

Dear Cousins,

Greetings! At our recent Lawton and Allied Families Association Reunion, we were informed that it is customary for each administration of the Society of First Families of South Carolina to erect an historical marker of some kind. Since our cousin, Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples, has the honor of being the current President of the Society of F.F. of S.C., he told us that he would like to propose the erection of a marble tablet in the Episcopal Church of St. James, Santee, in memory of our ancestor, the Rev. Pierre Robert. As you surely know, he was the Huguenot minister who, according to English rule, founded and pastored the Parish of St. James. It is the second oldest Parish in the Diocese of South Carolina. The church itself is in the country near McClellanville, S.C. and is presently being restored as an historical landmark.

As descendants of Rev. Pierre Robert, we were asked if we would be willing, as his family association, to contribute the cost and establish a committee to raise funds for so doing. A vote was taken and passed. Consequently, we are asking the members of our Lawton and Allied Families Association and other Robert descendants to contribute one dollar, and only one dollar, per person for this project. It is hoped that family units will send checks for their entire families - Mother, Father, children, grandchildren, etc. - and, if you would also like, as memorials to your parents and grandparents or other relatives who were Robert descendants, too. Am enclosing a copy of Robert Peeples' list as a suggestion as to how you might go about this.

Please make your check payable to the Society of First Families of South Carolina - they will be tax deductible. And, please, don't forget to include your list of whom each dollar represents. The names will be recorded as donors or as memorials. Kindly mail your checks to:

Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
8 Moon Shell Road
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 22928

We will also greatly appreciate your passing this letter on to all Rev. Pierre Robert descendants who have not received a copy.

Thank you, dear cousin(s), for giving your support to this family project.

Fondly yours,

Murrelle Miller Rouse
Jane Lawton Ray
Camille Izlar Crouse, Chairman
Rev. Pierre Robert Memorial Tablet Fund
Committee

IN MEMORIAM:

- Pierre Robert, Jr. (Basle, Switzerland 1675 - French Santee, SC 9 March 1731) and his 2nd wife: Judith de Bourdeaux (Grenoble, France 1685 - French Santee, SC 17); their son:
- Jacques de Bourdeaux Robert (French Santee, SC 3 April 1711 - Prince William Parish, SC Nov. 1774) and his wife: Sara Jaudon (SC 24 Sept. 1715 - Robertville 6 April 1779); their son:
- John Robert (French Santee 15 July 1742 - Cotton Hill Plantation 25 Feb. 1826) and his wife: Elizabeth Dixon (James Is. 7 June 1750 - Cotton Hill 15 Nov. 1820); their son:
- James Jehu Robert (Cotton Hill 4 Nov. 1781 - Marietta, GA 19 Jan. 1852) and his 1st wife: Charlotte Ann Lawton (daughter of Joseph & Sarah (Robert) Lawton, Mulberry Grove 17 Sept. 1785 - Cotton Hill 11 July 1817); their daughter:
- Eliza Jane Robert (Cotton Hill Plantation, St. Peter's Parish 30 Jan. 1810 - The Hermitage Plantation, Lawtonville 11 Jan. 1867) and her husband: Hon. George Rhodes (Calliwassie Is. 11 Jan. 1802 - The Hermitage 2 Oct. 1881); their daughter:
- Eliza Jane (Lila) Rhodes (The Hermitage 6 Oct. 1852 - Estill, SC 28 March 1915) and her husband: John Williamson Peeples (Lawtonville 27 Oct. 1850 - Estill 4 April 1914); their son:
- Robert Rhodes Peeples (Lawtonville 4 March 1890 - Estill 22 Jan. 1947) and his wife: Margaret Anne Folk (Orange, TX 1 Dec. 1894 - Sumter, SC 20 Feb. 1983); their son:
- Rev. Dr. Robert Epting-Howard Peeples (Estill 13 Jan. 1918 - and his wife: Cora Zelma McKenzie (Ozark, Ark. 6 Dec. 1919 -)
- John Randolph Peeples (Estill 21 June 1920 -) and his wife: Ruth Elizabeth Pate (Sumter, SC 4 July 1919 -) their son:
- John Randolph Peeples, Jr. (Sumter 25 Dec. 1948 -); his brother:
- David Dwane Peeples (Sumter 21 March 1951 -); his sister:
- Derbiana Peeples (Sumter 2 July 1953 -) and her husband; Grover Ford Bowers, III (30 Dec. 1952 -); their children: Grover Ford Bowers, IV, born 20 Sept. 1980; Hunter Tison Bowers, born Jan. 1984; Margaret Elizabeth Bowers, born 17 May 1986; Derbiana's brother:
- Robert Frederick Peeples, born Sumter 8 May 1961; his sister:
- Margaret Celia Peeples, born Sumter 31 Jan. 1957, and her husband: Robert Elmer Warner, Jr.; John Randolph Peeples' sister:
- Margaret Ruth Peeples, born Estill 29 April 1926, and her husband: John Douglas McNair, born SC 27 Dec. 1917.