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ST. MARY PARISH, LA., Marriage
Book 1, 1811-1829"

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Documents preceded by an asterick are not included in the Marriage Index in the Office of the Clerk of Court. On the bonds the name of the principal is given first (in this case, the groom), with the name of the one offering security following; some times there were witnesses. This on page x.

Page 27 in book: "BAYNARD C. ROBERT - MARTHA E. ROBERT, 26 Dec. 1818 (194A) P Peter Robert gives permission for his dau. Martha E. Robert to marry Baynard C. Robert.

11 Jan. 1819 (194) B Baynard C. Robert and Samuel E. Scott; Martha E. Robert dau. of Peter Robert; wit: N(athan) Kemper.

Gen. Note. Baynard Cheney Robert was born in S. Carolina ca. 1791, a son of Grimbball Robert and his wife, Mary Sealey Cheney, of the family after whom Cheneyville was named.

Martha E. Robert was a dau. of Peter Robert, brother of Grimbball Robert, and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaudon; therefore, this couple were first cousins. For their background, see Appendix B, 106.

Samuel E. Scott was Martha's brother-in-law, being married to her sister, Mary Ann Robert (Vol. 1, pg. 60).

Page 106, #127, PETER ROBERT, Dec. - 18 June 1823. Elizabeth Jaudon Robert, dau. of decedent and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaudon, and Peter William Robert were married 29 July 1809 (St. Mary Parish Civil Suit #1056, filed 3 Oct. 1831: Elizabeth J. Robert vs. Peter W. Robert, her husband).

Mort. Rec. Book B-4, #979, 20 Aug. 1829. Sale of Land. Thomas J. Makin of Hamilton Co., Ohio, attorney in fact of Mary Robert of same county and state, to Julius Smith (Mary Makin was decedent's second wife and widow).

Decedent was a great-great-grandson of the Rev. Pierre Robert, reportedly the first Huguenot preacher to set foot in the new world. This ancestor arrived with his family in South Carolina from Switzerland in 1686 in the wave of Huguenots after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The father of this decedent was a Revolutionary soldier, Peter Robert (great-grandson of the above-mentioned Rev. Pierre Robert), who was born in French Santee, S.C., in 1738 and died in Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, La. about 1825.

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Peter William Robert, prominent in Early St. Mary Parish records, was the eldest child of Grimbball Robert (brother of this decedent and second son of Capt. Peter Robert, above, and his wife, Ann Grimbball; see Vol. 1, pages 172-173). Grimbball Robert was married in South Carolina in 1788 to Mary Sealey Cheney, of the family after whom Cheneyville, La., was named. Peter William Robert was born in St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, S. C., 15 Oct. 1789. He died in Rapides Parish in 1847. He and his brother, Baynard C. Robert, also prominent in St. Mary Parish records, were both active Baptist ministers. Peter William Robert was married in Wilkinson Co., Miss. to Elizabeth Jaudon Robert, dau of this decedent; they were, therefore, first cousins. Elizabeth Jaudon Robert was born 24 Mar. 1794.

Baynard Cheney Robert was born in S. Carolina about 1791. He also married his first cousin, Martha E. Robert, dau. of this decedent. He died in 1865, place not known.

Louisa Armstrong, wife of Peter Hilkipah Robert, son of this decedent, died in March of 1832. Elizabeth Jaudon, decedent's first wife, was born 13 Nov, 1774. They probably married about 1790. Decedent and his first wife were second cousins.

For detailed account of the background of this family, see THREE PIONEER RAPIDES FAMILIES - A GENEALOGY by George Mason Graham Stafford (Pelican Publishing Co., Gretna, New Orleans, 1946). The above notes on this family are from this book and are used by permission of Mrs. Casper P. Kramer, Jr., of Alexandria, La., and her sisters, daughters of the author. See pages 1-12, 53, 55, 70, 88, 90.

Page 14: MICHAEL GORDY - Sarah Adlie Robert, 3 Apr. 1816 (107) B Michael Gordy and Samuel E. Scott; Sarah Adlie Robert dau. of Peter Robert. wit: Lloyd Wilcoxon and Peter Robert.

