

Friday nite

Dear Robert:

Thank you so much for the pamphlet - It was very interesting and gave me quite a bit of information regarding the Stoney family & our relationship.

From it I see you are a generation younger than I - I was born in 1883 so am quite ancient - I live alone in a very small town about 25 miles west of Orlando - having retired here about 25 years ago with my husband who left me in 1952 - so I am the patriarch of the town -

Being alone with my only

child - a son - LeRoy Watson Jr -
living in the Republic of Panama -
so have - as many old people do - been
indulging myself in delving into
the family history -

I think you said you would search
such data for a fee - that being the
case what would be your charge for
trying to get me some information
regard the Richardson - Draves
branch for me? I am far from
wealthy but still would love
to verify some of the things I seem
to recall my mother having told
me & which will die with me
if I do not get it written & time
is fleeting -
The following is my recollection -

Henry Richardson came from
England - married Mary Fraser
a descendent of Lord Lovatt came
from Scotland - They had quite
a few children -

Two sons John & Henry - and a
number of daughters

John (my grandfather) married
Elizabeth Stoney -

Henry - don't know when he married
but had ~~2~~ sons a son & me once
who married Sarah Aldritch &
They had two sons Alfred & Warren -
He was "Cousin Hal" -

There were several sisters - one
married a Graham, one a Caruthers,
one a Johnston, one or two married
Lawtons & Bannwells - I think -

There was a single one named
Sally that lived with my mother's

family & died during a yellow fever
epidemic in Savannah -

My mother told me many stories of her
visits to her grandmother who lived
on Skilton Head - of her going over
to the Island by a boat rowed by a
Mr. Seabrook -

My mother was Mary Richardson
named for her grandmother & I have a
lovely English silver toddy ladle given
Mary & given by the Captain of an English
Frigate which had put into Port Royal &
gave a ball aboard - at the ball he announced
he was giving the ladle to one of the young ladies
as a souvenir & it was given to her - I am
Mary so inherited the ladle - How do you know
me as Mary - I am Maida to all my friends
& family - & as such will sign this -

Most sincerely

Maida Deas Watson



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