucy Hanna in 1845.He was a neighbor to Jefferson's Davis's family in Woodville.The balance in real short form is that one of his sons my Grandfather married late in life and so did my Father and between the four of us we cover over 200 years.

You mentioned the Roosevelt's relationship ,Joseph ,Jr. daughter Susannah Oswald married Gen. Daniel Stewart and thus became the grandmother of Martha BULLOCH who married T.R. ,Sr.and as they say,the rest is history.I have been aware of this for about 5-6 years I still keep looking for all others ancestors and slowly we all gain in our knowledge of who we are and the great sacrifice our forefather went through and for the most part ALL were GOD fearing people who did contribute to the growth of

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this most remarkable country.

Yes ,I do have a copy of cousin's Miller's FAMILY CIRCLE,which I found by accident,some thing are meant to be.I tried to follow up on the Abigail Smith connection but could not prove one why are the other ,other than she did have" cousin"s in S.C.

We hope to meet you and all the others come June at the reunion.All the best to you and yours.

Sincerely Your Cousins

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