4 Apr. 1816 (109) P Peter Robert gives consent; wit: George Royster and Lloyd Wilcoxon.

Gen. Notel. Michael Gordy was a brother of Peter W. and Benjamin Gordy. See page 11. Sarah Adlie Robert was a dau. of Peter Robert of St. Mary Parish and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaudon. (Appendix B, page 106).

Page 110: #146. JOHN MURPHY, Dec. - 25 Sept. 1826. Decedent arrived at Edenton, N. C. from his home in Belfast, Ireland, ca 1785. In 1794 he married Mary Hoskins, dau. of Thomas Hoskins and his wife Mary Roberts. Three children were born to them: John Barrett Murphy, 9 Oct. 1800; Lydia Murphy, 1 Aug. 1802; and Sarah Ann, in 1804. Mary Hoskins Murphy died shortly thereafter and the little family moved to Nashville, Tenn., where they met the other Irish political refugee families of Porter and Caffery. These families all traveled to and settled in the Attakapas Teche country. John Murphy, Alexander Porter, and Donelson Caffery were neighbors on Bayou Teche, in that section known as "Irish Bend".

John Murphy's youngest child, Sarah Ann Murphy, married James Porter, brother of Alexander Porter, who built "Oak Lawn" near Franklin. The only surviving child of this marriage, Alexander, died unmarried. (See Vol. 1, pages 74-75).

Lydia Murphy married (1) Donelson Caffery (born 2 Feb. 1786, died 6 Oct. 1835, a son of John Caffery of Bedford Co., Va., and his wife Mary Donelson; Mary Donelson was a dau. of Col. John Donelson and his wife, Rachel Stockley. Mary Donelson's sister, Rachel Donelson, was the wife of President Andrew Jackson. See Louisiana Genealogical Register, IV, Dec., 1757, page 46; Tombstone Inscriptions & Historical Manuscripts by Jeanette Tillotson, pages 425-427; and New Orleans Genesis, VII, June, 1968, No. 27, page 253.

After the death of Donelson Caffery, Lydia married (2) Watson McKerall on 17 Jan. 1839. He was born 25 Apr. 1804 and died 23 June 1859, a son of John McKerall St., who died 10 Sept. 1834.

Lydia Murphy died near Franklin 23 Oct. 1881. (Papers in the personal family files of Dr. Thomas F. Kramer, Franklin, La.; Louisiana Society, D.A.R. Genealogical forms, 1960, Vol. 1, and Lydia Murphy McKerall Bible, Bible and family records, 1965-1966, pages 77-80, both housed in the Louisiana Society, D.A.R. Library, Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria, La.; and New Orleans Genesis, VII, June 1968, page 253.)

Decedent's son, John Barrett Murphy, married (1) Emma L. Taylor (St. Mary Est. #244, opened in 1833); for her background, see page 127.

He married (2) Mrs. Lucy Brown, whom he married 15 May 1833 (St. Mary Parish, La., Marriage Book 2, page 147).

Page 39: PETER H(ilkiah) Robert - Louisa Armstrong. 19 June 1834
(300) P Margaret Armstrong gives consent for her dau. Louisa Armstrong and Peter H. Robert to marry.

21 June (301) B Peter Hilkiah Robert and John J. Garrett.
(302) L
(back) 1 July M by Peter W. Robert at the residence of John J. Garret. Witnesses did not sign.

Gen. note. Peter Hilkiah Robert was the son of Peter Robert and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaudon. See Appendix B, page 106.

Louisa Armstrong was a dau. of John Armstrong and his wife, Margaret. John J. Garret was the bride's brother-in-law, being married to her sister, Pheobe Armstrong. See page 2; also Appendix B, page 121.

Page 121. #185. MARGARET ARMSTRONG, Dec. - 31 Jan. 1831. Margaret Armstrong's husband is identified as John Armstrong; see page 2. See also Vol. 1, pages 95-97.

Louise Armstrong, who married PETER H. ROBERT, is shown to have been a dau. of this decedent; see page 39.

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pages 60 and 61: (author's note on page xii: Successions marked with an asterick before the decedent's name at the heading of the abstract have additional genealogical information in the Addenda Section, immediately behind the abstracts. This is information which was obtained after the abstract was typed and ready for the printer. These names are included in the Index to this work. There is also a Supplementary Addenda Section and also a Supplementary Index".)

