



Rhodes

THOMAS RHODES FAMILY HISTORY ADDENDUM

JURISDICTION: College of Arms- London
Lyon- King of Arms - Scotland
Genealogical Office - Dublin Castle - Ire.

RHODES: The great surname of Rhodes was assumed by royal license. It took in many famous names. Sir Charles Edward Frederick (High sheriff of Hants). There were Watkins, Bakers, Taylors, Ashbys, St Johns, Hudsons, Fellows among renowned kinsmen. One Baker kin, George, was created baronet 19 Sept., 1776. Sir George m. Jane, dau. of Roger Morris (See Burke's Landed Gentry). Comes now the Coopers - Sir John Simon. Alice Emily Jane Rhodes m. R.R. Charles Sanford, D.D., Bishop of Gibraltar. A Rhodes led the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. They did much good and the traces on hospitals, houses on famous knights Road in Rhodes stands to testify such. Ancient buildings still bear coats of arms of the leaders (Consult Rhodes of Oxford, 1908). The issue was great. The Port of entry to the new world was New England. Hegira was begun to all the states where the different Rhodes settled. Each seemed to prosper.

ARMS: Arg., a lion, passant, guardant between 2 acorns, slipped, bendwise.
az., within two bendlets, nebuly gutee, d'or; the whole between as many trefoils, slipped, vert.

CREST: A cubit arm, vested, az., guttee' d'or cuffed, arg., holding an oak branch, pale wise, ppr., fructed, or, and 2 trefoils, slipped, in saltire, vert.

MOTTO: Very Old Arms Bore No Motto

PREDICATORS: Burke's Peerage and Baronetcy
Fairbain's Cresta and Mottos
Burke's Heraldry With Supplement

HERALDIC TERMS: Or -Gold-Lasting quality- Association With Royalty;
Arg. - Argent- (Silver) - Constancy - Purity
Az. - Azure- (Blue) - Heavenly - Serene
Vert. - Green - Fruited - Growing
Ppr. - Proper - in natural color
Fructed - Bearing Fruit
Gutee - Covered with Water Drops
Lion - Royal Bearing (Eng., Scot., Ire.)
Trefoil - The Trinity
Saltire - Cross [Scot]



Research report by Walter Clay, Mullins, Artist specializing in Heraldry



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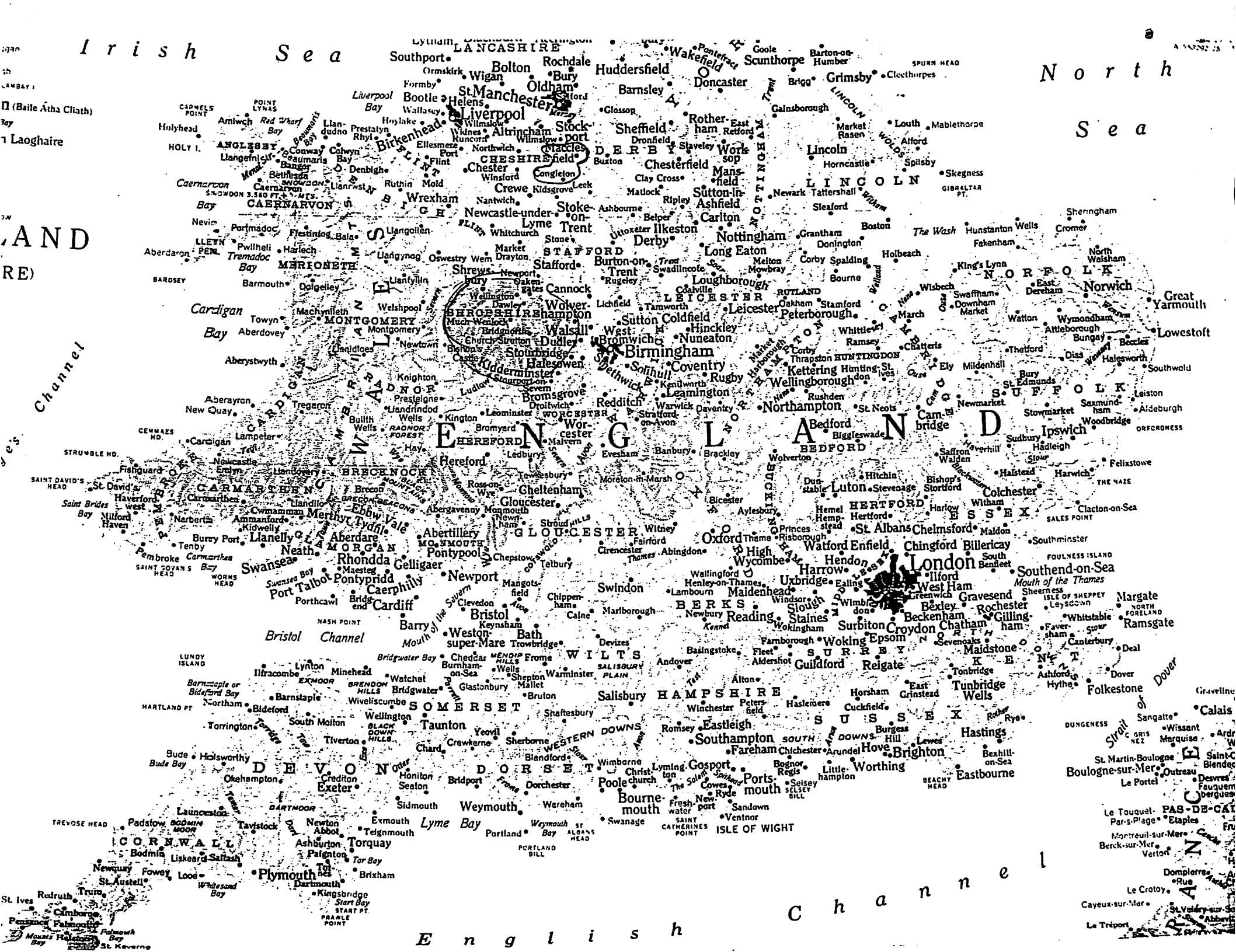


