

March 19, 1982.

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your most kind letter of March 16.

This has been an interesting week; yesterday I learned, my 6th Grandfather Thomas Hampton (1623-1698) was born in Jamestown, Va. in 1623, and, the day before, DAR notified me they have accepted my 6th Grandfather Patrick Cain (who served in the first S.C. legislature) - giving me a total of 4 ancestors for whom I "established the line" with DAR, and 11 others already "established" by other DARs. (I have several more pending - and some not yet submitted, because I've not completed the research.)

I should like to join FFV, but one has first to know a Member and to be proposed. (Also, The Jamestown Society!) I've "been into" Genealogy only 5 years. Before that, my interests were the Arts, Education, and my children - both of whom are geniuses - to say nothing of my late, darling husband!

In New York, I belong to DAR (I'm trying to retire as Regent!), UDC, Dixie Club and The Huguenot Society of America. . . and, to the best of my knowledge, there are no FFV Members in any of my Societies.

Meanwhile, I'm at work on the 2nd. draft of my Memoirs; so I'm on "leave of absence", and not circulating. I've never needed to use a Genealogist; but this may be a good time to ask one (who is a Member of FFV) to "verify" one of my eligible lines.

I think, the more Societies to which I belong, the better for sales of my book! I have Cousins who will propose me for Magna Charta, also for Daughters of 1812; the NY Governor of The Order of Founders and Patriots ^{F&P} has offered to help me with my application; I'm in process of applying for Desc. of The Colonial Clergy; I'm a member

of Desc. of Physicians & Chiurgeons ; also of Desc. of Francis &ppes !

My friend Christopher Dobson (who retired, after 30 years, as the librarian of the House of lords) says, I must include my Pedigree in my book — and that I should "use" it as much as possible, by joining all possible Societies.

I must tell you, I learned about Ann Zeigler — only — a little more than a year ago ; and it was as much a surprise (and shock !) to me, as to you. When I got over the initial reaction, I began to accumulate proof ; and I'm very good at that. (I'm a Sagitarian ; my father was a famous hunter ; for many years I "hunted" beautiful furniture and objects d'art for the Theater ; now, I "hunt" facts — and people who can help me find them.)

Let me say, here, I have decided not to make Ann's ancestry public ; but that is principally because of you. Yet, at the same time, I don't think the truth should be buried.

There's one descendant who is trying to prove, the mother of Joseph II's children was part Indian and part Jewish, as well as part black. I think this is weaseling. She may have been Octoroon — but what matters is that Joseph, a most eligible & wealthy young man of good family and social position — obviously adored her. So, she must have been enchanting,

And Joseph went to great pains to assure the future of their children. There's no way around that. There's also no way around the fact that Brand was Joseph III's father.

I have "closed" two of my DAR lines : my Michael Zeigler, and my Brand Pendarvis. I did this for you. I also closed my papers in The Society of the Desc. of Loyalists and Patriots.

No "leaks" will come from me. And I shall spend no more time

in research on this line.

For my article on Piquot/Zeigler I shall say, only, Mrs. Ann Zeigler was the daughter of Mrs. Ann Daniel - and leave it at that. I will say nothing that's not true.

In my Brand P. DAR papers, I gave Joseph III's mother as Arketta Wolf; but now, I think his mother was Ursula Jennings, sister of Gideon - because of Joseph 3's eldest dau. Ursula - who m. her cousin, Phillip (Gideon's son?)

Joseph II's mother was Mary West, of the distinguished family.

I understand, Ann Zeigler's mother was Anne Salley, dau. of Henry Salley Jr. and his wife Magdalene Huber. I have seen no proof of this, but one of my co-descendants says: another (c.d.) was asked by Mrs. Olin Salley to "make a book" of her late husband's research - and saw the proof; but Mrs. Salley would not meet his price for the work. He also saw all the P. proof (in Mr. Salley's papers), but this was removed and destroyed after it left his hands.

I have this, third hand. I have asked for a letter giving a statement about this, but received no reply.

You asked, why the eldest of the 7 children was named James. I think, you would have to ask Joseph II!

I have 30,000 words on paper in the first draft of my book. My lawyer wants me to do 75,000 in the 2nd. draft.

You are one of the people I will answer; I want to hear from you, so don't hesitate to write - if you like.

Best regards.

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