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Dearest Favorite Cousins of South Carolina,

So delighted to receive your Christmas card and news letter. You both stay so busy doing good work that I think it is wonderful. Hang in there and keep on keeping on.

How I wish that you had been with us to Switzerland, what a once in a life time trip, however, I've just seen enough that I want to go back and plan to, but when I go it will be alone and not a group, I will get a University student that speaks English, interest in History & Genealogy, rent a car & go wherever.

We were at La Chau-de-Fonds seeing the Primitive Museum, when the curator asked Tom who we were etc., Tom said we were Roberts, she said have you been to Sagne? Tom said he did not know Sagne, I spoke up & said Tom, Judith Sagne, daughter of Abraham Sagne, married Pierre Robert I. The curator said there were more Robert's there than smith's in your home town. So we made a side tour through Sagne, small town, beautiful, pouring down rain so we did not stop, the most lush dairy farms, cattle, clean, the hugh dairy barns painted white with windows & the windows had flower boxes with red geraniums, so i want to go back and research that town also.

The street name in La Chaux-de-Fonds, the boulevard through down town was named Leopold Robert after the famous artist. A book has been written about him in French, I'm trying to locate one in English, doubtful, if not will get one in French & get a UT French student to read to me. The St. Imier church was sacred to me. The mayor in LeLocle was very interesting, she did not speak English, which surprised me but I introduced myself from Texas and she understood me & in her talk she mentioned Texas twice, that they had invested money & directions & saved some of their factories. Mary Kay has a hugh factory there. They are progressive people & keep their country clean & beautiful. Well so much for Switzerland, hopefully I will get to go back & spend more time in the areas that interest me more. I know Crystelle would go with me if I said the word. She said she wanted her sone to go with her again.

I'm sending Tom a check to pass on to our Treasurer (\$500.00), add to my fund for the epitaph's that we need to place, namely Jacques deBourdeau
*** Robert, Stoney Creek & Sarah Jaudon Robert at Robert cemetery. I am sending a copy of the Robert Cemetery with the notes that Wofford Malphrus for you to tell me if he is correct, just write on the copy & return. I would like to have a book published to sell at the reunion & profits go to epitaph's.

So sorry that you all will not get to come to our Robert Reunion. Carmen is working hard to make it work, hopefully it will. There a good number cousins in La. & Texas.

*** Of course stones for our Rev. Pierre & Pierre, Jr. at Jamestown, French Santee, this is a must.

You both have a blessed Christmas, love the season and spirit.

Robert, I have misplaced Tom Lawton's address, so sending the check to you to please send to the Treasurer. My other S.C. ancestor I want to research is David Bettison, wife Sarah Catherine Robert. Thanks,

Sincerely,

