

ROBERT

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Dear Carmen,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of September 18th on the matter of Pierre Robert. I hope I will be included in the Letters of 60 for the 1998 Reunion.

I think your timing of April 13-19 is well thought out and with a good omen of the anniversary date for the Edict of Nantes. I can't help but mention, and off the subject at hand, that my family Coiron's ancestral seat is le vieux carre de Nantes, department de la Loire in France. Pasteur Robert's ancestors that I have knowledge of seem to live central to Marksville which gives good reason for that choice of location.

There must be a great deal of information on Pierre Robert among the members of the Lawton and Allied Families. I for one would love for them to share their knowledge and research. Perhaps, A periodical newsletter with all interest parties contributing from time to time could be economical.

At the risk of naiveté', I'll mention three books which Robert descendants should find of interest; Three Pioneer Families of Rapides Parish, by J. M. G. Stafford, and Leroy Augustus Stafford, also by J. M. G. Stafford. The book Twelve Years A Slave, by Solomon Northup edited by Sue Eakin (nee Lyles and a native of Cheneyville where many Robert descendants are buried) and Joseph Logsdon would also be of some limited interest to Rapides Parish oriented descendants. The cemetery of the Baptist Church of Evergreen in Avoyelles Parish is also full of Robert descendants. Sue Eakin, with whom, you may be personally acquainted with lives in Bunkie just a few miles from Moncla. I consider her the foremost living Louisiana historian today. Perhaps she could be a contributor. Sue's contacts alone are formidable and include numerous Louisiana history writers on the staffs of Louisiana Universities. Her knowledge of the University State Archives is complete.

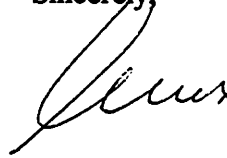
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Once more with my naiveté! I have enclosed an ancestral chart of Pierre Robert's ancestor that I am aware of . It is woefully incomplete. Perhaps your trip to Basle will yield much to compliment such pedigrees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carmen', written in dark ink.

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