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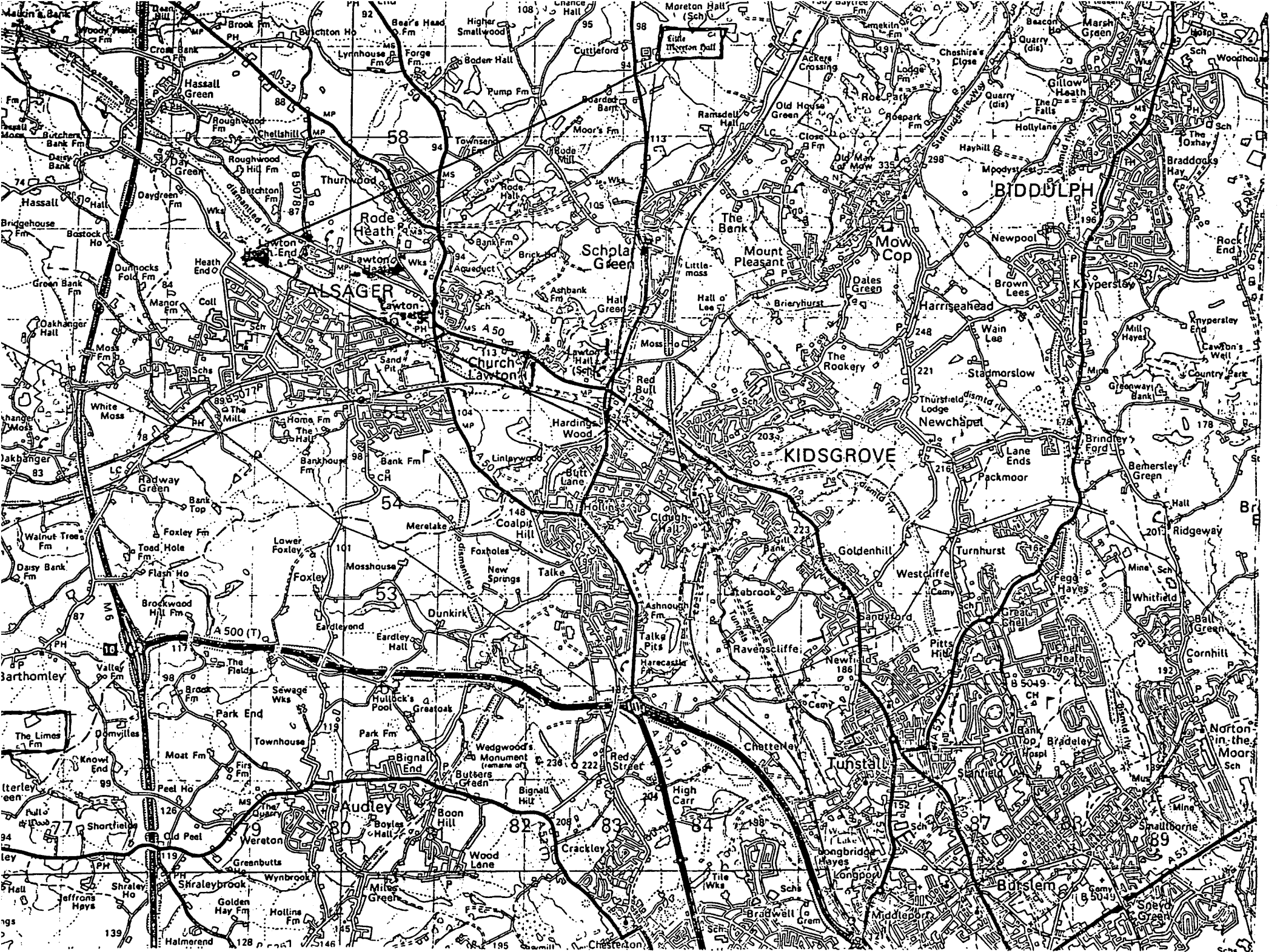
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