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Dear Robert,

I have the new (Vol. I) "South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719-1772 by Clara A. Langley — which is marvelously enlightening.

On p. 263 I learned, Peter Picot — who bought part of a town lot (on mortgage) in 1730 from John Laurens & his wife Esther — must have died by 1742 . . . because Daniel Bourget was his Administrator.

So: while this Peter may have been the son of our Michel Picot — he could not have been the father of our Martha Picot, who was born in 1750.

There's a generation missing between Peter and Martha, unless Martha was Peter's niece, perhaps?

I noted, the part-of-a-lot Peter bought from John Laurens was bounded by property belonging to Anthony Borneau, Jane Dupuy, James Bowlin, and Jacob Borneau — as well as belonging to John Laurens (who seemed to have married ^{Esther} the widow of John Bean; Laurens witnessed a 1720 Deed of Gift to his wife Esther from John Bean). (Daniel Perot also witnessed this deed.)

There are 31 references in this book to real estate transactions of John Laurens, saddler — who began modestly, and became marvelously successful.

I followed up the transactions of Peter Picot's neighbors, as well, but found no further reference to him.

Peter's administrator, Daniel Bourgett sold land to Elijah Prioleau in 1730-1 (Index to Deeds, 1719-1785 - Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.), and

Michel Piquot could have named a son for Daniel Legendre, his benefactor (to uncle?)
Perot could have been a copying error. . .

he bought land in 1740-1, 1739-40, 1740-1, 1749-51, 1730-1; but none of the sellers (Anthony Dorneau & wife, Peter ^{Delmestre} Delmestre & wife, Eliz. Fidler, J. Helmes, W. Sanders, M. Wilson, Deborah Fisher, & Tweedie Somerville!!) seems to have any connection with Peter Picot.

Louis A. M. Piequett bought land in 1794-5 from J. Marshall & wife, sold land to Etienne Lefevre. Etienne Lefevre bought land from Francis Depau and Joseph Peace. Francis Depau sold land to John Flotard, Theo. Gaillard, & to Henry Laurens & wife ~~XXXXX~~. I think this was Henry Laurens, Jr. & wife.

I have come full circle, and proved nothing.

Regards,

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