*#127. PETER ROBERT, DEC. 18 June 1823, 9 Sept. 1820, Mary Ann Robert Scott, wife of Samuel E. Scott, one of the heirs of Elizabeth Robert, deceased late wife of Peter Robert; also Elizabeth J., wife of Peter W. Robert; Sarah A., wife of Michael Gordy; and Martha E., wife of Baynard C. Robert.

18 June 1823. Decedent lately died intestate and left as heirs his widow, Mary Robert, and six children: 1. Mary Ann, wife of Samuel E. Scott; 2. Elizabeth J., wife of Peter W. Robert; 3. Sarah A., wife of Michael Gordy; 4. Martha E., wife of Baynard C. Robert; 5. Peter Hickock/Hilckiah Robert (children by decedent's first marriage), and 6. Harriet Robert, by his second marriage. Peter Wilkinson Robert, above, husband of Elizabeth J. Robert, (apparently they were cousins) appointed curator ad bona of Peter Hickock Robert, an adult minor.

24 June 1823. Peter W. Robert and Michael Gordy surety; Samuel E. Scott and John Rice witnessed. Lloyd Wilcoxon and John Rice appointed appraisers; Thomas J. Makin and Samuel E. Scott witnessed. Mary Robert, Samuel E. Scott, Michael Gordy, P. W. Robert, Baynard C. Robert, John Rice, Peter H. Robert signed division of estate.

25 June 1823. John Rice curator for Peter H. Robert.

Gen. note. Peter Robert was born in 1768 in South Carolina; moved to Beaufort Co., S.C. About 1790 married Elizabeth Jaudon, born 13 Nov. 1774 in South Carolina. Peter Robert, possibly Peter Hickock Robert, married Louise Armstrong 12 July 1824 (Marriage Book 1, page 271). She probably was a daughter of Margaret Armstrong, Est. #185, opened in 1830.

*#171. BENJAMIN GORDY, DEC. 13 Mar. 1829 (pages 86 & 87 of book). Petitioner is Mrs. Phoebe Gordy, wife of decedent and Natural tutrix of three minor children of decedent by his marriage with Phoebe Gordy: 1. Samuel E., 2. Elender (Nelly), 3. Benjamin H. Gordy. Samuel E. Scott and Benjamin C. Robert appointed appraisers; witnesses: John W. Dough and PETER H. ROBERT.

30 Mar. 1829. Fam. meeting: Michael Gordy, Peter W. Gordy, Jules Smith, Elijah Smith, and John Armstrong; all relations of the minors, but relationships not given. PETER H. ROBERT is appointed undertutor.

30 Apr. 1829. Buyers at sale: Peter W. Gordy, BAYARD C. ROBERT, John C. Cook, Samuel E. Scott, Mrs. Phoebe Gordy, Michael Gordy, John D. Gwinball (?), Elijah Smith.

8 June 1836. Phoebe Gordy has remarried Nathan Wooster. witnesses: Henry Thompson and Edwin Cockle. John J. Garrett appointed tutor to minors. Fam. meeting: Michael Gordy, paternal uncle; Alfred Smith, maternal uncle; John J. Garrett, maternal uncle by marriage; John C. Gordy and John Garrett, Cousins; Bennet A. Curtin, cousin by marriage.

contd. pages 86 and 87 of book:

13 Mar. 1837. Phoebe and Nathan Wooster appointed natural tutrix and co-tutor.

Gen. note. Decedent was married to Phoebe Smith 26 Dec. 1820 (Marriage Book 1, page 212). She was a daughter of Julius Smith and Sarah Armstrong. See his succession, Est. #227, opened in 1832; also the succession of her grandmother, Margaret Armstrong, Est. #185, opened in 1831. John J. Garrett was apparently the minors' great uncle by marriage; he married Phoebe Armstrong in 1812. Phoebe Armstrong was the aunt of the minors' mother.

Eleanor Gordy married Joshua B. Carey 24 Jan. 1839 (Marriage Book 3, page 23). His succession was opened in 1860 (Est. #1057).