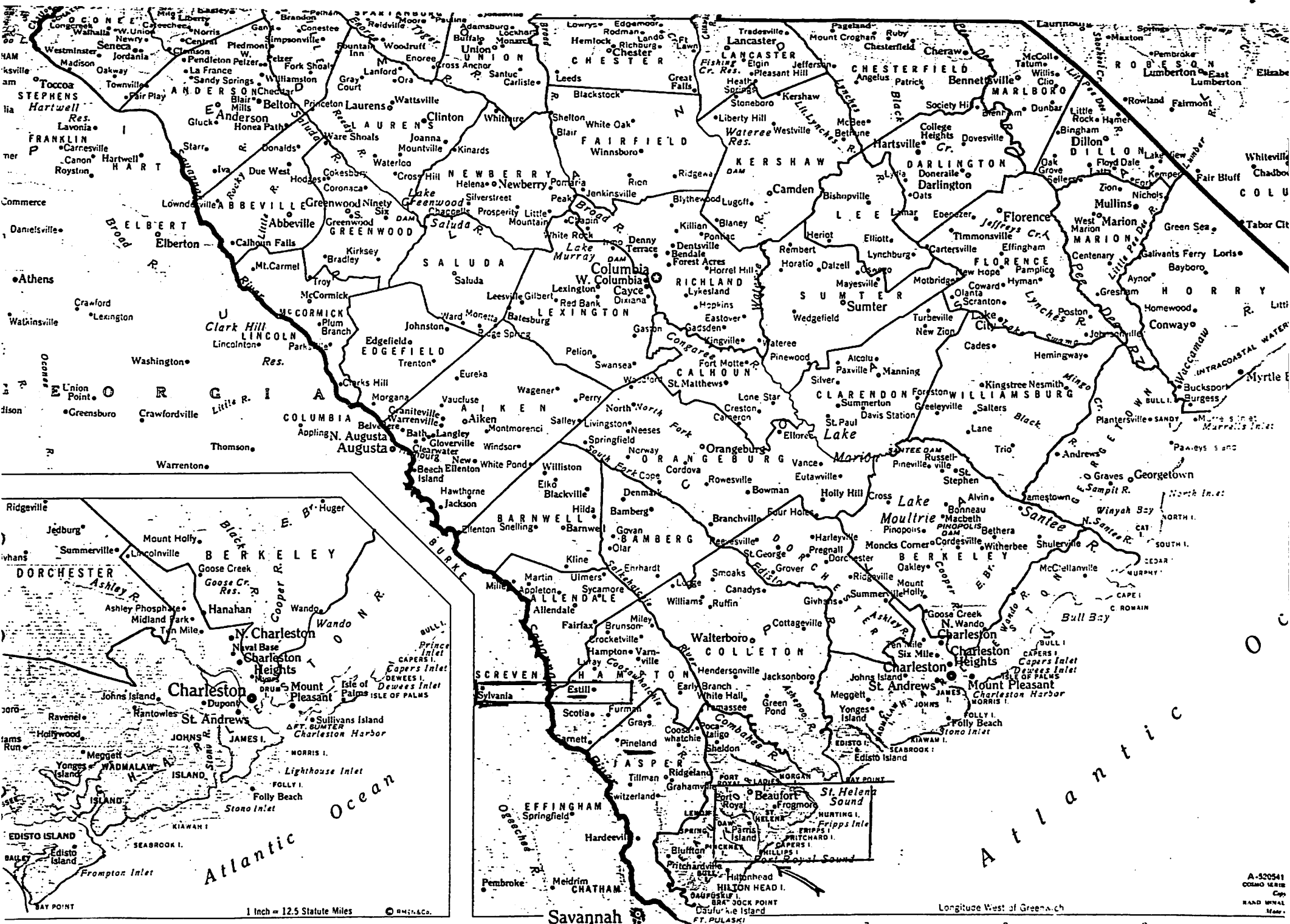
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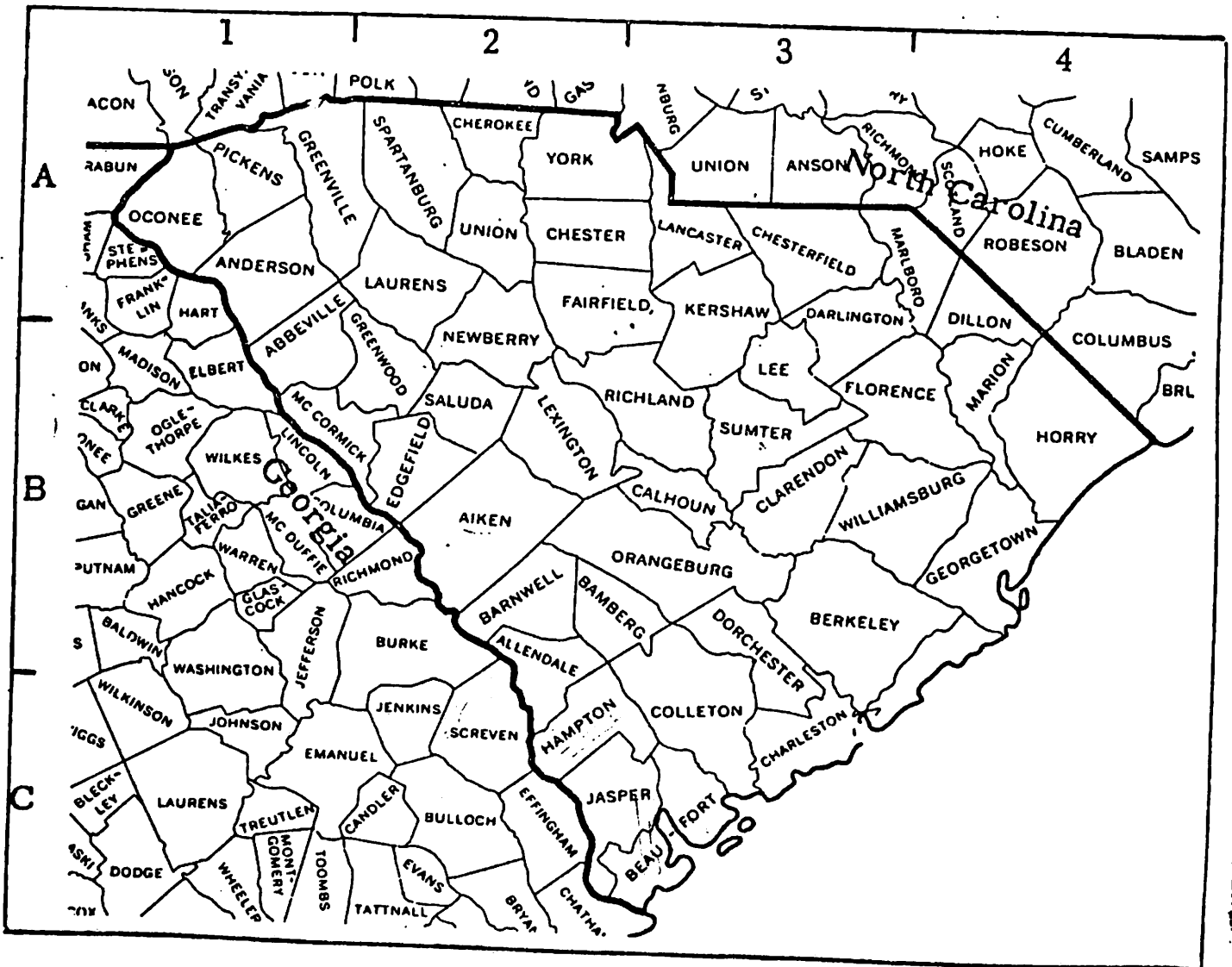
