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REYNOLDS

Dear Robert ~

Am delighted with that most enlightening and helpful article on our Chorins in The Transactions and also pleased and glad to have a continuation of yours and Sarah Pincenep's account of the Jordons. Must admit I'm most impatient for all of the rest of it!!

Have a question or two for you on our Reynolds-Chaplin lines. Quite by accident I have "stumbled" onto a descendent of Fervina Chaplin Oswald Duncanson! Am so happy about this for I have long wanted contact with some of her descendants and those of her twin sister, Cecilia Oswald - and

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somewhere (?) There must be some descendants of their brother, Benjamin S. Chaplin, who separated from his wife and went West, returning occasionally to see his children! Do you have the names of his wife and their children? Do you know, or know of, descendants of Lavinia and Cecilia and how I might contact some of them?

I'm trying to help the Reynolds cousins in Alabama either find documentation or further family traditional evidence that there was a Martha Sarah Reynolds, daughter of William and Jane, who was the wife of Benjamin Chaplin, Jr. and the mother of Lavinia, Cecilia, Martha Sarah and Benjamin S. - and two other daughters who must have died young for M.S. was their fifth daughter. He surely will appreciate it if you

can help us with this. They seem to be working hard to document or have strong evidence for all they are using and I greatly appreciate that, and know that we'll all be glad to have their book. Have just acquired the Caspers book and am now waiting on the supplement to that which, I understand, will have some interesting corrections and additions in it.

Oh - forgot to tell you that Mary Cornelia Barton Rice, an Izlar cousin, who knew I was trying to determine my Sanders lineage (Sarah Sanders m. Robt. Guerin whose daughter, Sarah Guerin, m. Charles Clovin), ~~and~~ suggested I write her college room-mate's (Laura Sans) daughter, Maren (how do they pronounce that?) Sanders Drake as her chattr,

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Laura Sans Sanders, had been
a genealogist and had done the
Sans genealogy in S. C. & M.
So - I did write her and
replied most kindly and said
she'd sent my letter to her bro-
ther, E. Berrien Sanders, Jr. in Pitten
and suggested that I speak him
on by writing him, too - which I
also did. Being familiar with the
name Sans amongst our Lawtons,
I decided to see what I could
find on Laura Sans Sanders and
her family and discovered I'm doubly
related to them thru Lawtons and
Lavinia Chaplin Oswald Durcan
and maybe thru the Sanders also!

When I learned all of this, I
immediately wrote Berrien again
to tell him all of this and ask
if his Mother had any documenta-
tion or family traditional evidence
concerning Martha Sarah Reynolds!
Now it'll be over look it all up

(the two his letters)

and give me an answer!!! Am
afraid it will be awhile for I
think he farms, among other things,
and this is probably his busiest
time of year. Anyway, tho', I'd
still like to contact some other
descendants of those Reynolds -
Chaplin to see what some of
them might have or might own.
Since those Reynolds lived in
your area - and a lot of them
probably still do - I figure you
must know some of them. Hence,
this letter to you -

Can you tell me anything
about a Stirling Jims Usher
Laffette? A young cousin of
mine has recently (30 March)
married him and they are living
in Estell.

Do hope you and Cora had
a blessed, happy Easter and
keep well. Went we, of all people,

most blessed - to have such a comforting, glorious HOPE in Him who did it all for us when He went to cross to suffer and die for us, and to rise victorious from the grave - ALIVE forevermore and soon coming again to rule and reign and set things straight in this poor old world that mankind has so desecrated and ruined!! Hallelujah!!!

Thelma sends his best to you dear, dear Cousins - Our fond love in God bless you all.

Devotedly,
Camille
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None of us know who the aunt, Caroline Reynolds, was who apparently raised those Chaplin children. I notice that there are descendants named Caroline -

Please, oh, please write up your Chaplin data for us - we'd all be glad to help

with the costs!