



James Roberts
+ Pr. Wm 5 Jan 1827

Dept. Pr. Wm. 1814 James Roberts Temperance Davis
Sumter 1784 - Fla. 1868

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The Reverend Doctor Robert E. H. Peebles
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Dear Sir:

I have been doing genealogical research on the Robert (Roberts, etc) of South Carolina for many years, and have made very little progress.

I corresponded with Mrs. Edmund Burns, Secretary of the Huguenot Society, and she was kind enough to give me your name and address, saying you had a store of information concerning the Beaufort area and Robertville families of Roberts.

1790
James
Pendleton

I am now attempting to learn the parents and siblings of my gg grandfather JAMES ROBERTS was born in 1784, Sumter District, S.C. and married TEMPERANCE DAVIS. I don't know when he arrived in (Old) Beaufort District - Prince William Parish, but I find him as the head of the house in 1820 and listed as James Roberts, Jr. with three males under ten years and one male between 26/45; 2 females under ten and one female between 26/45. In 1810, I located James Roberts in Prince Wm. Parish with the following reading: 00010 - 00001 which might possibly have been "my" James. In the 1820 census, in addition to the James Roberts, Jr., mentioned above, there was also a James Roberts, Sr. with the following: 000001-000001.

(1784-1868)

Of course I realize that Jr. and Sr., did not always denote father-son relationship, but I suspect that to be so in this case. James Roberts, Jr. was a member of the Prince William Primitive Baptist Church. James and Temperance Roberts were both baptised in 1827. About 1844 they removed to what is now Bradford County, Fla., where he died in 1868. However, the Church Minutes revealed that James Roberts, SR., was baptised into the same church in 1814 and James Roberts died 5 January 1827. I am now searching for extant newspapers to try and ~~locate~~ ^{locate} an obituary on the James Roberts who died in 1827.

James, Sn.
+ 5 Jan.

I have long suspected that there was a possibility that my Roberts family were descended from the Pierre Robert family, due to the fact that some of them moved over into the Prince William Parish area and then on to Robertville area. Therefore, I've done extensive research on that family. The name "Elias" has come down in my Roberts family. I have often wondered about the son of Pierre, named and Elias and have not been able to find any information on him. In my search of the descendants of the other two sons, I have not found a place to "fit" my James Roberts into the picture. Therefore, I wonder if you know of any information on son Elias Roert? Its such a shame that the records of Beaufort were destroyed. It certainly has made my search difficult for I have many lines that take me back to this area.


The knowledge that my James Roberts was born in Sumter District has proven fruitless, for I've found very few records for this area.

I have checked the book, "Our Family Circle" on the Roberts family and also Transactions of the Huguenot Society, numbers 77 and 78, submitted by Ed Roberts, but have found no "tie in" with my James. I understand that there was a Moses Elias Roberts, 5th child of James Robert was born in Beaufort District, S.C. and went to Mississippi; so that eliminates him as being the same as my man.

I do not know if you have the time to answer such questions as I've asked - if you do have information relative to the above problem, I would be glad to reimburse you. Would you please advise as to charges, etc.? I enclose a SASE for your convenience and would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vina C. Price". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Vina C. Price (Mrs. H.B.)