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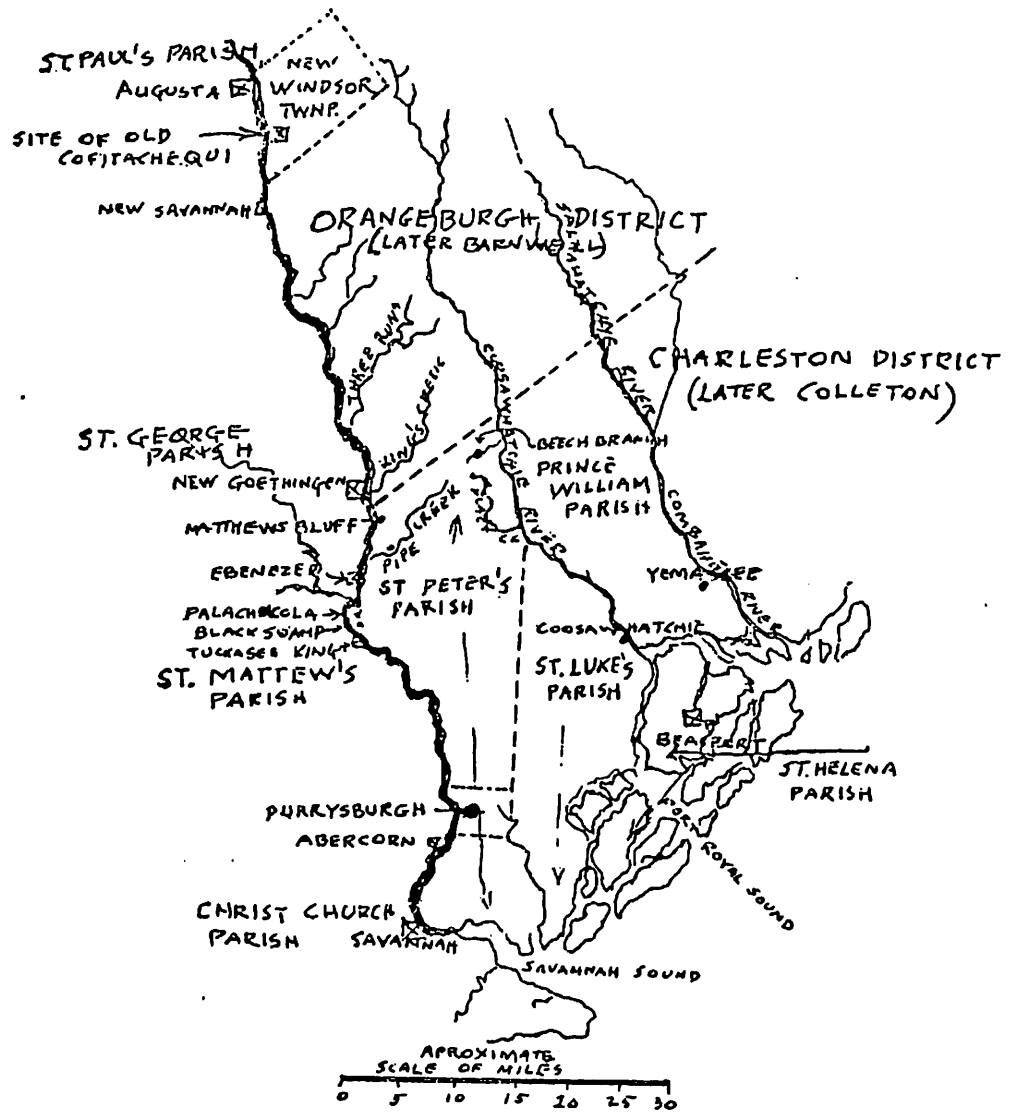
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY HISTORIES

