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Dear Robert:

I received my copy of Vol. XIX of NAMES IN SOUTH CAROLINA a few days ago and hasten to congratulate you on your excellent article on "Old Hilton Head Names". I thoroughly enjoyed it - so much so, in fact, that I have ordered two additional copies of the vol. XIX. I wish I had known sooner that there was such a dandy publication about South Carolina names, etc. If I had an index to back copies there may be several I would like to order.

On page 49, near the end of the long paragraph on WILLIAM POPE you said:

"Meanwhile his son William Jr., known as Squire Pope continued the Pope acquisitions,
At the confiscation in 1861 he personally owned:
1000 acre POINT COMFORT; 400 acre COTTON HOPE; 1100 acre HAIGS POINT; (on Daufuskie Island,), 1000 acre PINE LANDS and 900 acre COGGINS POINT and SPRINGFIELD PLANTATIONS. His ~~half~~-brothers owned FISH HAUL and a *cousin* 2000 acre LEAMINGTON PLANTATIONS."

Although it is true that Squire Pope had a half-brother Joseph, this Joseph was never the owner of LEAMINGTON PLANTATION. This Joseph was the son of the marriage of William Pope Sr. to his 2nd wife Sarah Scott. He died in 1846, young and unmarried.

The Joseph Pope who owned LEAMINGTON PLANTATION was a cousin of Squire William Pope - not his half-brother. "Recollections of Col. Joseph Daniel Pope" states on page 22:

"Further information on J.J. Pope I appears in the sketch of Dean Pope. He had a house in Bluffton, S.C. and is among those who subscribed to build the old Episcopal Church there. At the time of his death (either he (or his wife) owned "Leamington Plantation on Hilton Head Island, but only a large cottage (as residence) stood on the place.....")"

The words in parentheses were added in pen and ink by someone else - I think Mr. David Wright.

You noted on page 47 that (re Leamington Plantation), that at confiscation it was owned by Joseph Pope although it was not among the extensive Island properties left by William Pope in his 1823 will. Well, William Pope Sr. never owned Leamington

(as far as I know)

J. Pope

I hope you do not mind my bringing this small error to your attention, Robert. It is such a splendid article and I am sure noone else could have assembled all the facts as you did and presented them so ably. I am delighted with it and am sending the other two copies as gifts.

You no doubt noticed that there was an error in the article from Cousin Zania's book, sent in by Tom Lawton. In the article the paragraph on ERWINTON PLANTATION says that it was the home of General James Bniel Erwin, whereas it was the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Robinson Erwin - my gr. grandparents. The home of Dr. W.R. Erwin's brother (Gen. James Daniel Erwin) was across the Augusta Road and about a half mile further down the road, and it was burned during the war. Carrie Lee and I were both a little upset about this error. She said she had called it to Tom's attention when his Mother's book first came out but he sent in the article, without correcting it, to NAMES IN SOUTH CAROLINA. Carrie Lee suggested #that she and I write to Mr. Neuffer about it so that he can correct it.

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On page 41 you mention that/the/original Barnwell grant was sold jointly to Edmund Ellis and Samuel Green and that the Ellis heirs sold their interest and Samuel Green left Colginse Point Plantation to his daughters.....etc. I found a deed from Edmund Ellis and wife Elizabeth (1763) selling 321 acres (of his 500 A.) to Samuel Green, and I feel reasonably sure that there was a later deed to Samuel selling the rest of the Ellis 500 acres. Do you know? My time in Charleston was too limited to search for it.

Did you know that Mrs. John Barnwell, (nee Martha Chaplin) was a sister of Mary Ann who married Jonathan Norton. Therefore she (Mrs. John Barnwell) was the aunt of Sarah Norton who married Samuel Green, and the great aunt of Sarah Green who married William Pope. I have just discovered this family relationship and you doubtless have known it for years.....

I was glad to find out where William Pope got the Republican Hall Plantation on the Euhaw, mentioned in his will - I knew of course from the terms of the will that it came to him from his wife Sarah Green (widow of Thos. Tucker), but what I have tried to find out is how it came into Sarah Green's possession - was it originally Samuel Green's or did she acquire it from her first husband Thos. Tucker?

Robert, I would appreciate it very much if you would be so kind as to give me a few references - I will write my questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Milo and I expect to leave around mid-December for Florida to spend several weeks with Tom, Ina and our granddaughters. They have recently moved into their new home on Key Biscayne. It is across the road from a beautiful waterway and not far from President Nixon's compound. They moved to get away from the greatly increased traffic conditions in their old neighborhood. Milo and I enjoyed Thanksgiving with my sister Dorothy (my half-sister really) Brannen and her little family. It was a beautiful day and I realized how much I have to be thankful for. Milo and I recalled the many happy occasions when we enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners with you and Cora.

Did I tell you that, at the Reunion last June, I asked Mary Sams what she had decided to do about the Pope letters, and she said in surprise: "Why, give them to you, of course". So I know now that she never intended to do otherwise, but still she did not say when. Mary will keep her promise though and I am expecting them soon. She wrote me last Spring that she was coming to Savannah for the Ga. Hist. meeting and said she would not have time to drive to the island but begged me to come in to the meeting so that we could have a chat. She came with a friend. I invited them to have lunch with me at Mrs. Williams Seafood, but they had already arranged for box lunches at Wormsloe. However, she and I had a nice long chat and she was the same sweet friendly person as ever. I did not mention the Pope letters on that occasion - it was later in June at the Reunion when I mentioned them to her and she again promised them to me. Guess I shall just have to be patient.

Well, I find I do not have as many questions as to references I had thought, so shall just include them on this page.

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Rebellion Records
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1. Please give me the reference for the description of Coggins Point as "a rich old plantation mansion" etc.....
Mr. David Wright had written Walter Hatridge concerning this description, giving a reference, which Walter relayed to me, and I went to Ga. Hist. Soc. and looked at the Rebellion records but could never find that reference. I know there are several series and perhaps that is why I could not find it, but I am very anxious to read all about it and I understand there was a description of the interior of the home at Coggins Point.

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2. I was glad to know from your article/where Squire William Pope acquired COTTON HOPE on Skull Creek. Walter and I had played with the idea that Samuel Green might have owned it before Squire Pope as there was the name Greene up there on early maps. It is very interesting to me to know that it came from Henry Barksdale or his widow. *will you please give me the deed reference. I'd like to order a copy for my file.* 1832 sale

Please tell me where I can find the description of the old house "with its double avenue of Magnolia Grandiflora marching down to the creek landing". I take it this old tabby house was built by the Barksdales --er-dees-it-date-still-earlier?-- sorry, I have just re-read the paragraph and see that you state it WAS built by Thos. Henry Barksdale.

Please, Robert, if you have not the time to answer this lengthy letter, then will you please just jot down the references I am so anxious for and send them to me in time for me to look up and copy before I leave for Florida.

Remember - any time you and Cora come to Savannah we would love having you phone us and come on down to the island for lunch.

Milo joins me in love to

you and Cora,

As ever,

Eleanor