Pages 121 ~~XXXXXX~~ of book: #218. GREENBURY B. THOMAS, DEC. 20 Mar. 1832. my note: 12 Feb. 1833, included in list of buyers at sale: BAYNARD C. ROBERT.

Page 141 of book: #240. LOUISA ARMSTRONG, wife of Peter H(ickock) Robert. DEC. 2 Mar. 1833. Peter H. Robert petitions; requests an inventory of the estate of his wife, decedent. John C. Cook and John Rice are appointed appraisers. Michael Gordy and John J. Garrett witnessed.

9 Mar. 1833. Petitioner is confirmed as natural tutor of: 1. Jo Ann, 2. Diana, 3. Solathost (?), and 4. Louisa Robert, his minor children all under the age of puberty, legal heirs of Louisa Robert, his deceased wife, and petitioner.

13 Mar. 1833. Peter William Robert is under-tutor to the minors. Fam. meeting: Baynard C. Robert, uncle-in-law to the minors; Michael Gordy, uncle-in-law; John J. Garrett, uncle-in-law; John Coe (Joel?) and Bennett A. Curtis, friends.

3 June 1841. Peter H. Robert is dead and the daughter Louisa Robert is also dead. Alfred Smith is tutor to the remaining minors.

General note. Decedent was probably a daughter of Margaret Armstrong (see Est. #185, opened in 1831). Peter Hickock Robert was a son of Peter Robert and his first wife, Elizabeth Jaudon. See his succession, Est. #127, opened in 1823.

Dianna Robert married Henry L. Bouta or Bonta 25 Apr. 1844 (Marriage Book 3, page 74).

Bayard C. Robert was married to Martha E. Robert, minors' paternal aunt; Michael Gordy was married to Sarah A. Robert, another paternal aunt. John J. Carrett was married to Phoebe Armstrong, a maternal aunt.

From ADDENDA of book, which begins on pg. 164, this is found on page 172:

#127. Peter Robert. Peter Robert, this decedent, was a son of Peter Robert, born in Santee, South Carolina, ca. 1738 and died in Rapides Parish, La. in 1825, married Ann Grimbail, born ca. 1749, dau. of Paul Grimbail and his third wife, Mary Samms. He resided in Beaufort District, S. C., served with the S. Carolina Militis in the Revolution and was known as "the captain". He

came to Wilkinson Co., Mississippi Territory, in 1808 and moved^{on} to Rapides Parish, La between 1816 and 1820. He was the father of 12 children, 6 of whom were sons. This decedent is one of the sons, and was married to Elizabeth Jaudon, dau. of Elias Jaudon, Jr., and his wife, Mary H. Dixon. James, Joseph, Grimbball, Paul Jabez, and Daniel were the other sons of Peter Robert. Joseph Robert was married to Mary Hyrne Jaudon, sister of Peter's first wife, Elizabeth. (Miss. D.A.R. book, page 250). Details on this family included in the Gen. note below the abstract of this succession on page 61, are from Mrs. Clyde Alpha of Franklin, La. Mrs. Alpha found an unindexed marriage bond issued 9 Sept. 1820 (Marriage Book 1, page 206) for the marriage of Peter Robert, this decedent, and Mary Makin. Records elsewhere indicate she was a widow, but that her maiden name was Makin and that she was probably from Ohio. Her first husband's identity is not now known.

Page 111, #206. DUNCAN McCloed, Dec. 20 Nov. 1830. Levi Foster represents that decedent died recently leaving no will or heirs or relations. 14 Dec. 1830. Levi Foster appointed curator of estate. (Decedent apparently was a butcher. This list of "Butcher Accounts" was included in the estate). On list was name of Joseph Robert. Name included in "Accounts continued" is that of P. W. Robert.

Page 125, #*223. William S. Barr, Dec. 23 Feb. 1832. At the request of Robert B. Brashear, the store and personal effects of decedent were Sealed. ...Notes and accounts due decedent include names: P. H. Robert, P. W. Robert.

Page 180, #185. The succession of Louise Armstrong, wife of Peter H. Robert, was opened in 1833, Est. #240.

My friend, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, sent me another of her books recently:

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If you are interested, I will do the Robert information for you.