(Population figures to nearest thousand - 1960 U. S. Census)

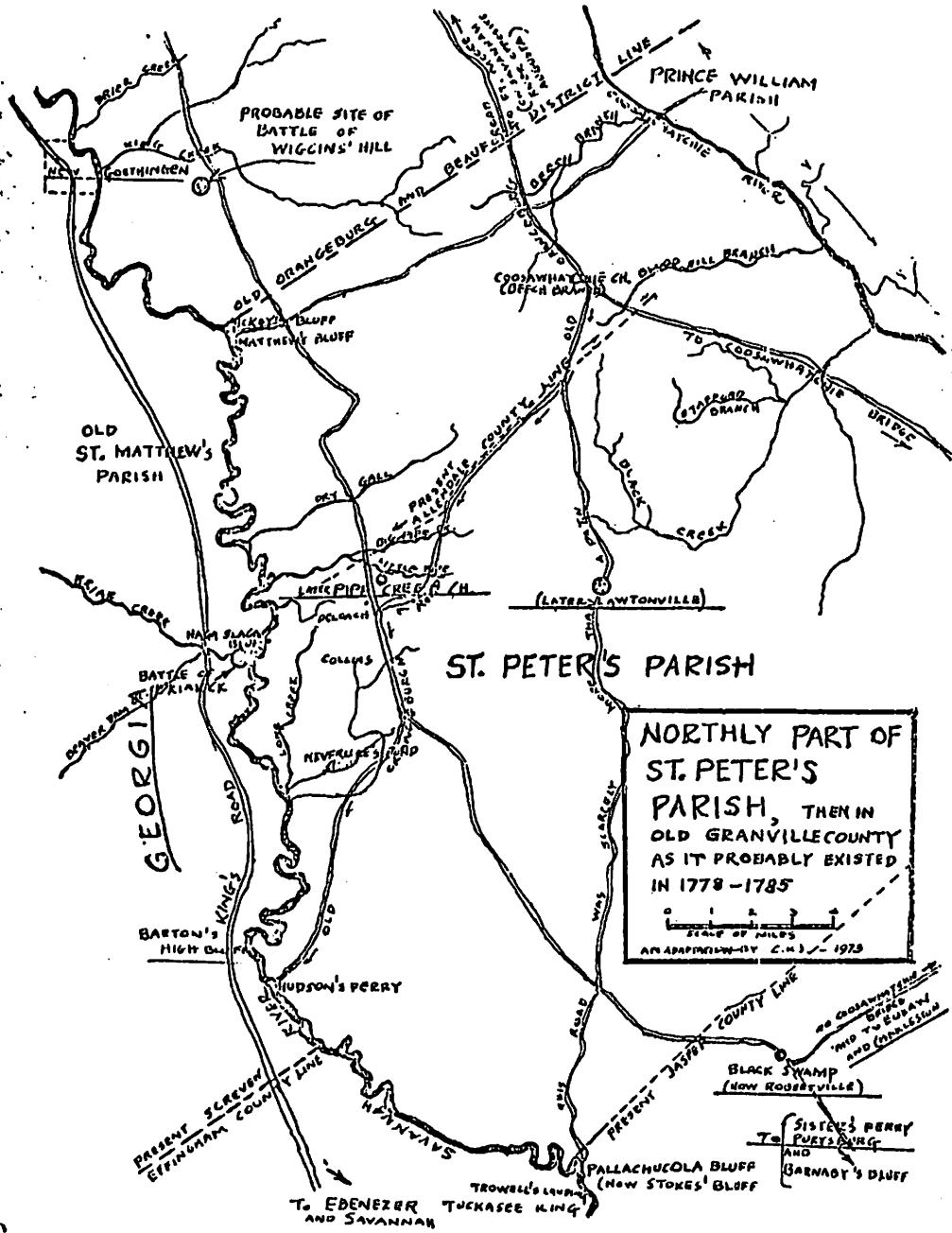
Name	Map Index	Date Created	Pop. By M 1960	U.S. Census Reports Available	Parent County or Territory From Which Organized	County Seat
Abbeville†	B1	1785	21	1800-80	District 96	Abbeville 29620
(Clk Ct has lnd rec from 1873, div & civ ct rec)						
Aiken	B2	1871	81	1880	Edgefield, Orangeburg, Barnwell, Lexington	Aiken 29801
(Co Health has b & d rec; Pro Judge has m rec from 1911 & pro rec from 1875; Clk Ct has div, civ ct & lnd rec)						
Allendale	C2	1919	11		Barnwell, Hampton	Allendale 29810
• Anderson†	A1	1826	98	1830-80	Pendleton District	Anderson 29621
(Co Health has b & d rec; Pro Judge has m & pro rec; Clk Ct has div, civ ct & lnd rec)						
Bamberg	B3	1897	16		Barnwell	Bamberg 29003
(Clk Ct has div & civ ct rec; Pro Judge has pro & m rec; Co Health has b & d rec)						
Barnwell†	B2	1798	18	1800-80	Orangeburg Dis	Barnwell 29812
(Co Clk has b & d rec from 1915, div rec from 1950, also civ ct rec; Pro Judge has m & pro rec)						
• Beaufort†	C3	1769	44	1790-80	Original Dist	Beaufort 29902
(Co Clk has b & d rec from 1915)						

County Map For The State Of SOUTH CAROLINA

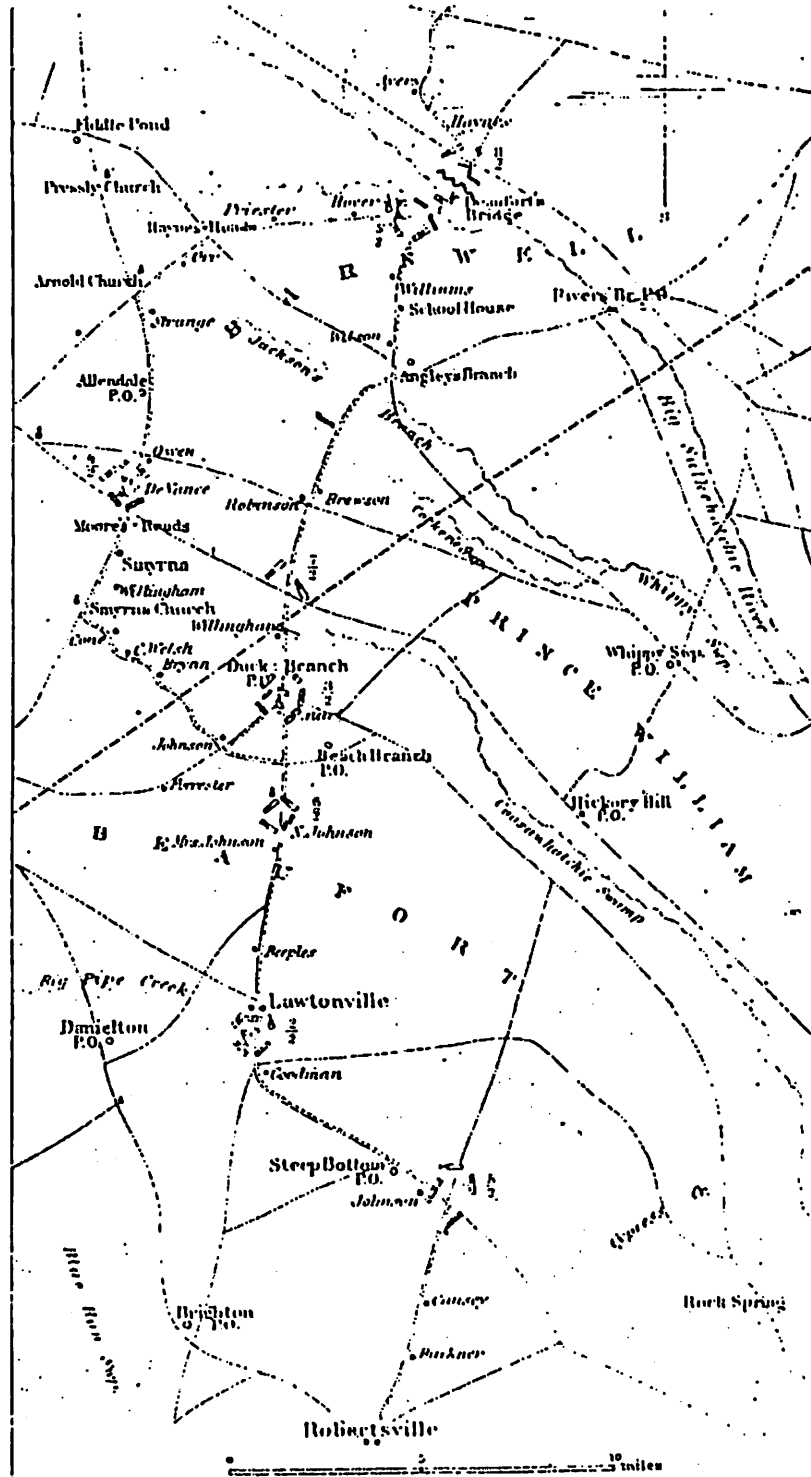




ST. PETER'S PARISH CIRCA 1769 — AN ADAPTATION
 By Coy K. Johnston
 PARISH LINES REMAINED CONSTANT UNTIL ABOLISHED IN 1865



Two Centuries of Lawtonville Baptists



— From *Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1861-1865*, being Surveys of Topographical Engineers, 20th Corps, U. S. Army. Divisions are shown in small rectangular blocks. Dates, when shown, are numbered — the day of the month over the number of the month. The map is from the series for 1865, and are keyed to *The War of Rebellion*, *op. cit.*, Series I, Vol. XLVII.

PASTEUR PIERRE ROBERT'S SWISS ANCESTRY

THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.*

Pasteur Pierre Robert, the revered first minister of the Huguenot Church at St. James Parish, Santee, South Carolina, for almost a quarter of a century from its founding until just prior to January 1, 1710, was a native of St. Imier, Switzerland, where he was baptized on February 3, 1656, according to records in the Reformed Evangelical Parish of St. Imier.¹

Pierre, in information given on his petition for naturalization in South Carolina in 1696, named Daniel and Marie Robert as his parents, with St. Imier as his place of birth.² According to long-standing family tradition among many of his descendants in this country, his family were of Welsh origin, and left the British Isles to settle in France, before refugeeing in Switzerland,³ which Pierre left in 1685, when he came to South Carolina.⁴

Pierre Robert was ordained to the ministry at the French Church in Bâle on February 19, 1682.⁵ According to *Histoire de L'Église Française de Bâle*, "This church, formed by French Refugees, attached itself to the Reformed Churches of France, whose confession of faith and discipline it adopted. Its constitution was presbyterian. The consistory, composed of pastors, elders, and dependent on the times, the deacons, had charge of the administration of the church."⁶

A tribute to Pasteur Robert in the three hundredth anniversary year of his ordination to the ministry was delivered to this Society at its 1982 annual meeting and subsequently published in the 1982 *Transactions of the Society*.⁷ Following publication, Dr. Leo Schelbert, professor of History at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, and an authority on Swiss immigration, advised the author that the Robert name has been documented in the Canton of Fribourg since the 14th Century and in the Canton of Neuchâtel since the 15th Century.

* Allendale, South Carolina. Mr Lawton's address for the Ninety-seventh Annual Anniversary Meeting of this Society entitled "A Tribute to Pasteur Pierre Robert in the 300th Anniversary Year of his Ordination to the Ministry," will be found in *Transactions*, Number 87 (1982).

¹ Records of the Evangelical Reformed Parish of St. Imier, Switzerland.

² "Des François et Suisses Refugez en Caroline qui souhaitent d'être Naturalizés Anglois" in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina* #68, pp. 33-34.

³ George Mason Graham Stafford, *Three Pioneer Rapides Families* (Alexandria, La., 1964 Edition), p. 3.

⁴ Charles A. Simon, *Le Jura protestant de la Réforme jusqu'à nos jours* (Bâle, Editions Jurassiennes de la Vie protestante, 1951), p. 351.

⁵ Basel Staatsarchiv, Basel Manuscript, Records of the French Church of Bale, February 19 1682.

⁶ L. Junod, *Histoire de L'Église Française de Bâle* (Lausanne, Switzerland, 1868), pp. 13-14.

⁷ Thomas O. Lawton, Jr., "A Tribute to Pasteur Pierre Robert in the 300th Anniversary Year of his Ordination to the Ministry," in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina*, #77, pp. 1-13.

that "the families are widely dispersed; and it seems uncertain the Roberts were 'refugees' from France."⁸

Afterwards, the writer corresponded with Monsieur Philippe Froideveaux, Director of the Archives of L'Ancien Évêché de Bâle at Porrentruy, Switzerland. Through the kindness of Monsieur Froideveaux, the writer had the extremely good fortune to be directed to Pasteur Jean-Philippe Gobat, minister of the Reformed Parish at Orvin. Pasteur Gobat is also a highly qualified genealogist as well as a Robert descendant.

Pasteur Gobat wrote: "From the start I hasten to tell you that the Robert family is not of Huguenot origin (Huguenot equal to French Protestant) — this being true even if Pasteur Robert was pastor in Carolina of a community composed predominantly of Huguenots. This family is originally from the ancient principality of Neuchâtel, from the region called 'the Neuchâtel Mountains,' the name dating from the 15th Century. It is in this epoch that one finds, in the legal records, the most ancient mention of the names of the non-noble families. The Robert family has its source in the present-day town of Le Locle, one of the branches known for the dynasty of painters [artists] that it produced."⁹

There were certain precise categories or classes among the population of the Erguël. Only the communicants or the bourgeoisie enjoyed all of the civil and ecclesiastical and scholastic rights, but not political rights. Those who received communion were the descendants of the founders of the village (or of those who had bought the right to be); the parishoners were the inhabitants who came from elsewhere and who were accepted for residence.

Pasteur Gobat's research reveals that the ancestor common to most of the Roberts of Le Locle, a town a few kilometers west of St. Imier, was Jehan Robert, who died in the 1400s. Jehan Robert had a son, also of Le Locle, Humbert Robert, who died before 1506, according to the archival records at Porrentruy. Jehan Robert had a son Guillaume (William) Robert of Le Locle, from whom Pasteur Pierre Robert descends.

Among the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Jehan Robert, a number of them established themselves before the end of the 15th Century on the mountains lying in the Parish of St. Imier. One of Jehan's grandsons was Humbert Robert's son Guillaume (William) Robert, who was the great-great-grandfather of Pasteur Pierre Robert. Guillaume Robert's precise dates of birth and death have yet to be determined, as has the name of his wife.

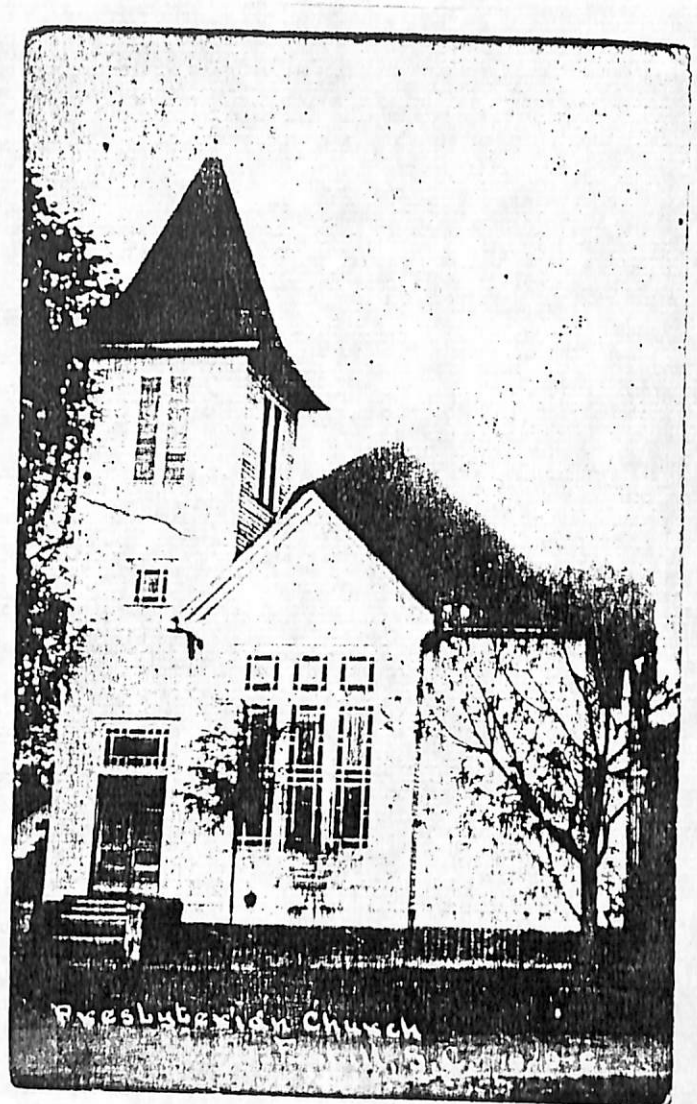
Guillaume Robert fathered, among other children, Daniel Robert, who lived on the Mountain du Droit de Sonvilier, and died there between December 19, 1634, and May 2, 1636. He was first received as Parishoner of St. Imier on June 4, 1616. His wife's name is yet unknown, but records reveal that Daniel Robert had at least three children:

⁸ Personal letter from Professor Leo Schelbert, Department of History, University of Illinois, at Chicago Circle, August 8, 1982, to Thomas O. Lawton, Jr.

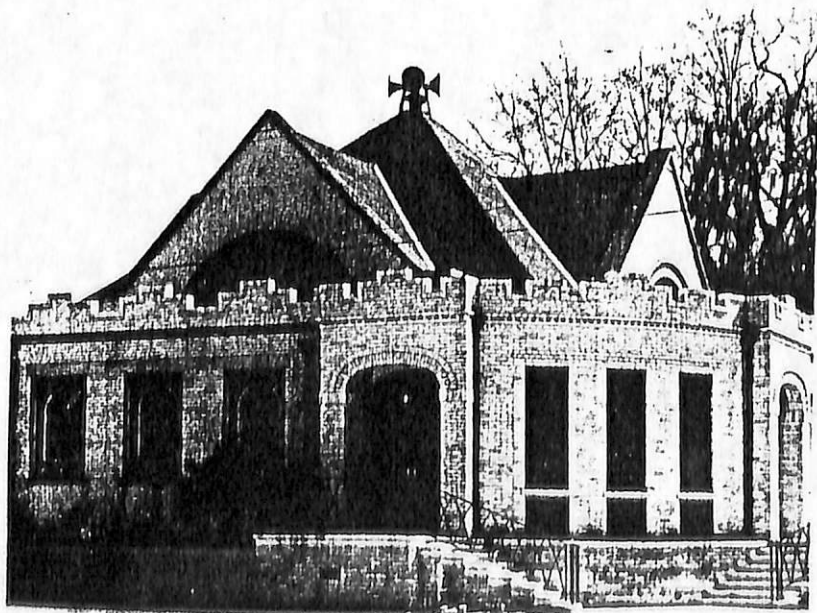
⁹ Personal letter from Pasteur Jean-Philippe Gobat, Orvin, Switzerland, October 23, 1984, to Thomas O. Lawton, Jr.



Estill United Methodist Church - General Contractor and one of the founding members, Julian Edgar Rhodes.



Estill Presbyterian Church - original building which was destroyed by fire and later rebuilt.



*Lawtonville Baptist Church
Home church for many of the Rhodes Family including the Honorable George Rhodes, signer of the Ordinance of Secession for St. Peter's Parish and Deacon for Lawtonville for 50 years.*



*Thelma Grace Clarke (left) and Mother, Annie Lou Clarke Morrison
Picture from Elizabeth "Bett" Rhodes Collier*



Jehu Robert Rhodes and Olivia Caroline Coachman married March 6, 1869 at Manatee, Florida Methodist Church. (See Diary for this information.) She wore a blue alpaca dress trimmed in white irmine. She also wore a wreath of orange blossoms, red jelly flowers, and white fir. (Age 16 in the above picture.) They were the parents of Caroline Marie Rhodes, Minnie Coachman Rhodes, and Robert Allston Rhodes.



*Minnie Coachman Rhodes (Mrs. Benjamin C. Simms)
Daughter of Jehu Robert Rhodes and Olivia
Caroline Coachman Rhodes.*



*Robert Allston Rhodes
Only son of Jehu Robert Rhodes and
Olivia Caroline Coachman Rhodes*